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### **COGHSTA MEC PLEDGES SUPPORT TO BELA BELA FIRE VICTIMS**

COGHSTA MEC Mr Basikopo Makamu has pledged the collaborative support of Limpopo Provincial Government to respond to the current veldfire disaster that took place in the Bela Bela Local Municipality over the weekend.

The wildfire started on Sunday afternoon from a farm outside Mabalingwe Game Reserve, and left 56 privately-owned houses in the reserve destroyed and another 8 structures partially damaged.

It gutted almost 9000 hectares of grazing land in the Reserve and opposing farmlands, leaving two employees injured and countless animals needing veterinarian services.

The MEC has hailed the swift Firefighting efforts of the Modimolle-Mookgopong, Bela Bela and Thabazimbi Local Municipalities, together with fire management stakeholders the FPA, Working on Fire and the surrounding community members.

“Our provincial Disaster Management Centre will work with their national counterparts and affected municipalities to speed up the process of declaring the area a disaster,” says MEC.

MEC Makamu endeavours to involve his peer MECs at provincial departments of Agriculture and Economic Development, Environment and Tourism to provide a wholistic support approach to affected farmers in the area.

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