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# THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE (PART VI)

# WESTERN CAPE INDEPENDENCE PRO-INDEPENDENCE ORGANISATIONS AND POLITICAL PARTIES

### **REASON FOR THIS DOCUMENT**

The 2024 general elections are only months away and some of the voters in the Western Cape again started expressing their confusion about the various organisations and political parties which are in favour of the sovereign independence of the Western Cape.

In this document we will explain the differences under the following headings:

- 1. Name of organisation/political party.
- 2. General abbreviation of the organisation/political party.
- 3. Origin and date of formation.
- 4. Vision and goal.
- 5. Support in numbers at formation and currently.
- 6. Substantial changes in structure and/or policies.
- 7. Strengths and challenges.

#### 1. NAME OF ORGANISATION/POLITICAL PARTY.

We will look at the following organisations/political parties:

- CapeXit NPO (non-political civic pressure group).
- Cape Independence Advocacy Group (political pressure group).
- The Freedom Front Plus (political party).
- The Cape Independence Party (political party).
- The Referendum Party (political party).

#### 2. GENERAL ABBREVIATION OF THE ORGANISATION/POLITICAL PARTY.

- CapeXit NPO CapeXit
- Cape Independence Advocacy Group CIAG
- The Freedom Front Plus FF Plus
- The Cape Independence Party CIP
- The Referendum Party RP

#### 3. ORIGIN AND DATE OF FORMATION

#### <u>CapeXit</u>

CapeXit is not a political party nor does it have any affiliations with any political parties.

CapeXit started as an organisation called the Western Cape Action Forum (WCAF) in 2008. WCAF was an informal civic organisation focussing on issues that the taxpayers were having with local authorities as well as protesting against violence in all forms. WCAF had three very successful Red October marches as well as numerous static events and outreaches to communities and retirement centres.

WCAF had the independence of the Western Cape (WC) on its radar from the inception of the organisation.

At the end of 2017, the main role players in WCAF decided to formally structure a vehicle to move ahead with the independence of the WC now as its single focus. CapeXit was registered as a non-profit company with the Registrar of Companies on 31 January 2018.

On the 4th of June 2019, CapeXit was registered as a non-profit organisation (NPO).

On the 22nd of December 2020, CapeXit became a member of The Organisation of Emerging African States (OEAS), an organisation giving exposure to new states in Africa wishing to emerge (secede).

# <u>CIAG</u>

CIAG is not a political party however it acts as a political pressure group.

The CIAG was formed in 2020.

#### FF Plus

The FF Plus is a political party contesting elections on provincial as well as national levels.

The Freedom Front was formed in March 1994 by General Constand Viljoen. He registered the party for the election after a concession was made to include self-determination as an additional constitutional principle in the 1993 interim Constitution.

In 2003 to Freedom Front formed a coalition with the Conservative Party and the Afrikaner Eenheidsbeweging and became the Freedom Front Plus.

For this document it must be noted that the FF Plus have markedly different visions between the party's Northern structures and that in the Western Cape. While the structures outside the WC focus on self-determination, the FF Plus Western Cape is mandated to be pro-independence of the WC and as such this document will deal with the FF Plus Western Cape in particular.

#### <u>CIP</u>

The CIP was formerly known as the Cape Party (CP) and is a political party contesting elections on the provincial level only.

The party grew out of a Face Book group in 2007 and was founded by Jack Miller. It was officially registered in 2008.

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape\_Independence\_Party)

# <u>RP</u>

The RP is a political party contesting elections on provincial and national levels.

The party was launched by Phil Craig, a co-founder of CIAG, on 9 November 2023 with him as the party leader.

#### 4. VISION AND GOAL

- CapeXit To have the Western Cape region of South Africa declared as an independent country for all the people of the WC, regardless of race, religion or political views.
- CIAG To create the Cape of Good Hope, an independent non-racial first-world sovereign state on Africa's Southern tip. The Cape of Good Hope will provide a better life for all who live there, regardless of their race, religion, or culture; a catalytic beacon of excellence and hope in southern Africa.
- FF Plus (WC) To have an independent Western Cape developing into an example of economic growth and prosperity, where we will have equal opportunities for all, where poverty will be eradicated, where people will once again feel safe and where crime will be effectively dealt with.
- CIP Stands for greater economic and political independence for the Cape.
- RP To convince 100 000 DA voters to vote RP in 2024. Vote RP to keep a DA government and secure a referendum.

#### 5. SUPPORT IN NUMBERS AT FORMATION AND CURRENTLY

CapeXit - 30 January 2018 - 5 members 9 November 2023 - 839 986 members

CIAG - 2020 - Zero 9 November 2023 - Unknown (Note: the CIAG did not intend to register mandates as it was driving political awareness. Indicative of its support is that it gathered over 30 000 signatures for the memorandum).

FF Plus -	WC provincial -	2009 -	8 384
		2019 -	32 115
	WC national -	2009 -	17 506
		2019 -	59 354
CIP -	WC provincial -	2009 -	2 552
		2019 -	9 331

(Source - IEC website, election results)

RP - Newly formed, no participation to date.

#### 6. SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN STRUCTURE AND/OR POLICIES

CapeXit - No changes to the structure. Started investigating Secession without a Referendum.

CIAG - Served as the springboard to launch the Referendum Party. Future aims and policies will remain as that of a political pressure group.

FF Plus (WC) - A rapid growth in branches. Fully committed to independence and Dr Mulder acts as advisor to CapeXit on Secession without a Referendum.

- CIP Changed party name in 2019 from Cape Party to Cape Independence Party. Changed party abbreviation on the ballot in 2019 from CP to CAPEXIT.
- RP The party is newly launched.

# 7. STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES

CapeXit -	Strengths -	<ul> <li>In-depth knowledge of secession and direct democracy.</li> <li>Large and growing base of support.</li> <li>Voters support independence without having to make a political party choice.</li> <li>Dedicated and hard-working awareness team.</li> <li>Own radio platform.</li> <li>The largest independence organisation in SA.</li> </ul>
	Challenges -	Limited reach into areas without electronic media connection. Marketing is hampered by the availability of funds.
CIAG -	Strengths -	Well positioned with a political outreach. Good knowledge of constitutional guidelines.
	Challenges -	Fulfilled primary mandate to drive political awareness.
FF Plus (WC)	- Strengths -	High visibility and growth of branches. Solid political depth and experience. Representation in provincial parliament. Submission of Western Cape People's Bill. Flexibility in the mandate for independence.
	Challenges -	Erroneously still perceived as a White man's party by some.
CIP -	Strengths -	A provincially based party.
	Challenges -	Slow growth despite years in existence. Publicly targeting rather than outperforming other parties.
RP -	Strengths -	New party with a clean slate. Single goal party.
	Challenges -	No track record. Public admission as being supportive of the Democratic Alliance (DA). Preference for the DA to be the post-independence government. A CapeXit NPO document

#### WHO SHALL I VOTE FOR?

As CapeXit is not politically affiliated with any political party, we will never suggest who you must vote for. Our advice is that you make a study of the political parties whose views and vision you find to be the closest to your convictions and who you can rely on to possess political depth and wisdom.

Who you vote for is ultimately your choice, what CapeXit do ask is that you make sure you are registered to vote and that you please go and vote.

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