

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MAYOR DURING  
CELEBRATION OF BUCKET ERADICATION, NALA MUNICIPALITY, 08  
APRIL 2008**

MEC's  
Honorable Mayors

Speakers

Councilors

Community of Lejweleputswa

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am very pleased to welcome the leadership and people of Nala during the celebration of bucket eradication

Since attaining democracy in 1994 and adopting our constitution in 1996 our government has an obligation to ensure that we promote and fulfill the rights of our people, importantly that includes the progressive provision of basic services such as water and sanitation. It is therefore fitting that we celebrate the completion of bucket eradication under difficult conditions. We have made a commitment to our people that we will eradicate this inhumane practice.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are living in an age of hope and a government that cares. And there is a massive effort by all spheres of government to address the basic, social needs of our people. We also intend helping to address the backlog in water and sanitation in clinics and schools in the farms during this financial year and in the next financial year.

Substantial progress towards bucket eradication has been made also in other municipalities in the district. As you would know Free State was declared as the province that had a significant amount of buckets that need to be eradicated. But today we are celebrating total eradication of bucket system in this part of the Free State.

Our confidence in achieving the goal of bucket eradication has been given a boost by the success of this municipality. We have to congratulate Nala, and other municipalities like this one, that have taken proactive measures in delivering services to our people and ensuring that the promise of a better life becomes a reality.

I thank you.