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## **COMMUNICATION SERVICES**

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## MEC MORWENG WELCOMES COURT RULING THAT SET ASIDE ATAMELANG INTERDICT

The MEC responsible for the North West Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Wessels Morweng welcomes the North West High Court ruling that set aside the Atamelang Bus Service interdict. The Bus Company that was providing a commuter service in Ngaka Modiri Molema had gone to court to forbade the Department from acquiring a new service provider.

Following the failure of the company to provide the service in the District, which essentially contravened the service level agreement with the Department, their contract was terminated in December 2024. The Department consequently embarked upon a process of acquiring a new service provider through a normal procurement procedure.

It was as the Department was about to conclude the process that Atamelang went to court to interdict the Department. This impacted negatively on commuters many of whom are in rural areas who had to endure the last two quarters without a commuter transport.

MEC Morweng had directed that the Department should expedite provision of the subsidised commuter service to the communities that have no other alternative than this essential mode of transport provided by Government.

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