

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Maloyi encourages communities to value their houses**

North West MEC for Human Settlements, Public Safety and Liaison, Nono Maloyi called on beneficiaries of low cost houses to treasure and turn them into homes that will carry them for generations. MEC Maloyi conveyed the message during the housing consumer education campaigns that continues across the province.

According to MEC Maloyi, when government gives you a house to live in, that house is not free because thousands were spent in order for legible beneficiaries to have a habitable shelter with basic amenities.

“Look after it, give it a value and turn it into a home for your family,” said Maloyi, during the recent housing consumer education held in Makwassie.

MEC said that his department will continue to engage municipalities in encouraging beneficiaries to occupy their houses upon completion, to avoid vandalism, in those houses which mostly have been vandalized due to lack or delay in occupation. He further encouraged them to have vegetable garden, grass and most importantly to avoid illegal connections of electricity.

“My Department will continue to strive to create a Human Settlements where people can ledger, pray, play and most importantly learn. We will further continue to ensure quality in the houses that we build. “By so doing we will be ensuring that owners have pride and honor of occupying these beautiful houses and call them homes,” he concluded.

Thus far most beneficiaries and other applicants who attended consumer education campaigns were also advised on the process of applying for houses and that they should always make a follow up with regards to the status of their application and make sure that they fill correct details to avoid delays in the approval.

Challenges such as shoddy workmanship, residents stealing the building material and selling them for liquor were also addressed.

The campaigns will continue across the province targeting the already established settlements and other areas that the department is still intend to build houses at.

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