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CONSTRUCTION PRIVATE SECTOR AFFIRMS UNWAVERING SUPPORT TOWARDS KZN PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE DURING PRE-BUDGET STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT DINNER

A resounding unanimous support echoed throughout the evening yesterday, during a stakeholder pre-budget engagement dinner led by KZN Public Works and Infrastructure MEC Martin Meyer in Durban.

The array of delegates gathered at the event included captains of industry within the construction sector, contractors, developers, financiers, the CIDB, among others who attended through invite. The purpose of the function was to engage these key stakeholders directly in an intimate setting and for the MEC to hear their perspective ahead of delivering his budget next week.

The 2026/27 KZN Public Works and Infrastructure budget is heavily focused on participation of the various sector players as well as increased incentivisation and investment so that more cranes take to the sky and more sites become alive with construction activity.

A new vision for KZN Public Works and Infrastructure is to unlock the unlimited potential that can be realized through collaboration with the private sector.

MEC Meyer's engagement last night marked a full circle moment having first travelled the length and breadth of KwaZulu-Natal and, through the Citizen's Report roadshow, speaking to residents about what they would like KZN Public Works and Infrastructure to improve in their communities. Through another engagement roadshow called the Contractors Imbizo, the MEC also spent several weeks on the road engaging gatherings of all levels of contractors to understand their challenges.

Having heard the voices of ordinary citizens, contractors, and now captains of industry and investors the MEC now has a clear picture of the areas and challenges his budget must speak to so that the construction sector continues to be a strong performer quarter after quarter.

The 2026/27 KZN Public Works and Infrastructure budget promises to be the most innovative and disruptive one yet.

It will disrupt the old norm of approach and inject fresh ingenuity which reflects a shifting sector that must talk to the basic needs of the people of KZN such as jobs, skills development, opportunities, inclusivity of those previously left outside.

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