

THE FARMER PARTY MANIFESTO

METSIMAHOLO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Farming Today. Feeding Tomorrow. Building Together.

Our Core Belief: We believe that agriculture and local enterprise are the twin engines of Metsimaholo's future. The prosperity of our region depends entirely on fixing municipal infrastructure, securing our farms, and giving direct political representation to the families who work the land.

1. The Local Crisis (Why We Stand)

The farming communities and towns across Metsimaholo have been pushed to a breaking point by a **total collapse of basic municipal services**. Local farmers face deteriorating gravel roads that make transporting goods to market financially crippling. Simultaneously, agricultural operations and households are devastated by prolonged electricity crises, ongoing water supply shortages, and unfinished sewage networks that threaten community health.

Adding to this infrastructure decay, our farmers are left vulnerable to rising stock theft, cattle diseases, and a total lack of municipal support for smallholder lease agreements. **The Farmer Party stands to end this neglect across Metsimaholo.**

2. Our 5 Pillars of Action (What We Will Do)

■ Urgent Infrastructure Restoration

- Demanding equal municipal priority to permanently fix cable theft and substation failures cutting off our power.
- Enforcing a time-bound storm water and road maintenance plan to repair flooded streets and heavily damaged rural access roads.

■ Water & Sanitation Reform

- Prioritizing the completion of local wastewater and sewage plant upgrades to stop effluent overflow in our communities.
- Securing consistent, uninterrupted bulk water supply for both household consumption and agricultural irrigation.

■ Rural Safety & Stock Protection

- Forming tight community-police partnerships to aggressively combat rural stock theft.
- Providing localized training, equipment, and veterinary assistance to combat livestock diseases.

■ Empowerment & Land Security

- Intervening at a provincial level to help local farmers secure stable, long-term land lease agreements to unlock development funding.
- Eliminating corrupt and illegal rogue vendors hijacking municipal servicing contracts.

■ **Agro-Economic Integration**

- Reviving local economic development by integrating our farming sector with broader regional trade and tourism initiatives.
- Creating sustainable, local jobs for our youth within the farming supply chain.

3. The Call to Action

We can no longer afford to be completely abandoned by leaders who only focus on major industrial centers. A vote for **The Farmer Party** is a vote to restore accountability, secure our food supply, and rebuild Metsimaholo from the soil up.

LET'S GROW METSIMAHOLO TOGETHER.