

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA commends KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs on progressive approach in addressing key issues
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) commends the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Rev Thulasizwe Buthelezi, for his exemplary leadership in fostering open dialogue with the PSA.

This open-door policy and commitment to engaging with stakeholders have set a high standard for collaborative governance, ensuring that critical issues affecting public servants are addressed with transparency and accountability. During a recent engagement with the PSA, MEC Buthelezi provided assurances that the PSA would be formally consulted on matters affecting the Union's members. These include the request to engage on the relocation of Traditional Affairs, particularly employees impacted by the relocation of Traditional House Affairs to Ulundi, Zululand. This relocation holds significant cultural, historical, and logistical implications for the region. The PSA therefore welcomes the MEC's pledge to involve all stakeholders in shaping decisions that respect the heritage and operational needs of the traditional leadership and communities.

The PSA will ensure that the needs of the Union's members are central to this process as per the mandate provided by affected members. The PSA applauds the MEC's recognition of the Union's pivotal role in advocating for public servants and preserving the integrity of the consultative process. The MEC's office indicated that the relocation of the Traditional House Affairs to Ulundi may represent a unique opportunity to honour KwaZulu-Natal's cultural heritage whilst addressing operational and logistical challenges.

The PSA is optimistic that the MEC's leadership will result in outcomes that balance tradition, practicality, and the interests of all stakeholders. The PSA thus encourages other MECs to adopt a similar open-door policy to strengthen partnerships with organised labour. Transparent engagement and proactive consultation are critical to resolving disputes, fostering trust, and ensuring that public servants and the communities they serve benefit from well-informed, collaborative decision-making.

The PSA remains committed to fostering productive relationships with all stakeholders to advance the interests of the Union's members and promote good governance across KwaZulu-Natal.

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