



# EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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Hon MEC S. Ngongo  
MEC for Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture  
Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature  
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Dear MEC Ngongo,

## **RE: Meaningful consultation on Eastern Cape Name Changes**

I am writing in connection to the recent geographical name changes of East London to KuGomo City, Graaff-Reinet to Robert Sobukwe Town, Aberdeen to Xamdeboo, Adendorp to KwaMseki Bishop Limba and Nieu-Bethesda to Kwa Noheleni.

The Democratic Alliance acknowledges the importance of restoring historical dignity and acknowledging the contribution of liberation figures such as Robert Sobukwe. However, such decisions must be underpinned by lawful process, meaningful consultation and transparent decision making.

These name changes have significant operational and economic consequences. Affected parties including small businesses required to rebrand; tourism operators needing to amend marketing material and essential services and systems such as emergency response, postal services, mapping platforms and property records which must be updated accordingly, at a cost.

In light of the above, I request feedback on the following:

- The consultation records and criteria informing the decisions
- The projected cost and implementation timelines and;
- Steps being taken to reopen meaningful engagement with affected communities and business sectors

Communities deserve dignity, but they also deserve democratic process. I will await your response within 7 days.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kruger".

**Leander Kruger, MPL**  
**Constituency Leader: Buffalo City Metro**