

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA intervention yields positive outcome in appointment of Special Advisor to Mpumalanga Premier
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the decision by the Mpumalanga Office of the Premier not to proceed with the appointment of the former Chief Executive Officer of the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), as a Special Advisor to the Premier.

In October 2025, investigations conducted by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) and the Hawks uncovered allegations of corruption amounting to approximately R380 million involving so-called "ghost tenders" at the MTPA. Following these developments, the then CEO of the MTPA was suspended pending the outcome of investigations.

The PSA subsequently became aware of an intention by the Office of the Premier to appoint the suspended CEO as a Special Advisor. Concerned that such an appointment would undermine public confidence in government and the battle against corruption, the PSA publicly opposed the proposed appointment through a media statement. Following the PSA's intervention, the Office of the Premier confirmed that the suspended CEO would not be appointed as a Special Advisor. Furthermore, the application submitted to the Department of Public Service and Administration for the appointment has been withdrawn. The PSA views this as a positive step in upholding the principles of accountability, good governance, and ethical leadership in the public service.

The PSA will continue to closely monitor developments relating to the ongoing SIU and Hawks investigations and expects that appropriate action will be taken against any persons found to have been involved in corruption or wrongdoing.

The PSA is steadfast in the Union's commitment to promoting accountability, transparency, and ethical leadership. The people of Mpumalanga deserve a government that acts decisively against corruption and ensures that people implicated in allegations of misconduct are not rewarded with positions of public trust.

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