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**MEC VASS HANDS OVER BREAKING NEW GROUND (BNG) HOUSES TO
BENEFICIARIES AT THE LOXTON 51 HOUSING PROJECT, IN THE UBUNTU
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.**

MEC Bentley Vass responsible for the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) in the Northern Cape, handed over Breaking New Ground (BNG) houses, to beneficiaries at the Loxton 51 Housing Project, in the Ubuntu Local Municipality, in the Pixley Ka Seme District, on Thursday, 03 April 2025.

MEC Vass was joined by the Executive Mayor of the Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality, Councillor Rhoo de Itumeleng, the Mayor of Ubuntu Local Municipality, Councillor Cheryl Jantjies and Ward Councillor of Loxton, Councillor Martin Seekoei, and the beneficiaries of the project.

With the handover of houses today by MEC Vass, this ensured that a total of 20 families have received new houses since the start of the project.

One of the excited beneficiaries, Mr Koos Van Wyk, a 63-year-old pensioner, said he was happy that he finally has a house from the government, and that he and his family are appreciative of the efforts of the government to house the nation.

MEC Vass said "This is testimony that this government continues to address challenges of housing in the Province. As enjoined by Section 26 of the Constitution, we want to ensure that everyone has access to adequate housing, within our available resources. Through the work that we do as Provincial Government, we will continue to do everything in our power to ensure the progressive realisation of this right."

MEC Vass also thanked the beneficiaries for their patience, and urged them to take good care of the houses and to resist the temptation to sell these houses, as it will be reversing the gains of the government. He further called on the contractors at the Loxton 51 Housing Project, to work with speed to complete the remaining 31 houses currently under construction.

The Northern Cape Provincial Government is committed to eradicating the huge housing backlogs in the province, through the building of houses in all the Districts.

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