

22 April 2026

By email

The Municipal Manager

Mr Obakeng Isaacs

Kai !Garib Local Municipality

In re: Acknowledgement of your letter of 22 April 2026 and clarification of the identity of the requester

Dear Mr Isaacs

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22 April 2026.

At the outset, the Kakamas Belangegroep must place on record that your letter contains a material error. The PAIA request in question was not submitted by Afriforum. It was submitted by the Kakamas Belangegroep. Your letter therefore does not correctly identify the requester, and that error should be corrected without delay in the Municipality's records and in all further correspondence.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Kakamas Belangegroep is an independent civic body. It has no affiliation to any political party. It acts in the interests of the local community and in pursuit of transparency, accountability and lawful municipal administration.

It is also necessary to restate the procedural history accurately.

On 7 February 2026, the Kakamas Belangegroep submitted a formal request for access to records in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 (PAIA), together with the prescribed Form 2 and supporting documentation, concerning contracted water tanker and related municipal services. On 8 February 2026, you personally acknowledged receipt of that request by email. In that email, you indicated that you would discuss the matter and revert. No substantive decision followed.

The statutory period for decision on the PAIA request then ran its course and expired on 16 March 2026. No lawful decision was furnished within that period. No substantive access was granted. No proper refusal with reasons was issued. No lawful extension was communicated. In law, the Municipality's failure to decide the request within the prescribed period constituted a deemed refusal.

Thereafter, on 10 April 2026, the Kakamas Belangegroep addressed a final notice to the Municipality. When that notice was sent, the Belangegroep's concern was not whether receipt had once been acknowledged, but that no substantive PAIA decision had been made within the statutory period and that the Municipality had still failed to provide the requested records. The issue, therefore, has throughout been the Municipality's failure to decide and respond properly to the request, not merely the absence or presence of a courtesy acknowledgement.

We further remind you that this PAIA process did not arise in isolation. It followed earlier correspondence from the Kakamas Belangegroep, including the letter of 16

January 2026 requesting a public meeting concerning water infrastructure, water tanker contractors and service delivery in Kakamas, and the letter of 22 January 2026 requesting disclosure of documentation relating to contracted services. Those letters likewise did not receive the substantive engagement they required.

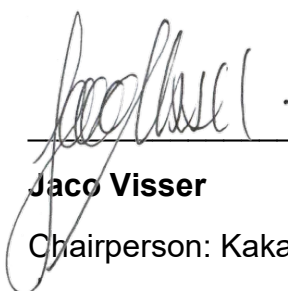
Your letter of 22 April 2026, while noted, does not amount to a substantive response to the PAIA request. It does not decide the request. It does not grant access. It does not refuse access on any lawful ground. It does not identify any extension validly invoked under PAIA. It merely acknowledges what it incorrectly describes as an application by Afriforum and states that a response will be provided to Afriforum in due course. That is not a lawful or adequate answer to the Kakamas Belangegroep.

The Kakamas Belangegroep accordingly requests the following:

1. Written confirmation that the Municipality records the requester correctly as the **Kakamas Belangegroep**, and not Afriforum.
2. Written confirmation that the Municipality recognises that Mr Isaacs acknowledged receipt of the PAIA request on 8 February 2026.
3. A substantive written decision on the PAIA request, if that remains the Municipality's position, together with the requested records or any lawful grounds of refusal relied upon.
4. Written confirmation that all further correspondence in this matter will correctly identify the Kakamas Belangegroep as the requesting body.
5. A substantive response to the earlier correspondence addressed by the Belangegroep to the Municipality.

The Belangegroep reserves all its rights arising from the Municipality's failure to deal lawfully and timeously with the PAIA request.

Yours faithfully



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