

# IRASA goes national

Ratepayers now have a national platform to fight local elections

RATEPAYERS will have a strong platform during the local elections in May with IRASA going national.

In his own words, National Chairperson of the Independent Ratepayers Association of SA (IRASA), Izak Berg, said that through its independent councillors, they are committed to fight for ratepayer's rights and to depoliticise local Government. "It is our collective responsibility as ratepayers to exercise our democratic right and civil duty by being the watchdog over political parties that govern our cities and towns.

"I am honoured to announce that IRASA will contest the 2011 Local Government Elections nationally as

the preferred party for individuals and Ratepayer Associations that want to stand as Independent Candidates in their municipalities".

According to Berg they are prepared, and organised, to represent the voice of ratepayers nationally to tackle the improvement of service delivery. "We cannot be wished away by political parties because we are a force that will root out corruption and expose nepotism in favour of good and clean government.

"Local government cannot expect ratepayers to take a back seat while all municipalities are deteriorating under the agenda and games of political parties. It is a known fact that political party councillors must

toe the party line by pushing the agenda of the political party above the interests of the community and ratepayers they were elected to serve. Why waste your vote on a politician from a political party? Put your support behind the ratepayer candidate"!

Berg further stated that the mandate voters give IRASA in 2011 will not only ensure responsible local government but it will advance democracy rather than restrict it. They also believe that this will improve service delivery and create a well managed local government that can stimulate local economic development.

IRASA invites all ratepayers to contact them for more information.