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t published, may now have a popula-
Black Africans. Another statistic: from
population of metropolitan Cape Town
the newcomers Xhosa people from the
ern Cape. What this means on the
ian Malan:

scrapped . . . it was as if a distant dam had
te and hopeful humanity to come flooding
t across the Cape Flats. They came at the
y, and built homes with their bare hands,
bits and pieces of trash rescued from land-
ep out the rain. Within two years, the sand
mous sea of shacks and shanties, as densely
opulated by fantastic characters—bootleg-
rians, gun dealers and marijuana czars, plus
people”⁶

utterly outrun any capacity to provide
her by public or private sectors. There-
ng is becoming as much a signature of
as it is of the urban landscape of other
J. Davies, doyen of South African urban



Orderly Urbanisation: the new housing development of Khayelitsha in August 1985, immediately prior to occupation.

