

STATEMENT FROM COUNCIL

13 August 2019

TO ALL DUT STAKEHOLDERS

Kindly take note that the Council of the Durban University of Technology has constituted an Independent Inquiry to be Chaired by the Honourable Justice Khayelihle Kenneth Mthiyane, to investigate and report on incidents that lead to the tragic and fatal shooting of a DUT student, Mr Mlungisi Madonsela; and to the injury to staff, outside the Steve Biko campus on Tuesday, 5 February 2019. Justice Mthiyane will be assisted by Professor Muxe Nkondo, who is also a member of the Independent Inquiry.

The Independent Inquiry will be required to investigate and report, *inter alia*, on various other matters in relation to the 2019 student unrest at DUT and to recommend to the University what steps, if any, the University could institute to better manage future DUT student protests.

All DUT institutional structures, staff and students are required to co-operate fully with the Independent Inquiry, while external security providers and personnel will likewise, be expected to do the same.

The Independent Inquiry is required to complete its work and to submit its written findings, report and recommendations to the Chairperson of the DUT Council within forty five (45) days of the appointment of the Chairperson of the Independent Inquiry.

The former Deputy President of the Supreme Court of Appeal, the Honourable Justice Khayelihle Kenneth Mthiyane, is the Chairperson of the Presidential Remuneration Review Commission. He had previously served as the Chairperson and Head of the Electoral Court of South Africa and Judge Mthiyane was also the Vice-Chairperson of the Rules Board for Courts of Law in South Africa.