



# RIGHT 2 KNOW

We as the Right 2 Know campaign support the occupation of the National council office by Artists.

Who is the Right 2 Know Campaign? The Right2Know Campaign (“R2K”) is a nation-wide coalition of people and organisations concerned with promoting openness and the free flow of information, particularly in terms of the right to access information and right to freedom of expression which are entrenched in our Constitution. (<https://www.r2k.org.za/>) Right2Know’s vision is to “seek a country and a world where we all have the right to know – that is to be free to access and share information. This right is fundamental to any democracy that is open, accountable, participatory and responsive; able to deliver the social, economic and environmental justice we need. On this foundation, society and an international community can be built in which we all live free from want, inequality and indignity”.

The Right 2 Know campaign notes with great enthusiasm the draft white paper on Audio and Audiovisual content services Policy Framework. We have noted many positive changes and a move to regulate content with a democratic hand rather than a less democratic and stringent hand.

We support fully the action taken by Artists, this should stern as a stern reminder to the government and minister of Arts and Culture to provide and support artists.

The coronavirus Pandemic has brought the industry to its knees and with that it has taken the bread out of many artists mouths. Artists are breadwinners, parents and human beings they are people. There has been enough time to support artists, there has also been enough cash injections during the pandemic to support artists.

In as much as the business sector is considered artists should also be support. The Right 2 Know campaigns the protest by the artists and we say strength to all Artists in South Africa we will meet on the streets.

#Ongazi Makazi

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