

NEWCASTLE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

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The Municipal Manager,
Newcastle.
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Sir,

AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT.


Firstly we wish to convey to you and your Council our congratulations for receiving an unqualified report for the 2015/2016 financial year.

Having had the opportunity to study the latest report and comparing it with the 2014/2015 report it is noted that the matters which supported the basis for a qualified report in 2014/2015 are also to be found in the latest report. Of concern are the comments contained inter alia in paragraph 30,31,32,33, and 34 and we are looking forward to receive your comments thereon. It appears from the report that effective steps were not taken to prevent a re-occurrence.

We would like to assure you that we as an Association accept the 2015/2016 report on face value as an important "achievement" but the logic behind it in comparing it with the previous report is just not understood. Our conclusion is that the report, although unqualified is to a great extent a motion of no confidence in the affairs and administration of the municipality, making a mockery of all the awards presented to the municipality and previous Mayor.

We are prepared to discuss this matter with you if you so wish and we await your reply.

Thank you.


PP Chris Le Roux.
Chairman.