

More public land released for restitution, redistribution

Over the past three months, numerous parcels of land have been released by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) for human settlements development, land redistribution and restitution.



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“The release of land for these purposes is one of the most tangible contributions we can make to reversing the legacy of apartheid spatial planning and ensuring that public land is used for public good. DPWI releases land for human settlements development purposes on a gratis basis subject to various administrative processes and conditions being met,” said public works and infrastructure minister Patricia de Lille.

De Lille said the land transferred by DPWI is on the condition that the land is not sold to the private sector and “in the event that land is to be resold, national government must get the first option to take the land back”.



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Parcels of land which have been signed off for release since March are as follows:

- **Northern Cape:** Portion of a farm in the Phokwane Municipality measuring 0.9571ha for human settlements;
- **Limpopo:** Kalkbank, release of land measuring 1,065ha to settle a claim for a restitution claimant community;
- **North West:** Portion of Doornkop farm measuring 1,094ha for restitution of individual claimants;
- **Western Cape:** Parcel of land in the Stellenbosch Municipality measuring 18,774ha. This land has been released for human settlements development and related infrastructure;
- **Western Cape:** Parcel land in Driftsands, City of Cape Town measuring 1,234ha. The land was requested to upgrade a portion of an informal settlement; and
- **Western Cape:** Release of land in Franschhoek for restitution to a claimant family.

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