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Dear Honourable Mtembu

THE CRL COMMISSION

This is a covering letter in which I am explaining the make-up of the official letter representing all the main denominations and numerous independent churches in the Eastern Cape.

There is total unity and agreement on the context of this letter by clergy representing about one million Christians in our province and further afield.

There is a great anger amongst all the denominations toward this commission hence our letter to all the major opposition parties as well as yourself showing the repercussions that will come to any party that endorses this report.

In my fifty years of ministry I have not known such determined unity amongst the churches to stand up against something.

You will find a list of signatories including the moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Africa, the Bishop of the Methodist church, The Bishop of the Anglican and Catholic churches as well as the Director of the NG kerk.

Also the details of a number of Pastors and churches that do not carry their signatures – who requested that their names and their churches be included. The reason is that we did not have the time to travel to them to get their signatures. But this can be obtained if you so wish.

Please note that as soon as we have emailed this letter to you we will be approaching the local and national media with this letter.

I trust that we will receive your cooperation in rejecting this obvious attack on Christian Liberty.

Yours sincerely



Dr James Crompton

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Port Elizabeth
22 September 2017

The Chief Whip of the ANC

The Honourable Mphikwa Jackson Mthembu

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned spiritual leaders of the Nelson Mandela Metropole wish to bring to your attention our deep concern about the proposals made by the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities - CLR Rights Commission (CLR) - in their Report on the Commercialisation of Religion and the Abuse of People's Belief Systems.

Prior to the finalisation of this report, spiritual leaders representing the majority of religious groups in South Africa submitted their objections to any proposal requiring religious groups to be registered with and regulated by the State. FORSA, an organisation representing 6 Million Christians, 227 denominations and the Catholic Bishops Conference representing 3,8 million Catholics made submissions objecting to the registration and regulation of religious groups.

Despite massive and broad based opposition, the CLR have nevertheless proposed the promulgation of legislation requiring that religious groups register with and are regulated by the State.

We believe their proposals are in violation of the right to religious freedom, and that it would result in faith-based groups having to resort to the constitutional court to have these proposals rejected as unconstitutional.

We therefore appeal to the ANC who have a large majority in parliament to totally reject the CLR Report, thereby protecting our nation's right to freedom of worship and conscience.

There is absolutely no need to control people's freedom of worship so long as they operate inside our existing legal framework. We believe that those who abuse the right to religious freedom, for example those persons who abuse people by squirting Doom in their faces, or force people to drink petrol, can and must be prosecuted using the existing laws. We urge the government to deal promptly with such persons using the existing laws. The State must root

out abuses in religious communities by enforcing the existing laws, which are fit for purpose.

The CLR report uses these scoundrels as an excuse to propose additional laws that are irrelevant, totalitarian and oppressive. The proposed laws will severely impinge on the rights of law abiding citizens of this country and will have no apparent effect on the lawless.

The ANC was at the forefront of opposition to the totalitarian and oppressive laws of the *Apartheid* regime. This opposition was successful in ending the domination of our people and nation and gaining freedom for our land. We would like to believe that your party will see the CLR Report for what it is and reject it out of hand.

There will be an outcry and a massive backlash by all faith-based communities if this report is not totally rejected. Millions of our brothers and sisters will hold the ANC government, as the majority party, responsible if these proposals become law.

We trust that you and your party will uphold the democracy and freedom that was fought for at such cost.





We will actively campaign against any party that supports these proposals. We will strongly encourage our millions of members to vote against any party that supports the CRL report.



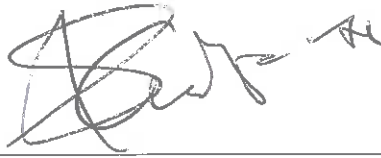





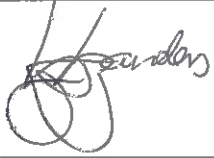
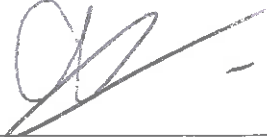

We are confident that the ANC will hear us and act to protect the faith-based peoples of South Africa.


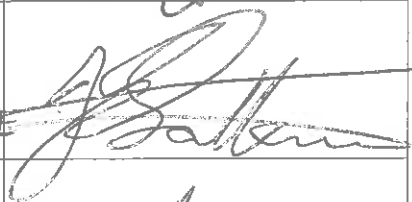






As Scripture enjoins us to do, we will pray for you and all our leaders to be protectors of our freedoms.


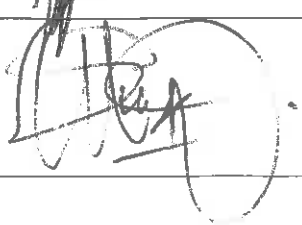
Thank you,

Port Elizabeth Christian Community

Name	Designation	Signature
Bishop Bethlehem Nopece	Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Church of Port Elizabeth	
Bishop Vincent Mduduzi Zungu	Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church Eastern Cape	
Dominee Danie Mouton	Director of NG Kerk in Eastern Cape	
Pastor Neville Goldman	Senior Pastor of Ebenezer Church in Port Elizabeth & National Executive Board member of the Assemblies of God	
Doctor James Crompton	Senior Pastor of Word of Faith Christian Centre in Port Elizabeth. Overseeing 20 churches in the Metropole. National Executive President of Faith Fellowship. Vice President of Christian Fellowship International.	
Pastor Afrika Mhlophe	Good News Community Church in Kwazakhele, Port Elizabeth	
Pastor Jerome Liberty	Senior Pastor of Victory Ministries International in Port Elizabeth	
Trevor Jennings	Transformation Christian Network	

Pastor Gerhardus Cronjé	Founder Shepherd's Field Rehab & ministries	
Pastor Zolile Dayimani	Senior Pastor Family worship Centre Walmer	
Pastor Gratitude Kudiyachete	Senior Pastor of Glad Tidings Fellowship, PE	
Pastor Walter Shaidi	Senior Pastor of W.O.F. Summerstrand & City Engineer of P.E.	
Bishop Paulino murassama	Senior Bishop of Global church of & God	
Pastor Deon Smarlbooi	Senior Pastor of Cornerstone ministries	
Reverend mvusi Gyam	Senior Rev of Kingdom Embassy Community Church	
Pastor KOOS Oortman	Senior Pastor of Africa Gospel mission	
Pastor Shane Saunders	Senior Pastor of Shekinah ministries in P.E.	
Pastor Shenley Redlinghuis	Senior Pastor of Refinery Life Church	
Pastor Andrew Claasen	Senior Pastor of Hilltop Family Church in Uitenhage	

Pastor Daniel Mampuru	Senior Pastor of Ambassador of God's Will ministry in KwaZulu Natal	
Pastor James Lottering	Director of Victim Support Centre Trust info	
Pastor Akwa Obong	Senior Pastor of Christ mission ministry	
Pastor Ronald Sampson	Senior Pastor of Light on Hill Christian Fellowship	
Pastor Matthew Ferndale	Senior Pastor of W.O.F. Family Christian Centre Uitenhage	
Pastor Enver Bouw	Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Worship Centre	
Pastor Ronald Apoolis	Senior Pastor of Elohim in Despatch	
Pastor Christo Campher	Senior Pastor of His Place Developing Centre st Albans	

Bishop Ardile mbete	Bishop of the Methodist Church	
Moderator Sipho Ncapayi	Moderator of the Presbyterian Church	
Dominee Heinrich Alberts	Senior of Pharos Gemeente	
Pastor Daan Botha	Pastor of Harvest Christian Centre	
Pastor Patrick Douglas-Henry	Senior Pastor at Crossroads Christian Fellowship & Regional Chairman of Apostolic Faith Mission	
Pastor Joan Keeling	Chairperson of NMB Prayer Network	
Doctor Dave Pederson	Senior Pastor of Fountain Vineyard church and National Executive Member of Vineyard Church of SA	
Pastor Russel Viljoen	Senior Pastor of Ebenezer North Congregation	
Pastor Glen Weiss	Pastor of Storehouse Church	
Pastor Thobile Sonjica	Senior Pastor of Jubilee Christian Ministries	

Pastor Alain Walljee	Pastor at Transformation Station	

All the above Pastors and Bishops' names have been included in this document by their request. Due to time constraints it has not been possible to obtain all the signatures but if required, we can obtain them.