

PRETORIA.

4th June, 1955.

Mr. J.M. Cloete,
Assistant Secretary,
Land Tenure Advisory Board,
Libri Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

re: Land Tenure Advisory Board Investigation in Terms
of the Group Areas Act 1950 (Act 41 of 1950) as
amended: Pretoria and Environs.

I hereby lodge objections to the desirability of
proclaiming the proposed area numbered 214A to 216, 218 to 221
and 239 on Map F. for occupation by members of the Indian Group
on the following grounds:-

1. The Asiatic Bazaar, Pretoria, has been set aside in the year 1890 by the Republican Government for occupation by Asiatics in perpetuity. From the year 1890, when Asiatics took occupation of stands in the area to date, there has been no friction with any other Group.
2. I am a Lessee of the City Council of Pretoria and owner of the improvements of Stand No. Asiatic Bazaar, Pretoria, where I reside and carry on business for the past years.
3. The area of the Asiatic Bazaar with the addition of some adjacent uninhabited land known as Marabastad could quite conveniently be proclaimed the Indian Group Area for Pretoria for present and future expansion.
4. The area offered is least convenient, most secluded and undeveloped, and has no suitable or alternative accommodation available.
5. The new area offered is not suitable for business purposes and were I compelled to remove my shop premises to that area, I would be ruined financially. My family consisting of persons and my employees who are dependant upon me for their livelihood would become destitute.
6. There are 5 churches and mosques and 8 schools in the Asiatic Bazaar belonging to or used by the Indian Group and a large sum of money has been invested in these improvements.
7. The value of the improvements in the Asiatic Bazaar apart from the above are estimated at 22,000,000 exclusive of the goodwill of the businesses and, even if compensation were offered, I do not think it possible that I would be paid the true value of the improvements and the goodwill for my business.
8. Even assuming that I would receive adequate compensation, I would have no suitable or remunerative investment for the proceeds.

9. A/.....

9. A removal of the Indian Group to the proposed new area would be contrary to the principles of justice and fairplay.

It is respectfully submitted that I am entitled to appear in person and/or to be represented at the meeting of the Committee to adduce evidence and/or raise arguments in support of my objections and I request that you advise me the place, time and dates of the meeting.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

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26 June 1958.

Miss C.M. Elder,
13 Windsor House,
643 Church St.,
Arcadia,
PRETORIA.

Dear Miss Elder,

Enclosed are 30 copies of a report on group areas in Pretoria, for members of the Joint Council. I wonder whether you will be kind enough to send copies also to any City Councillors who are sympathetic to the needs of Non-Whites. If you would like to have more copies, e.g. for other people who might be interested, please let me know.

It is a tragic situation. The only steps that now seem to be possible are to:

- a) urge that good housing schemes be erected for Coloured people and Indians in their group areas;
- b) urge that Indians be allowed to retain the unzoned part of the Asiatic Bazaar;
- c) if adequate housing has not been provided by the time that the Coloured and Indian people have to move, urge that permits be granted allowing them to continue to occupy their present premises.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Muriel Horrell

Muriel Horrell (Miss)
TECHNICAL OFFICER

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