

MEDIA RELEASE PSA calls for a State of Emergency following veld fires in Western Cape

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) supports the Western Cape Premier's call for a State of Emergency, as the increasing devastation caused by fires continues to severely impact communities across the Western Cape.

The crisis is compounded by severe water shortages in affected areas, which intensify the hardship faced by residents and hinder firefighting and relief efforts. The PSA acknowledges the immense challenges faced by communities who have lost property, livelihoods, and access to basic resources. The Union stands in solidarity with all affected families and communities.

Financial assistance is now crucial to repair damaged infrastructure, provide accommodation, and deliver urgent support to affected communities. A State of Disaster will ensure funding for the Western Cape Provincial Government to roll out relief operations and fund essential infrastructure repairs. The PSA therefore urges the Minister of Cooperative Governance to approve the much-needed interventions and assistance without delay.

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