

23 October 2019

Hon Cameron Dugmore
Leader of the Official Opposition
Room 4-22, 7 Wale Street
Cape Town
8001

Dear Leader of the Official Opposition in the Western Cape Legislature, Cameron Dugmore

This is a matter of urgency, so please excuse the short-to-the-point nature of this email and apologies if my tone sounds abrupt.

We would like you and the Minister of Human Settlements to intervene in a situation regarding human lives, homes and the elderly.

South Africa is facing a housing crisis and Communicare prides itself at being part of the solution.

We care deeply about the crisis and for our tenants.

There has recently been much misinformation and disinformation being spread regarding the redevelopment of Welverdiend, 22 Rouwkoop Avenue, Rondebosch and the re-location of our tenants in that property.

This has resulted in a planned street assembly protest on 25 October 2019 (this Friday).

The protest mobilisation message being spread on Social Media and Whatsapp does the following:

1. Incites expropriation of Communicare land.
2. Falsely accuses Communicare of evicting tenants.
3. Falsely accuses Communicare of stealing property and land.
4. Falsely accuses Communicare of abusing pensioners.

We respect the rights of people to protest but regard these destructive false accusations designed to mobilise protest action as unacceptable and abhorrent.

We take this matter very seriously. As the rumour-mongering is adding additional stress and anxiety for the elderly amidst an already stressful situation.

Communicare has nothing to hide and since the beginning of its transformation has been positively contributing to our country's development, and in particular the Western Cape.

We are a partner to every sphere of government in the delivery and provision of housing to the under-served Social and Affordable Housing markets. Moreover, we are doing this in ways that advance the National Development Plan with all such housing being located in locations that promote spatial transformation. What's more, our social development programmes provide opportunities for the tenants to progress economically.

I attach two documents that provide more detail about what is transpiring. We are requesting an immediate intervention from yourself and the Minister of Human Settlements to intervene and bring calm to the situation. We have a process of engagement taking place with tenants at the Welverdiend Property which you are welcome to actively monitor and satisfy yourselves that no-one's rights are being violated in the redevelopment process.

Communicare also requests an investigation into the individuals and groups with sinister motives and negative intentions towards Communicare who are spreading the disinformation and mobilising people around lies.

Your urgent attention is appreciated.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Anthea Houston', written in a cursive style.

ANTHEA HOUSTON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER