



Statement issued by the Inter-religious community of eThekweni

On behalf of the inter-religious community, who today were deeply moved by what we saw, heard and experienced as we visited with the people of the Warwick Early Morning Market and surrounds, we wish to express our shame, shock and disappointment, at the hardship visible in the eyes of the people we met. These are the people affected by the plans for the proposed Warwick Mall, some of whom whose families have traded at this market for generations.

We call on National Government to urgently intervene on behalf of the people of eThekweni, whose human rights and livelihoods are being destroyed through this disregard of economic justice. The proposed mall and its interim accommodations will not adequately cater for all who make their livelihoods in this space, and those who depend on them.

Finally, we call on the people of eThekweni to pray for those affected, that we may see a just outcome, and for city authorities, that their hearts may hear the cry of the people.

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