

We here present, as citizens of the Western Cape, do hereby call upon the Democratic Alliance, our duly elected provincial government, to publicly **acknowledge** the following;

1. That the people of the Western Cape have emphatically demonstrated by their voting behaviour that collectively, regardless of individual race, religion, or culture, they are ideologically distinct from the remainder of South Africa.
2. That the relationship between the Western Cape and South Africa has resulted in the collective peoples of the Western Cape being denied their political will, and any reasonable prospect of ever having their political will enacted.
3. That the Western Cape has a unique history and culture which includes the aboriginal people or 'first nation' of South Africa, their descendents, and the development of Afrikaans, a language developed in the province, and which remains the most widely spoken language.
4. That the relationship between the Western Cape and South Africa has been used to marginalise the Western Cape's historical culture, failing to respect the first nation heritage of many of its people, debasing minority communities, and deliberately undermining the Afrikaans language.
5. That the Western Cape is demographically distinct from the remainder of South Africa, where the largest racial group are the so called 'coloured' people.
6. That the relationship between the Western Cape and South Africa has been used to actively discriminate against the majority of Western Cape citizens upon the basis of their race.
7. That the people of the Western Cape are entitled to self-determination under international law.
8. That in the current political system the people of the Western Cape do not have democratic self-determination and have no realistic prospect of ever achieving democratic self-determination.

Having acknowledged these statements as being true, we further call upon the Democratic Alliance to give the people of the Western Cape the following **assurances**:

9. That, in the event that there is reasonable cause to believe that the majority of Western Cape citizens wish to break away from South Africa and create their own independent state, the Democratic Alliance will call a people's referendum on independence, and agree to be bound by its outcome.
10. That, in the event of having held a referendum, and where the people of the Western Cape have indicated the desire to break away from South Africa and form an independent state, the Democratic Alliance, as the elected representatives of the Western Cape people, will enter into good faith negotiations with the South African government to secure independence for the people of the Western Cape.
11. That, in the event that the South African government refuses to respect the democratically expressed wishes of the people of the Western Cape, and seeks to impose its political will upon the peoples of the Western Cape against their wishes, the Democratic Alliance will unilaterally pursue the remedial secession of the Western Cape following the principles and best practices of international law and politics.