



## **EFF STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF VETERAN JOURNALIST DEREK WATTS**

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) extends its heartfelt condolences on the passing of veteran TV host and journalist Derek Watts who left us yesterday after a valiant battle with cancer.

Watts commenced his media journey in the 1970s, initially as a radio presenter before transitioning to television. Over the years, he ascended to prominence as a notable figure in South African media, notably recognised for his contributions to the investigative journalism series "Carte Blanche," where he worked as co-host of the esteemed investigative journalism show.

Since joining the show in 1988, Derek Watts became an indelible part of its fabric. We remember Watts as a dedicated investigative journalist and his commitment to his work, coupled with his determination to uncover the truth behind crime and injustice.

Throughout his illustrious career, Watts was recognised for his insightful reporting and engaging interviews, spanning a wide array of subjects including social issues, politics, and current affairs. He championed essential causes, bringing them to the forefront of public awareness through his work on "Carte Blanche."

His on-screen charisma, his adeptness at communicating complex matters in an accessible manner, and his skill in engaging with subjects contributed

significantly to the show's reputation and popularity. This earned him a devoted following and established him as a respected luminary in the realm of South African journalism.

Watts' legacy lives on through his wife Belinda and his children Tyrone and Kirstin, to whom we hold in our prayers, and assure that while their loved one has left us, we also celebrate his enduring impact on the world of journalism and the lives he touched.



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