



# DUKE ATTORNEYS

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OUR REF: G Duke/RCJ  
YOUR REF:  
DATE: 20 March 2019

City of Johannesburg  
Attention: Reuben Masango  
PER EMAIL

Dear Councillor Masango,

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## **JUST: MEETING OF 7 MARCH 2019**

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We act on behalf of JUST - a non-profit company in the process of being formed which is a result of the community initiative that took place at the Bryanston Country Club on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2019.

We attach hereto the list of questions addressed to the City of Johannesburg that were taken from the floor at the meeting which could not be answered due to the lack of time. We look forward to your written answers to same which will be distributed to all the attendees of the meeting.

We were asked by one of your staff members to let us have a copy of the attendance register from the aforementioned meeting. Our instructions from our client are that we are not authorised to release such list to yourselves. This was not your meeting but a private meeting to which you were invited to answer questions and the release of such a list to yourselves would be a violation of the POPI Act.

It remains our client's contention that the Nodal Review Policy, as currently structured, is not in the best interests of the residents of the City of Johannesburg and that there was inadequate and unreasonable public participation and that these defects in the policy and process attendant thereto are so egregious as to require that the City of Johannesburg should abandon the process hereto instituted. To the extent that the City of Johannesburg may seek to implement some variation of these policies and is desirous of fulfilling its constitutional mandate to provide democratic and accountable government for local communities, it will be obliged to commence the process of public participation afresh on the basis of a reasonable and proper notice and comment procedure in which ordinary citizens are afforded access to information such that they can be meaningfully involved in the process.

We await your reply to the questions set out herein.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Gary Duke' in a cursive style.

GARY DUKE  
**DUKE ATTORNEYS**