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MINISTER MACPHERSON HANDS OVER STATE-OWNED LAND TO NKANDLA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Dean Macpherson, has officially handed over a parcel of previously underutilised state-owned land to the Nkandla Local Municipality in Northern KwaZulu-Natal. Joining the Minister at the handover ceremony was the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Thami Ntuli, the Mayor of Nkandla Local Municipality, Nonhlanhla Nzuza as well as the Director-General of DPWI, Sifiso Mdakane.

The identified property, Erf 199, had remained unutilised for several years and has now been earmarked for economic development initiatives aimed at stimulating local economic growth, creating employment opportunities and attracting investment to the area.

Minister Macpherson reaffirmed the Department's commitment to ensuring that state assets are strategically leveraged for the benefit of communities. "This is a true demonstration of our commitment to the principle of public assets for public good. The Department is not just a custodian of land and buildings, it must be an enabler of inclusive economic growth", he said.

This land release, forms part of the Department's broader mandate to optimise the use of public assets in support of Municipal development objectives, spatial transformation and improved service delivery.

This initiative further showcases how national, provincial and local government can work together to deliver tangible benefits to communities.

Traditional leaders and members of the community joined the ceremony to witness this significant milestone, as the Minister officially signed this land to the Nkandla Local Municipality.



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