

Home owners get title deeds

KwaZulu-Natal MEC of Human Settlements and Public Works Ravi Pillay, together with eThekweni Mayor Zandile Gumede are set to hand over 7 477 title deeds to recipients by June.

This followed a recent handover of 600 title deeds in KwaNdengezi, Waterloo and Phoenix to the delighted residents who finally became property owners. Pillay and Gumede described the issuing of title deeds as part of government's broader efforts to drive service delivery to ensure that residents have a sense of belonging. The first phase of service delivery was to build houses for people. "This is the second phase where we handed out title deeds to restore their dignity and secure the future of the previously disadvantaged. They are now relieved that no one can ever take away their homes," said Pillay.

Gumede said it was befitting that the title deeds handover happened during Human Rights Month in March. "Having a dignified place to call home should not be taken for granted. All people have the right to be decently housed and to raise their families in comfort and security," she said. Gumede also revealed that the programme is ongoing with more handover programmes to be hosted as the city endeavours to ensure that people have full ownership of their homes.

Mogie Moonsamy from phase six in Waterloo could not contain her joy of being a homeowner.