

I READ with concern an article in your Wednesday (November 6) edition in which you covered the Cabinet decision to expropriate Kalkpan farm "with compensation" to the owner.

Having closely followed recent events at the above farm I tend to differ with the notion of expropriation with compensation utilising taxpayers' funds for a farm such as Kalkpan. In my view Cabinet should consider an amendment to the Constitution to allow for the expropriation of farms such as the said property without compensation to the owners.

## **Government Money Should Not Be Used To Pay Kalkpan Farmer**

I sympathise with co-operative commercial farmers such as the retired owner of Kalkpan who successfully ran the farm for decades while living in harmony with his employees and their families. In the same vein I feel farm owners such as the current owner of Kalkpan should not gain from proceeds arising from the sale of such farms bought with funds sourced from tax-

payers.

Furthermore denying such commercial farmers compensation will serve as a lesson to commercial farmers who do not want to heed Government calls to share economic resources with economically disadvantaged Namibians.

Those farmers should come to terms with the reality that the Apartheid regime that allowed them,

through dubious means, to own the means of production no longer runs this country. Present day Namibia is led by a modern, tolerant government which prioritises resource-sharing to benefit all citizens, black or white, rich or poor. Farms such as Kalkpan that are owned by racist farmers are not economically viable and contribute less to the gross domestic product and national development as they pay employees meagre wages and have poor labour relations.

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