

SABC WINS BCCSA CASE BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE

Johannesburg – Friday, 21 September 2018 -The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) is pleased to announce that the Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa (BCCSA) has ruled in its favour, in a complaint lodged by the Democratic Alliance (DA).

The DA had alleged that the SABC had provided the party insufficient opportunity to present opposing views to ANC President Cyril Ramaphosa's address on the land reform issue and the economy.

Mr Ramaphosa's address was broadcast on the SABC News' programme, *The Globe* on DStv channel 404, on 31 July 2018. SABC News then afforded the DA an opportunity to react to the address on 01 August 2018, on SABC2 news programme *Morning Live*, which simulcasts on the 24 hour channel.

The SABC argued that following the broadcast of the ANC's recording, which other media had also covered, it had provided the DA with an opportunity to air its view on the matter, within a reasonable time and appropriate platform. The BCCSA agreed with this and ruled in favour of the SABC.

The SABC believes that the ruling has upheld the editorial independence of its News division. The ruling also affirms the Independence and Impartiality of our newsroom.

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