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### PRESS STATEMENT

**On Monday 5th April, Riversdale farm workers will occupy vacant municipal land in the area.**

For three years, Riversdale farm workers have been attempting to acquire land to build informal housing. Despite numerous applications and an apparent willingness on the part of the local municipality, no steps have been taken to meet this request.

In January this year, the local ANC branch once again approached the municipality and asked them to speed up the process, given the fact that the evictions from the farms was impending. Despite a municipal commitment that the land would be made available, and despite repeated subsequent approaches, this has still not happened.

This week, a number of farmworkers were evicted from their farm accommodation and now have nowhere to go. Today they delivered an urgent letter to the Town Clerk, explaining their plight, but received no reply.

They have now, in desperation, decided to begin erecting their houses on a piece of vacant municipal land. The ANC in Riversdale has agreed to support their action.

We demand that the Riversdale Municipality take immediate steps to resolve the land issue. In the absence of action, we believe they have no resort but to occupy the vacant land thereby, hopefully, drawing attention to their desperate plight.

**Issued by Willie Hofmeyr, Assistant Secretary**  
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