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Dear Supporter,

Breaking news of the City of Cape Town facing criminal charges for polluting our oceans and shores has been covered by News24, the Cape Argus, the Plainsman, as well as various radio stations, thanks to the tireless efforts of Cape Independence Party - CAPEXIT Councillor, Karl Bodin.

In April this year, Cllr Karl Bodin was alerted by community members to the City of Cape Town's unpermitted practice of discharging untreated effluent onto the beach and into the coastal waters of False Bay, from a discharge pipe on Strandfontein Beach.

As the City's MMC for Water & Sanitation, Democratic Alliance Cllr Zahid Badroodien, was unable to provide Cllr Bodin with reasonable explanations or appropriate plans to urgently prevent this pollution, Cllr Bodin had no choice but to escalate the matter to the Provincial Office of Blue Scorpions, and Water & Sanitation.

In spite of this, and with no further response from the City, Cllr Bodin proceeded to escalate the matter further to National DFFE Minister Barbara Creecy.

After many months of communication with the DFFE, and with the CoCT being given ample opportunity to address this matter, Bodin received verbal confirmation from the Director of Enforcement - Oceans and Coast, that they will now be proceeding

with the Final Notice to the City to stop any illegal activity and to comply with the Integrated Coastal Management Act.

As a result, to ensure accountability and to facilitate the enforcement of the Act, on Wednesday 13 November 2024 Councillor Karl Bodin registered a criminal case against the CoCT for contravention of Sec 69 and 79 (1) (a) of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008, for the illegal unpermitted discharging of effluent into coastal waters.

If found guilty in court, those responsible in the City of Cape Town could face a fine of up to R5 million, imprisonment of up to 10 years, or both.
But most importantly, hopefully, the DA-run City will start taking pollution seriously and finally fix this critical environmental issue.

Listen to the Radio 786 interview with Cllr Bodin here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lu8jEMzoClU

Read newspaper articles here:
https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/capexit-raises-a-stink-over-alleged-sewage-pollution-20241118
https://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/news/city-probed-over-sewage-in-strandfontein-b1b686a3-edb2-4c5d-8dfd-9f5a1a5af976

The Cape oceans are one of our most important, beautiful and cherished parts of our natural environment, and our shorelines are constantly frequented by tourists, fishermen, nature-lovers and families with children and pets. It is unacceptable to allow toxic effluent to pour onto the beaches and into the sea without the appropriate water treatment, safety and sanitation.

It is time that the DA-run City of Cape Town is finally held accountable, that the Cape people and our best interests are served, and that our Cape oceans and shorelines are properly protected.

With your help and support we can do all of this and more.

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