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CDP welcomes green plans

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) welcomes plans by government to invest more in green energy, and hopes that this time the funds will not, as has often happened in the past, end up in the wrong pockets.” says CDP leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“We are aware that man’s role in impacting on the climate may be small, in comparison to natural climatic phenomena, but we also understand that his impact is no longer insignificant, and that he contributes to the ecological damage his planet to the detriment of especially the most exposed. The CDP also believes that the emphasis on moving freight from the roads to rail, is long overdue.

“South Africa is rich in renewable energy, such as solar and wind power. By encouraging entrepreneurship in this field and easing statutory limitations a significant contribution can be made to job creation and help ease the country’s dependence on coal fuelled plants.

“We expect the government, this time, to carry out its lofty plans, and trust that their resolve was not merely made in response to a conference held in the country.”

CDP verwelkom groen planne

“Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) verwelkom planne deur die regering om meer in groen energie te belê, en spreek die vertroue uit dat die fondse nie weer soos dikwels in die verlede in die verkeerde sakke beland nie,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

“Ons verstaan dat die mens se impak op die klimaat waarskynlik klein is vergeleke met natuurlike verskynsels, maar ons begryp ook dat die mens se impak lank nie meer onbeduidend is nie en dat die mens aansienlik bydra daartoe om sy planeet ekologies te beskadig en veral die blootgesteldes so verder benadeel.

“Ons glo ook die planne om vrag van die paaie na die spoorlyne te verskuif moes lank gelede reeds ‘n prioriteit gewees het.

“Suid-Afrika is ryk aan hernubare krag soos son- en windkrag. Deur entpreneurskap op hierdie terrein aan te moedig en statutêre beperkings te verlig kan ‘n aansienlike bydrae tot werkskepping en die verligting van die land se steenkoolafhanklikheid bygedra word.

“Ons dring daarop aan dat die regering dié keer daad by die woord voeg en vertrou dat dit nie ‘n rits woorde is wat vir die ore van die Cop 17-beraad in SA bedoel is nie.”