

BOARD NOTICE 73 OF 2006**PUBLICATION OF A BOARD NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 11(7) OF THE PAN SOUTH AFRICAN LANGUAGE BOARD ACT, 1995 (ACT No. 59 of 1995)**

1. WHEREAS Mr E W McCormick lodged a complaint with the Pan South African Language Board [the Board] to the effect that the Thabazimbi Municipality had erected several road signs/boards within Leeupoort Holiday Township in Afrikaans only:
2. AND WHEREAS the purpose of the said signs is to assist a very wide range of citizens across the language spectrum, it is the complainant's contention that his language rights as well as the rights of the members of his ward are drastically affected by the use of Afrikaans-only signs:
3. AND WHEREAS the Board investigated the complaint in terms of Section 11 (4) of the Pan South African Language Board Act, 1995, and it was found that there was a violation of language rights as amplified in the documentation supplied by Mr McCormick to the Board and alluded to by the representative of the Municipality:
4. NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD makes the following ruling:
 - [a] that the Thabazimbi Municipality, represented at the hearing by Mr L J Motaung who stated that the issue of signage falls within his area of competence in the Municipality, must as soon as possible set in motion the proceedings to provide multilingual road signs/board within its entire area of jurisdiction, particularly at Leeupoort Holiday Township;
 - (b) that the Thabazimbi Municipality should report back to the Board on the steps taken to solve the matter within 60 days after the publication of this decision, and in any event not later than 15 August 2006; and
 - (c) that the Thabazimbi Municipality should, without undue delay, attend to the formulation and adoption of a language policy for the areas that fall under its jurisdiction in liaison with the Pan South African Language Board. In this regard the Board will make its services available.

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