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CDP disappointed with Con Court judgement

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) expressed its disenchantment with the judgement of the majority of the Constitutional Court judges on the expropriation of mineral rights.

“The CDP feels that many aspects of the existing act which was challenged, create problems,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the CDP.

“This means property owners of small enterprises such as salt pans are still at the mercy of the minister, and it naturally creates avenues for corruption which the country does not need. We are also concerned that the court coupled this to injustices of the past. How many other existing rights may now be affected by unconstitutional laws simply because the act is promulgated under the pretext that it corrects injustices of the past. What empirical, objective test has been done to establish this, or does simple political manoeuvring suffice to ‘establish’ an injustice?”

CDP teleurgesteld oor Grondwethof-uitspraak

Die Christen-demokratiese Party (CDP) het sy teleurstelling uitgespreek met die meerderheidsuitspraak van die Grondwetlike Hof oor die onteining van mineraleregte.

“Baie aspekte van die bestaande wet wat nou getoets is, hinder die CDP,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die party.

“Dit beteken onder meer dat die eienaars van klein ondernemings soos soutpanne steeds aan die genade van die minister uitgelewer is, en uiteraard kanale skep waarbinne korrupsie kan plaasvind – die laaste ding wat die land kan bekostig. Ons is ook bekommerd dat die hof dit aan die onregte van die verlede gekoppel het. Hoeveel ander gevestigde belange kan nou eenvoudig vernietig word deur ‘n wet deur te voer onder die voorwendsel dat dit ‘n onreg van die verlede moet regstel. Welke empiriese, objektiewe toetse geld om dit te bepaal, of is eenvoudige politieke retoriek voldoende om ‘n ‘onreg’ te bepaal?”