

FIX THE BROKEN N2 PROJECT IN EASTERN CAPE!

SECOND AND ADDITIONAL JOINT AMADIBA N2 MEMORANDUM, JAMA VILLAGE 8 July 2026

*To: The Dept of Transport, Hon. Minister Ms Creecy, The Dept of Environmental Affairs (DFFE), Hon. Minister David Maynier, The Dept of Public Works and Infrastructure, Hon. Mr Minister Macpherson, The Dept of Employment and Labour, The Dept of Defence, Hon. Deputy Minister Bantu Holomisa, Hon. Minister Ms Meth, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Hon. Chairperson Mr Zibi, and the office of the South African Auditor General. **Copy to:** The Presidency's Infrastructure Coordinating Committee.*

Dear Madams and Sirs,

On 12 May last year, the Amadiba community delivered our first N2 memorandum at a joint march. On 7 July, the MEC of Transport, Mr Nqatha, directed SANRAL and WMM Local Municipality in Mbizana to sit down and discuss the demands with community leaders. It did not happen.

The demands from the first Amadiba memorandum still stands. All issues in the N2 project remain since last year. Some issues have gotten worse.

Two examples, also showing the need to **MOVE THE N2 TO THE CENTRE OF AMADIBA**, are:

- 1) Last year, Amadiba saw a scandalous violation of community customary law and land rights to bulldoze SANRAL's route to the coast. The dictatorial land acquisition happened in order to ignore the community demand to move the N2 from the coast to the centre of Amadiba.
- 2) The water crisis has increased in Khanyayo. The N2 is being built recklessly in wetlands and springs between Msikaba and Mtentu. SANRAL is unable to control contractors. Besides for local development and cost reasons, N2 cannot be built on our environmentally protected coast. N2 belongs in the centre of Amadiba together with projects like hotels and shops.

The crisis for the N2 Wild Coast Highway project in Amadiba, in Khanyayo and in Eastern Cape is:

- **a mysterious financial crisis, where the N2 project budget is skyrocketing, but where workers' wages and local subcontractors are not being paid ;**
- **an environmental destruction crisis;**
- **a crisis for rural communities' legal land rights and for our customary law;**
- **a crisis for the legal rights of workers and small local businesses;**

SANRAL and too many government officials think the huge N2 project in Eastern Cape will be finished faster if the project continues to be bulldozed. But the more they ignore written laws, customary law, constitutional rights and community proposals, the longer the N2 project will take.

TO FIX THE BROKEN N2 PROJECT:

WE DEMAND A MIDTERM REVIEW OF THE PROJECT

As a result of the N2 Petition to Parliament from 14 Amadiba villages, the **Auditor General** was directed by Parliament on 5 May to investigate the N2 project finances. Why has the budget skyrocketed from R8 to 9 billion in 2016 to R28 billion today?

We respectfully ask the **Auditor General**, Ms Tsakani Maluleke, to let her office start the work now. The more her audit of the Eastern Cape N2 project is delayed, the higher will be the project costs.

WE ESPECIALLY DEMAND an independent audit of the finances of MECSA, of the invoices MECSA pays and what MECSA is invoicing SANRAL and the Department of Transport.

N2 BRIDGE WORKERS NOT BEING PAID THEIR JUNE WAGES. SUBCONTRACTORS ALSO NOT PAID

WE DEMAND that the **Department of Transport** administer MECSA's payroll and supervise immediate payments of all workers and subcontractors not paid for June and for other months.

WE DEMAND that the **Department of Labour** makes sure that all workers in the project are given copies of their employment contracts. It is their legal right. Workers who have stayed over their 3- or 6-months work-promises must be permanently employed on contracts. That is in the Labour Law.

- All corrupt job-selling for 10-15 thousand rand must stop. Local workers must get the general jobs before workers from afar, as promised by SANRAL. This include students in Amadiba who have graduated from university but are unemployed. They must be given priority and get practice.

- The 32 Amadiba workers unfairly dismissed in August 2024 and the 10 Khanyayo workers unfairly dismissed in June 2026 must be reinstated and get permanent employment contracts.

MECSA TO BE REPLACED WITH ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANY IN THE N2 PROJECT.

MECSA is mysteriously cash-strapped, is spreading chaos in the project and stopping our local and qualified **DANGENI QUARRY** from being used. MECSA directs contracts to political insiders and issues fake joint venture contracts for local participation, where the locals are then kicked out.

The Joint Venture company with CCCC was Finally Deregistered in February 2025. But MECSA falsely puts "CCCC MECSA JV" on payslips. WE DEMAND the **Department of Labour** to intervene.

WE DEMAND of the **Department of Transport** to guide MECSA out the door of the N2 project and replace it with a SA construction company that respect laws and rights. MECSA must pay their final commitments under strict oversight and administration. MECSA must then leave and be replaced.

SANRAL TO BE GIVEN AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ORDER IN KHANYAYO BY DFFE

In a so-called pre-compliance notice, the Green Scorpions at the Department of Environmental Affairs (DFFE) speaks of "serious non-compliance with applicable environmental legislation and authorisation conditions" when building the N2 between Msikaba and Mtentu.

WE DEMAND from the **Department of Environment** (DFFE) to issue a FINAL Compliance Notice to SANRAL, to restore what can be restored of wetlands and natural water in Khanyayo. SANRAL must use a necessary Mid-Term Review of the N2 project to take a pause and correct what is going wrong.

AMADIBA WILL NEVER ACCEPT that what is happening to Khanyayo will happen to us.

PUBLIC LIAISON COMMITTEES TO BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED BY THE COMMUNITY

The N2 highway has not started to be built in Amadiba. When the road building finally starts, the members of the Public Liaison Committees (PLC) must be nominated and elected at our Komkhulu (traditional court), to represent the interest of ordinary community members and to be accountable.

This is the practice for all proper representation in our community.

ISSUED BY THE JOINT INLAND AND COASTAL AMADIBA MARCH ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Received Memorandum is acknowledged:

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