

ANC Western Cape

PRESS STATEMENT

1 April 1992

Re: CPA Statement re Black Local Authorities

We condemn the stance taken by the Cape Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, with regard to the difficulties many communities are facing over rent and service payments.

We would like to reiterate that it is no longer acceptable for either the government or any provincial authority to adopt such unilateral and high-handed measures without consulting the communities directly affected by them. This is particularly so when Administrator himself admits, inter alia, that (via the Interim Measures for Local Government Act of 1991) the Government has acknowledged the "unacceptability of the present system and of the necessity for establishing representative government bodies at local level".

We therefore demand that the CPA to take steps to negotiate this and all future initiatives with the people most directly concerned, as well as with those persons and organisations that legitimately represent their interests.

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