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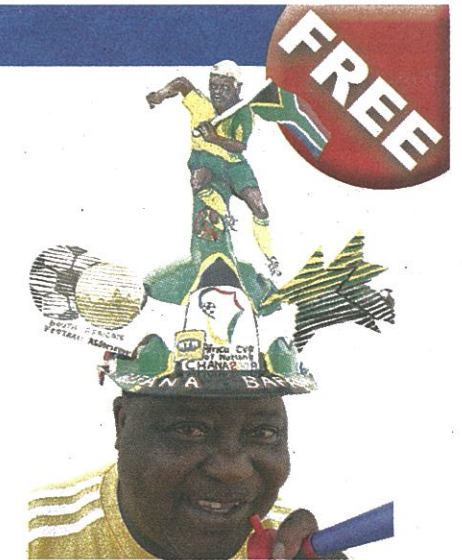


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Residents of KwaMpumuza and Sweetwaters marched to the local induna's house last week and demanded the suspension of the Vulindlela housing project by the Department of Human Settlements.

## Suspend project

>> Angry residents want issues resolved before the Vulindlela housing project proceeds any further

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ANGRY residents from KwaMpumuza and Sweetwaters have called for the suspension of the Vulindlela housing project, until the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Human Settlements resolves controversial issues surrounding it.

The residents, who handed over a memorandum of their grievances

to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Human Settlements manager Thokozani Magagula last Friday, said that there was no transparency in the awarding of a R2 billion tender to Vulindlela Development Association (VDA) as developers and Dezzo Development Holdings. Some of the shareholders, who are prominent political figures, are acting as implementing agents for these companies. Among the concerns include the

fact that the VDA, which comprises amakhosi, induna and an advocate, did not consult the community about the project.

The residents have also complained that they were left in the dark with regards to allocation of subsidies, that amakhosi acting as both developers and community leaders is a conflict of interest, that there were no proper tendering processes carried out by the Department of Hu-

man Settlements and no formal advertisement procedure for vacancies was carried out.

KwaZulu-Natal Human Settlements HOD Gabi Gumbi-Masilela said that the department does not require service providers to declare their political affiliations as a condition for appointment. She said that in this case, the VDA is managing its own procurement and appointment of service providers.

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