

# **CESA North West Branch Presidential Webinar**

## **THE TALK**

**The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has received hundreds of complaints of human rights violations associated with service delivery in municipalities. The majority of complaints relate particularly to lack of access to sufficient water, poor water quality, electricity outages, poor sewerage system and lack of access to basic sanitation.**

**The inability of these municipalities to deliver basic municipal services to the most vulnerable of communities particularly during this challenging period of the Covid-19 pandemic is of huge concern to the Commission as it lends itself to the transgression of a number of human rights.**

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**Some of the service delivery challenges arise from:**

**Neglect of maintenance and asset management resulting in the collapse of vital infrastructure.**

**Frequent and lengthy disruptions in supply particularly for water and electricity services.**

**Skills gaps in key technical areas and lack of capacity to plan, implement and monitor (including monitoring appointed consultants).**

**Non-compliance with legislation and Infrastructure Grant Framework (inclusion the diversion of Infrastructure Grants non infrastructure related expenditures).**

## **SPEAKER**

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