

Party divided over expropriation of land without pay

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Governing party calls for waving of premium prices

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Despite President Jacob Zuma's recent call for land expropriation without compensation, his party is proposing a watered-down approach.

The ANC's policy discussion on economic transformation, which formed part of the discussion document released to the public yesterday, does not call for the expropriation of

land without compensation.

Instead, the document proposes that government should do away with paying "premium" prices when purchasing land. The party's attitude to land reform approach was expected to be a hotly contested topic at the ANC's policy conference, set for June.

Zuma's backers – who support Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma to succeed him – have adopted radical economic transformation as their campaign theme in a bid to deliver her to the highest office. The divisions are likely to play out at the policy conference in Johannesburg as Zuma's supporters are expected to push that land expropria-

tion without compensation be adopted as ANC policy – therefore government policy.

Zuma recently broke ranks with his party's caucus in parliament when he suggested ANCMPS should have voted in favour of an EFF motion to amend section 25 of the constitution to allow for expropriation without compensation.

Enoch Godongwana, ANC head of the NEC sub-committee on economic transformation which drafted the document, admitted that his party was divided on the matter.

"People have got different view points on these matters... Obviously, there is going to be contestation," he said yesterday.



Enoch Godongwana admits members of the ruling party have 'contestation' over the matter. / SANDILE NDLOVU