

Vaal ^{Overweging van Admin} families must pay for power

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MORE ^{1750 Soweto} than 130 000

Vaal families are to pay R50 deposits for an electrification scheme to bring power to their homes, it was announced at a meeting called by the Lekoa Town Council in Sebokeng at the week-

The R50 demanded for bringing electricity to the entire Vaal community, including areas like Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bopelong and Sebokeng, comes in the wake of R5,50 increases in rentals which are expected to become effective on September 1 — pending an application made by the council to the Department of Cooperation and Development for rentals to be increased.

The mayor of the Lekoa Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, said the eviction of residents who are in arrears with rental is no answer to the shortage of housing.

Suffering

"We cannot enhance the suffering of pensioners by evicting them from their houses as happened in the past when the elderly black people were frustrated and oppressed under white administration boards.

"Pensioners often found themselves in the streets after preference had been given to their young lodgers who are able to pay rentals," said Mr Mahlatsi.

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