



**PARLIAMENT**  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

**CARIN VISSER**

PO Box 15 Cape Town 8000 Republic of South Africa

Tel: +27 (21) 403 2911

[www.parliament.gov.za](http://www.parliament.gov.za)

### **MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – HON. C. VISSER**

---

On behalf of the Democratic Alliance, I hereby move without notice that this Council;

1. Notes with concern that the North West (NW) Province is currently hit hard by drought that have severely impacted water availability, grain production and livestock holdings. The North West Province like several other provinces in the country are currently exposed to a crop and livestock drought disaster following the low rainfall and prevailing heatwave.
2. Recognizes that 1 million hectares of the North West was destroyed by uncontained fires driven by high winds. Commercial farmers, upcoming farmers and existence farmers have lost livestock and livelihoods, and all their grazing fields. Due to very low seasonal rainfall, grazing fields were not able to be restored to sustain fodder supply for winter.
3. Request that the North West Premier declare the NW Province a drought disaster area in all 4 District Municipalities in the 2023/2024 hydrological year.
4. It is evident that the effects of the fire disaster and the subsequent drought will affect food security in the province and cause direct production losses on the current crop season and a possibility of job losses.
5. Request an urgent intervention on the state of the drought through the Provincial Disaster Management Centre and in consultation with the National Department of Agriculture, as well as further engagement with the National Disaster Management Centre for possible disaster relief in collaboration with the National Treasury.

I so move

**Hon. C. Visser**

**North West**

**13 March 2024**