

African National Congress

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Notion of Motion

Submitted by : ANC Caucus, Swellendam Municipal Council

To : The Speaker, Swellendam Municipal Council

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For inclusion in : Next Ordinary Council Meeting

MOTION: MORATORIUM ON THE SALE OF ALL MUNICIPAL-OWNED LAND IN SWELLENDEAM PENDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND LAND AUDIT

The ANC notes:

1. That Swellendam Municipality is currently processing and/or intending to sell municipal-owned land in Hermitage;
2. That no meaningful public participation has taken place with the communities of Hermitage, Railton, Suurbraak and Swellendam as required by Section 152 (1) (e) of the Constitution and Section 16 of the Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000;
3. That Swellendam faces a severe backlog in housing, social facilities, and land for local economic develop=

ment, especially for the poor and working class;

4. That Municipal land is a public asset held in trust for current and future generations, and its disposal without community consent entrenches spatial inequality;
5. That Council has not yet conducted or released a comprehensive municipal land audit to inform decisions on land use and disposal.

The ANC believes:*

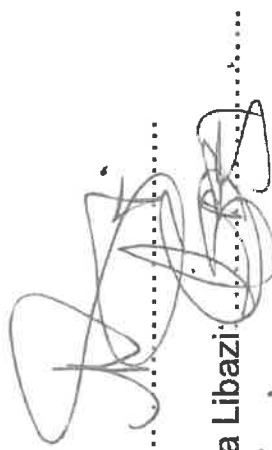
1. The sale of public land without proper consultation is procedurally unfair, unconstitutional, and undermines the principles of participatory democracy;
2. The continued alienation of land will deprive future generations of opportunities for redress, housing and development;
3. Good governance requires transparency, accountability, and community involvement in all decisions affecting public assets.

Therefore, the ANC proposed.*

1. To immediately halt all current processes relating to the sale, transfer, or alienation of municipal-owned land in Hermitage and all other areas in Swellendam;
2. To place a moratorium on the sale of all municipal-owned land in the Swellendam Municipal area with immediate effect;
3. That the moratorium shall remain in place until:
 - a) A comprehensive land audit of all municipal-owned land is conducted and tabled in Council;
 - b) The land audit report is made public and workshopped with all wards;
 - c) A lawful public participation process is held in terms of the Municipal Systems Act, with notices in Afrikaans, Isixhosa and English and public meetings in Hermitage, Railton, Buffeljagstivier and Suurbraak and Swellendam Town;
- d) Council adopts a Land Disposal and Management Policy that prioritises public use, housing, spatial Justice and redress;

4. To instruct the Municipal Manager to submit a full report to Council within 30 days listing all Municipal land earmarked for sale, all council resolutions taken on land disposal since 2021, and all public participation conducted to date;
5. To mandate the Executive Mayor to communicate this resolution to all municipal officials and to ensure no further land sale advertisements or transfers are processed until the moratorium is lifted by Council Resolution.

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