

IRASA Political Party - Deep Research Findings

Party Information

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Timeline of Key Findings

2011 - Early Political Activity

The Ekurhuleni IRASA document shows evidence of the party's involvement in local elections as early as 18 May 2011, when IRASA-backed candidates were contesting ward councillor positions in the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality.

2019 - National Registration

•Facebook evidence: A post dated February 10, 2019 indicates that "IRASA became a National Registered Political Party"

•This suggests IRASA transitioned from a local ratepayers association to a nationally registered political party in 2019

2021 - Coalition Government

According to the Daily Maverick (September 7, 2021), IRASA was part of a stable coalition government in Ekurhuleni, unlike other coalitions that had dissolved.

2024 - National Elections

IRASA contested the 2024 National Elections, though it does not appear in the main national compensatory list reviewed, suggesting it may have had limited national representation.

Key Characteristics

•Type: Independent Ratepayers Association turned Political Party

•Focus: Ratepayer interests and local government representation

•Slogan: "Ratepayers organisation for the people, by the people to keep politics out of local government"

•Registration Level: National (as of 2019)

Age of IRASA as a Registered Political Party

Based on the available evidence, IRASA became a registered political party with the IEC in 2019, making it approximately 7 years old as of January 2026. However, the organization existed as an independent ratepayers association prior to 2019, with documented activity dating back to at least 2011.

Sources Consulted

1. Facebook Page: IRASA (@www.irasa.co.za)
2. Ekurhuleni IRASA - Mthethwa, MA.pdf (2011 local elections document)
3. Daily Maverick article on Ekurhuleni coalition government (September 7, 2021)
4. IEC Electoral Commission records and party lists
5. Electoral Commission of South Africa official website

Research Notes

The exact date of IRASA's registration with the IEC in 2019 could not be pinpointed to a specific month or day from available sources. The February 10, 2019 Facebook post appears to be announcing or celebrating the achievement of national registration status, but the precise registration date may be available through direct IEC records or official government gazettes.