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VANDERBIJLPARK – Explosive voice notes are doing the rounds, allegedly exposing ELM's MMC for Public Works, Tumi Mochawe, in a dodgy jobsfor-pals scheme.

The recordings, which ActionSA says are "credible," suggest Mochawe promised cushy posts in the brandnew Water and Sanitation Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to ANC comrades all in the build-up to the party's upcoming regional conference. Instead of fixing broken pipes, raw sewage spills, and dry taps, it seems jobs are being carved up like a political buffet. ActionSA's Emfuleni chairperson, Bongani Dhlamini, said, "This scandal proves the ANC can't separate governance from patronage.

Communities are drowning in sewage while comrades share jobs as rewards for loyalty."

Dhlamini added that Mochawe has been in hot water before, citing that in October 2023, Mochawe was slammed for cruising in a flashy German machine while residents suffered.

Following that, in August 2024, angry Sebokeng residents marched on him, accusing him of neglecting their service delivery needs.

Now, ActionSA wants Gauteng Premier Panyaza Lesufi and COGTA MEC Jacob Mamabolo to step in and put Emfuleni under S139(5) administration.

"South Africans are tired of jobs being handed out as political bribes. This is abuse of public trust, and we will fight it," Dhlamini fired.

By printing time, ELM had not responded for comment.