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COPE CONDEMNS PREMIER ZAMANI SAUL'S SHOCKING RACIST TIRADE

For immediate release

COPE condemns Premier Zamani Saul's deeply offensive racist tirade and emotional outburst directed at a journalist and the Carte Blanche programme, which aired an exposé of the crumbling infrastructure, broken promises and decay under his watch.

Interestingly, the sewer ran down the street next to his own house in a posh suburb.

The attack came in the form of a tweet (X account) on Monday, 13 May 2024.

Interestingly, the post has since been deleted in what is clearly an act of cowardice after Saul received a tsunami of public backlash for his unbecoming behaviour.

To blame "racism" and "whiteness" for his failures is a stretch too far in logic, accountability and leadership. His totally ludicrous response that "we need 500 years" to fix the collapsing infrastructure is testament to the fact that he doesn't understand the gravity of the disastrous situation that negatively impacts health, environment and the economy of the communities.

Like the party he represents, Saul lacks integrity and leadership qualities. The journalist who interviewed him is a black journalist. Fundamentally, race has nothing to do with leaders being held accountable by the media.


The Premier must publicly apologize to the journalist and Carte Blanche for the racist slur and unconditionally withdraw the unwarranted attacks.

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