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hile councillors jostle for positions and play musical chairs, the Umdoni community must stand by and watch. The deplorable condition of our town and surrounding areas leaves a bitter taste in the mouth. The verges from Nkonkas right up to iSonti Farm



The overgrown verges on the P197-3 near Nkonkas.

are overgrown. It endangers road users and pedestrians, creating blind spots as one cannot see through the vast bushes, leading to accidents. If budgets were allocated to grass-cutting, what happened to it? The ANC-run Umdoni poses for photos with mayoral chains while the ratepayers must foot the bill for poor service delivery. If one can't even cut the grass or fix the potholes in Sandalwood Road (Monkey Road) in Umzinto, do you expect people to vote in the elections? Why are the EPWP working only in Monkey Road - let them work and cut these verges. Even when they work, there is a lack of supervision as 50 people are looking and five are working. The protests around the country are a reminder that the public's patience is waning, and the picture looks bleak for the ANC. Indeed, we are a failing state as there are power cuts or no water, but you come begging: 'Please vote for me'. Talking to some politicians is like hitting a stubborn donkey - simply saying we are going nowhere slowly. We pay our rates, but there is little to no service delivery - start working and earn your salaries.

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