12 September 2018

**Premier of the North West**

Hon. TJ Mokgoro

**RE: CONCERNS REGARDING NWDC AS IMPLEMENTING AGENCY FOR READ**

During the Portfolio Committee meeting on Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development on 4 September 2018, it came to light that North West Development Corporation (NWDC) were unable to reach the desired targets for agricultural programmes outlined to assist emerging farmers in the province.

The Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (READ) alluded to the fact that NWDC was one of the causes for their failure of reaching targets for agricultural programmes.

In light of the fact that NWDC should be moved back to the Department of Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development (FEED) as ordered by the Inter-Ministerial Task Team (IMTT) earlier this year, we would like to see urgent intervention in order to turn around this embattled entity.

Subsequent to the termination of AgriDelight’s contract at the end of 2017, we are not convinced that NWDC can fulfil its mandate as implementing agency for agricultural development due to the allegations pertaining to corruption, money laundering and looting that took place during Supra Mahumapelo’s administration.

We therefore request you to look into this situation and take the necessary steps to address the issues mentioned herein.

Yours faithfully,

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Hon. JR Theologo

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