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### **Has agri-business sold out SA's farmers on EWC? – IRR**

The Institute of Race Relations today launches a campaign to get straight answers from important entities in the agri-business sector on where they stand on expropriation without compensation (EWC).

With the publication of the Final Report of the Presidential Advisory Panel on Land Reform and Agriculture in May 2019, the Agricultural Business Chamber (Agbiz) positioned itself in support of the majority report – the document on which the governmental executive bases its position in favour of EWC.

The implications of Agbiz supporting the government's position are far-reaching – especially for the South African farming community. Members of the agricultural community have come to understand that Agbiz has thrown its weight behind the government on the question of EWC.

In this final week before the close of submissions on the Draft Constitution Eighteenth Amendment Bill (Section 25 Amendment), the IRR will publicly be requesting clarity from important entities and organisations who are members of

Agbiz on their respective positions on EWC and whether Agbiz's support of the executive's approach to EWC represents their own.

"We urge all members of the agricultural community in South Africa to help us in putting pressure on those organisations who should speak for the best interests of South African farmers of all backgrounds and across the whole country," says Hermann Pretorius, IRR Campaigns Manager. "If South Africa's farming community is being sold out on EWC by powerful interests, the hard-working people who work every day to feed this country have a right to know and a right to act."

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