



**MEDIA RELEASE**                      **Nelson Mandela Bay floods: PSA pleads for compassionate leave for affected workers**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) visited various institutions in the Nelson Mandela Bay district in the Eastern Cape following devastating floods that struck Kariega and surrounding areas.

Torrential rains have severely impacted several institutions in town and departmental buildings, causing significant disruptions. The PSA is relieved that based on engagements with the Union's members, no fatalities have occurred in their families. Many employees were, however, unable to attend work and were compelled to use their annual leave to clean and restore their flood-damaged homes.

In light of this situation, the PSA called upon the Premier of the Eastern Cape to grant time off to workers affected by this disaster. It is imperative to provide support and understanding during these challenging times.

The PSA urges workers to exercise caution and not to drive or attempt to cross rivers if heavy rain is forecasted, as weather reports indicate that more rain is expected in coming days. Safety must be the top priority.

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