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South Africans see through the ANC's 'land reform' smokescreen – IRR

With the current phase of the public and political battle over amending section 25 of the Constitution approaching an uncertain and thoroughly unsatisfactory end within the next few weeks, the Institute of Race Relations (IRR) takes heart from the fact that more than 160 000 South Africans have submitted their written opposition to the change to the IRR.

“South Africans are seeing the dangerous, destructive and toxic campaign of the African National Congress (ANC) to amend the Constitution as nothing but a smokescreen for its own catastrophic failure to achieve redress in land ownership,” says Hermann Pretorius, campaigns co-ordinator for the IRR.

“The process up to now has made a mockery of our constitutional democracy. In its attempt to inflict a critical wound on the constitutional dispensation so long fought for by great South Africans, the ANC has abused every tool at its disposal to ensure it gets its way,” according to Pretorius.

With recent indications from Parliament confirming the bizarre position that a mere three weeks over December provide sufficient time for public consultation in this phase of the process, the ANC makes unambiguous the contempt in which it holds proper public participation and the broader public as a participant in democracy.

The IRR is gearing up for the legal and constitutional fight of a lifetime – the fight for all South Africans to be secure in the right to own what they've earned. #JoinTheIRR
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