



18 April 2024

## RE: URGENT RESPONSE TO THE STATE LAND DISPOSAL ACT COMMUNITY APPLICATIONS

Dear Hon. President Ramaphosa,

Mr. Hon. President, it pains us to send you this public letter because we have been using the provided communication processes that proved unsuccessful and is being ignored by you and your office. We are then left with no other choice but to resort to a public letter in an attempt to start a meaningful engagement with you and the Presidency's office on when to expect our responses on the applications sent to you and the Presidency's office, we do hope and trust that you will respond and address our applications (attached in the prior email correspondence) and concerns.

We write to you as the communities, organisations, and movements listed below who applied for land donations in terms of s2(1) of the State Land Disposal Act 48 of 1961 on 23 August 2023. Applications were submitted in person as a form of hand delivery and electronically sent to the email addresses listed on government websites (to date), including that of the Presidency. Unfortunately, the listed addresses are incorrect, yet we maintain that on 23 August 2023, the applications were successfully delivered to [president@presidency.gov.za](mailto:president@presidency.gov.za),

[vincentM@presidency.gov.za](mailto:vincentM@presidency.gov.za), [presidentrsa@presidency.gov.za](mailto:presidentrsa@presidency.gov.za), and [malebo@presidency.gov.za](mailto:malebo@presidency.gov.za). Follow-up emails were then sent on November 16, 2023, and, as per the original applications dated 23 August 2023, the November correspondence received an acknowledgment of receipt from your offices. Yet, contrary to the body of the acknowledgment emails, no response has been communicated to date.

Instead, we had to learn through the media that your offices claim to have not received the above-mentioned applications and follow-up correspondence. We were dismayed by Mr. Vincent Magwenya's statement - one of the recipients - to [GroundUp](#). This lack of communication is frustrating us as communities, especially considering that it has been over six months since communities submitted their applications and followed due process. Conversely, it must be said that applications to the Western Cape Provincial Government Ministry of Infrastructure responded to the applications by 12 September 2023, less than a month after the applications were received.

We seek clarity on when the President will respond to the applications regarding land donation through s2(1) of the State Land Disposal Act. Please be advised that this provision does empower the President to take such a decision.

Your urgent attention to this matter is greatly appreciated as it is already overdue.

**Sincerely,**

Ndifuna Ukwazi  
Reclaim the City  
Abahlali base Mjondolo  
Intlungu yase Matyotyombeni  
Housing Assembly  
Inner City Federation  
Gauteng Housing Crisis  
Indibano Yabahlali  
Surplus People Project  
Green Point Phase 3 Community  
Kraaifontain Community  
Covid 19 Collective Community

