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THE COUNTRY IS DROWNING WHILE THE GOVERNMENT IS SINKING

“The ANC has once again shown that they are incapable of running the country and protecting its citizens.” So says Rev Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP). “Their admission that there are no longer funds available in the emergency coffers, to aid those whose lives and property are being threatened by the continuing rain and floods in various provinces, is nothing less than an acknowledgement of their inability to deal affectively with the administration of the country.

“The appeal to private enterprise and ordinary citizens to bail out the government and help them to do their job is absurd, especially in light of the continual exposures of fraud and reckless spending by those who hold the government’s purse strings. The ANC government would do well to rather draw on the billions of rand that the ANC has raked in through BEE deals.

“The Australian government facing a far greater challenge due to floods in that country, recently turned down offers of international aid stating that they could handle the crisis themselves. Perhaps this is the way self-respecting governments ought to run their affairs.

Die land verdrink en die regering sink

“Die ANC het opnuut getoon dat dié party nie in staat is om die land te bestuur en die burgers te beskerm nie.” So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP). “Die erkenning dat daar nie meer fondse in die noodkoffers beskikbaar is nie, die fonds wat gebruik moet word om diegene wie se lewe en eiendom in verskeie provinsies deur die voortdurende reën bedreig word, is niks minder nie as ‘n erkenning dat die regering nie in staat is om doeltreffend na die bestuur van die saak om te sien nie.

“Die oproep op private ondernemings en gewone burgers om die regering uit die verknorsing te haal en te help om hul werk te doen, is absurd, veral in die lig van voortdurende onthullings van bedrog en roekelose uitgawes deur diegene wat toegang tot staatsfondse kry. Dit sal ANC-regering loon om eerder fondse te bekom uit die miljarde rande wat die ANC uit SEB-transaksies bekom het.

“Die Australiese regering het ‘n veel groter uitdaging weens die vloede in daardie land, maar het onlangs internasionale hulp van die hand gewys en daarop gewys dat hulle die krisis self kan hanteer. Dit stel ‘n voorbeeld oor hoe regerings na hul sake moet omsien.”