

23 July 2021

Attention: The National Department of Human Settlements,  
Water and Sanitation

The Honourable Ms L Sisulu

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And to: Director-General: Department of Human Settlements,  
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Good day Sir/s,


## **POLLUTION AND DEGRADATION OF THE DIEP RIVER CATCHMENT AND THE MILNERTON LAGOON**

1. The Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (“OUTA”) is a proudly South African non-profit civil action organisation, comprising of and supported by people who are passionate about improving the prosperity of our nation.
2. OUTA envisions a prosperous country with an organised, engaged and empowered civil society that ensures responsible use of tax revenues at all levels of Government.
3. OUTA is further geared towards the harmonious cooperation with government on various levels and seeks to assist government wherever necessary in carrying out its mandate in the interests of the citizens of South Africa.
4. We attach hereto a copy of a self-explanatory letter addressed to the City of Cape Town, dated 23 July 2021.
5. You will note that we have asked the City to provide us with conclusive evidence that it has met the conditions of the Water Use License (“WUL”) that was issued

to it in August 2015 in respect of the Potsdam Wastewater Treatment Works, for the reasons as advanced in the letter.

6. We therefore kindly request that the Department provide us with details of the measures that the Department has taken and is taking (pursuant to various reported incidents of non-compliance derived from, amongst others, water quality test results) to monitor compliance by the City with the conditions of the WUL, and, having implemented such measures, a report on the extent to which the City has, or has not, complied with the said conditions, within 14 days of receipt of this letter.
7. Should you have any queries, kindly contact OUTA's Senior Legal Project Manager, Ms. Andrea Korff, on [andrea.korff@outa.co.za](mailto:andrea.korff@outa.co.za).
8. We trust that you find the above in order.

Yours Sincerely,



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