

Key Benefits for Ratepayers: A Summary

This partnership between MossRates, MPOA, IRASA, and the NTU delivers several direct and powerful benefits to the ratepayers and homeowners of Mossel Bay. In essence, it shifts power from political parties to the community itself, ensuring better governance and service delivery.

Here is a summary of the key advantages:

1. Genuine Community Representation in Council

Instead of councillors who are loyal to a political party, this partnership ensures that elected representatives are chosen by the community, for the community. Councillors are selected based on their skills and commitment to local issues, meaning your voice is genuinely represented in the municipal council.

2. Politically Independent Councillors

By using IRASA as a platform, councillors are shielded from the influence and pressure of mainstream political parties. This independence allows them to focus exclusively on the needs of the ratepayers who elected them, leading to more honest and accountable decision-making.

3. Legal Power to Demand Service Delivery

Through the NTU, ratepayers gain access to a legally-tested system to hold the municipality accountable. If the municipality fails to provide the services you pay for, you can:

- Legally Dispute Your Rates: Force the municipality to credit your account for services not rendered.
- Take Direct Action: If the municipality still fails to act, the community can hire its own contractors to perform the work (e.g., fix potholes) and legally charge the cost back to the municipality.

4. A Direct Say in How Your Money is Spent

Ultimately, this partnership gives you a powerful and structured way to influence how your rates are used. It provides a clear channel to ensure that your money is spent on the services and infrastructure that your community needs, leading to a better-managed and more prosperous Mossel Bay for everyone.