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**THE CONTINUING RACIST VIOLENCE
IN SOUTH AFRICA**

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Throughout his career as leader of the Christian Democratic Party in the NSW Upper House, Rev. Hon. Fred Nile MLC has been an advocate of the vulnerable and defenceless, including those overseas who face persecution at the hands of totalitarian ideologies.

During today's Private Members' Statement, he addressed the continuing crisis in South Africa where Boer farmers continue to face discrimination and violence. Below is the text of his speech, which was delivered to Parliament in the last hour.

Private Members Statement: South Africa

11 November 2020

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE (Christian Democratic Party): I was recently contacted by a constituent on 26 October, Mr. Garin Wilson, who sent me a heartfelt letter about the plight of his family in South Africa. Mr. Wilson writes about the persecution of his God-fearing people, the Boers, who unfortunately do not seem to be getting the attention of the international community. He writes:

We are an old fashioned and simple people. For the past 300 years all they have wanted was to be free of external political powers; free to live their lives farming the land, guided by the Word of the Bible.

He continues by describing, and I will quote him again: “*the murders, the protests, the fires, the police corruption – all encouraged by the communist rhetoric of the EFF Party.*” That is a reference to the so-called “Economic Freedom Fighters” which is the uniformed political party that follows a revolutionary Marxist ideology and has been blamed for stoking the fires of racial resentment in South Africa. Its leader, Julius Malema, has been on record saying some of the most reprehensible things, completely unbecoming a statesman of a modern, multicultural nation.

I am well aware of these matters, and have monitored the developing situation in that country for the last several years. Many of the issues Mr. Wilson notes in his letter were addressed by me in detail in this House on [15 March 2018](#), and I also moved a motion condemning the racist violence currently plaguing that nation on [17 May of that year](#). The motion was debated and passed on [16 August 2018](#). I encourage members to read those speeches as they analyse the relevant facts and cite mainstream authority.

It is a sad indictment on the civilised world that the international community sits idly by as the crisis appears to worsen. This situation is an embarrassment to us all, especially given that South Africa is a Commonwealth nation, and as such, forms part of our closer international family of nations. Why is it that we act only when it’s too late, and when the damage is already done? I pray that our national leaders will have the courage and fortitude to take a stand in defence of the defenceless, wherever they may be.

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