

# Withdrawal of Expropriation Bill welcomed, says ANC study group



**The ANC Study Group on Public Works says that it welcomes the withdrawal of the Expropriation Bill by the Portfolio Committee on Public Works this week. The committee withdrew the Bill due to the parliamentary process of reviewing Section 25 of the Constitution which is currently underway.**

The Expropriation Bill was passed by Parliament in 2016, and returned by former President Jacob Zuma in 2017, due to concerns arising from the public participation process followed by the National Council of Provinces (NCOP).

In February this year, through a resolution of the National Assembly and NCOP, Parliament instructed the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) to review Section 25 of the Constitution and other clauses

where necessary; to make it possible for the state to expropriate land, in the public interest without compensation; and propose constitutional amendments where necessary. "In light of the CRC process currently underway, the Expropriation Bill in its current form has therefore been withdrawn for further reconsideration upon the conclusion of the CRC process," Freddie Adams, Whip of the Study Group on Public Works.

"As the ANC, we reiterate our commitment to pursue the expropriation of land without compensation as one of the measures to ensure that land reform is implemented in a way that increases agricultural production, improves food security and ensures that the land is returned to those from whom it was taken under colonialism and apartheid."