

Environmental and climate justice organizations, SAFCEI, Project90by2030, demand a just energy transition for South Africa that includes a nuclear free future.

The suspension and threat of removal of the community representative from the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) Board, by the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Minister Gwede Mantashe, is inconsistent with transparency and the need for community interests to be represented on the Board of the nuclear regulatory body, as required by the NNR Act of 1999.

Accountability, responsiveness and openness are foundational principles of our constitutional democratic state. The NNR Act is the enabling legislation that stipulates that the NNR Board consists of various directors appointed by the Minister (DMRE), including 'one person representing communities, which may be affected by nuclear activities' (section 8(4)(a)(iii)). The NNR is governed and controlled in accordance with the NNR Act by the board, which must ensure the objects of the NNR are carried out and exercises control over the NNR's functions.

To the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy Department, Mr Gwede Mantashe:

1. We demand that the suspension of the Community Representative in the National Nuclear Regulator Board is lifted, and he be reinstated back onto the Board immediately. It is unacceptable for the community representative to be discharged due to their views on nuclear energy (anti or pro nuclear). The views of board members represent their constituencies, whether or not they are pro or anti-nuclear.

To the Chairperson of the Board, Dr Thapelo Motshud and the Chief Executive Officer of the National Nuclear Regulator, Dr. Bismark Tyobeka i;

1. We demand transparency and accountability from the NNR in its role as regulator of nuclear energy
2. We demand information about the allegations made about our representative supposed misconduct and the supporting evidence,
3. We also demand that the NNR Board does not take decisions while there is no community representative present, who is our voice to the Board,
4. We demand that all NNR processes relating to extending the life of the Koeberg nuclear power plant are put on hold until our communities are represented.

### **List of Supporting Civil Society:**

Southern African Faith Communities Environment Institute (SAFCEI)  
Project 90 by 2030  
350Africa.org  
Koeberg Alert Alliance  
Federation for Sustainable Environment

### **Signatures**



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