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The Editor,
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Sir,

Apparently R11 million is available from government funds for WRAB to demolish the houses of Munsieville outside Krugersdorp and to move the residents to Kagiso, in order to make way for whites.

How extraordinary that there has been insufficient money or motivation to tackle the provision of housing for the ever-increasing lists of applicants. While the housing crisis escalates WRAB in the Transvaal and WCAB in the Western Cape are busy demolishing shacks and shelters which, though they may not conform to the desired standards of housing, nevertheless provide some kind of accommodation for desperate people who have nowhere else to live.

It seems that when ideology is at stake, or when an area is required for whites, money can be found to demolish and even to rebuild elsewhere, but when it comes to the ordinary responsibility of any government to provide accommodation for its people our government conspicuously fails to deliver.

Instead of tackling the waiting lists it aggravates an already disastrous situation by destroying existing accommodation. Quite apart from its utter senselessness what of the cruelty of such actions, what of the anger being engendered, what of the assault on race relations?

People will not easily forget or forgive the destruction of their homes, however humble, the exposure of men, women and children to the elements, the scant regard for their precious possessions for which they have to work so hard.

The manner in which power is being abused is absolutely disgusting and the authorities should be ashamed of themselves.

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National Vice-President.

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