

HAVE YOUR SAY

CUSTOMARY INITIATION BILL [B 7B–2018]

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport invites stakeholders and interested parties to attend a public hearing on the Customary Initiation Bill [B 7B–2018] being organised as part of the Standing Committee's constitutional responsibility.

The purpose of the Bill is to protect, promote and regulate initiation by providing acceptable norms and standards for structures at national and provincial levels with a view to ensure that initiation takes place in a controlled and safe environment. The Bill also provides for the protection of life and the prevention of any abuse, it provides clarity on the various responsibilities, roles and functions of the key role players in customary initiation, and it makes provision for the effective regulation of initiation schools.

The public hearing is arranged as follows:

Date: 22 September 2020

Time: 09:00 - 13:00

Venue: MS Teams virtual meeting

Interested persons and organisations are encouraged to attend and participate in the public hearing and to submit written input on the Bill to the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport for consideration. Only input on the content of the Bill will be considered.

Please submit submissions on the Bill to Mr Waseem Matthews, Procedural Officer, either by email (wmatthews@wcpp.gov.za) or as a voice note on WhatsApp (cellphone number: 076 633 3133). Submissions must reach the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport before or on **28 September 2020**. Please indicate whether a verbal presentation on the written submission will be made.

Further information and an electronic version of the Bill will be published on the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's website (www.wcpp.gov.za). Copies of the Bill will be sent to interested persons on request.

Issued by Mr RI Allen (MPP), Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport.