

ANC pair defect to Manyi's ATM

FORMER government spin doctor Mzwanele Manyi is confident about the future of his African Transformation Movement (ATM) after welcoming some senior ANC members.

Former ANC treasurer in the Eastern Cape Thandiswa Marawu, who was also the MEC for roads and public works, announced yesterday that she had dumped the ANC to campaign for the ATM.

Her defection followed that of former ANC MP Zukile Luyenge, who was the chairperson of the parliamentary sport and recreation council.

Luyenge, who was also a public enterprise portfolio committee member, said after his years of fighting corruption linked to tenders, he was isolated from the party.

Eastern Cape ANC spokesperson Gift Ngqondi said the ANC, which “fought so hard” for the freedom of association, had no problem with Marawu and Luyenge leaving the party for the ATM.

He said: “We therefore accept their resignation and their freedom of association, because that is what is enshrined in the Constitution.”

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