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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Municipal Response on Comments Received Draft Budget 2026-2027**

Thank you for your detailed and considered submission on the Theewaterskloof Municipality's Draft Budget 2026/2027, specifically in relation to Riviersonderend.

We acknowledge and appreciate the depth of your engagement as well as the clarity with which you have raised your concerns. Your submission has been formally recorded as part of the public participation process and will be included for consideration before the final adoption of the budget.

As outlined in the Mayor's foreword to the draft budget, the Municipality is currently operating within a constrained financial environment, with a reduced capital envelope aimed at ensuring affordability and long-term financial sustainability. In this context, capital allocations across towns are informed by a combination of factors, including infrastructure condition assessments, regulatory and compliance requirements, service delivery priorities as well as available funding.

Your request for greater transparency regarding the basis of the capital allocation to Riviersonderend is noted and the Municipality will take this into account.

With regard to the Upgrade of the Riviersonderend Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) Phase 1, your query on the reflected budget provision has been noted. Clarification in this regard will form part of the internal review and refinement process currently underway as inputs from the public participation phase are consolidated.

Similarly, your concerns relating to the waste-site permitting status in Riviersonderend, and the need for clearer indication of funded compliance and remedial steps, are acknowledged. These matters will receive attention within the Municipality's broader

planning and compliance frameworks and your input will assist in ensuring improved clarity in future budget documents.

The Municipality recently concluded a round of public participation engagements during April 2026 and further opportunities for engagement will be made available. We encourage your continued participation in these processes.

All public inputs were considered and discussed at a Council Workshop that took place on 14 May 2026. The matters raised were further deliberated at the Budget Steering Committee meeting on 18 May 2026.

The final budget, together with consideration of all comments received, was tabled at the Council meeting on 28 May 2026 for final approval.

This response serves as the municipality's formal reply on the matter. We thank you once again for your constructive and valuable contribution.

**Yours in Service Delivery,**

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Mr. GW Hermanus  
**ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER**  
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