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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Wednesday, 12 August 2020 (at 14:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, DM
Maseko, LM
Van Der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Marran, P

GOOD

Herron, BN

The following persons were in attendance:

National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

Dr T Khumalo	Acting Deputy Director-General: Climate Change and Air Quality
Ms F Craigg	Chief Director: Enforcement
Dr D Fisher	Chief Director: Environmental Impact Management
Ms M Govender	Chief Director: Chemicals and Waste Branch
Dr M Tshitangoni	Chemicals and Waste Branch
Ms N Vink	Director: Law Reform Cape Town
Mr V Senene	Director: Air Quality Management Services
Ms O Khumalo	Director: Biodiversity and Conservation
Mr M Jardine	Director: Enforcement
Ms A van Reenen	Acting Director: Law Reform Pretoria and Director National Environmental Management Act Support
Ms M Boshoff	Deputy Director: Biodiversity and Conservation

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr A Mohamed	Chief Director: Environmental Governance, Policy Co-ordination and Enforcement
Mr P Hardcastle	Director: Planning and Policy Co-ordination
Ms M Laros	Director: Biodiversity and Coastal Management
Ms A Rossouw	Directorate: Planning and Policy Co-ordination

Department of the Premier

Ms M Melim	State Law Advisor
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South African Local Government Association Western Cape

Ms S Harigobin	Senior Advisor: Trading Services
Mr L Njamela	Advisor: Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic Relations

Centre for Environmental Rights

Ms D Midgley	Environmental Law Specialist
Ms N Loser	Attorney
Ms T Mugunyani	Attorney

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk	Procedural Officer
Mr J Vermeulen	Senior Procedural Officer
Adv A le Roux	Senior Law Advisor
Mr T Abbas	Information Technology Software & Hardware Support Officer
Ms C Morris	Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, officials from the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs, the South African Local Government Association as well as the representatives from the Centre for Environmental Rights.

The Chairperson explained the meeting procedure for video conferencing.

2. Verbal presentation on the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Bill [B 14D-2017] (NEMLA Bill)

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and the Centre for Environmental Rights provided the Committee with a summary of their written submissions on the NEMLA Bill. Specific clauses and concerns were highlighted and possible amendments proposed. The National Department on Environment, Forestry and Fisheries were given an opportunity to respond to the respective comments and concerns. Similarly, questions of clarity by the Committee were also responded to.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Resolutions/Actions

- 3.1 The Committee REQUESTED that, where the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is in disagreement with the amendments proposed by the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, it provides the Committee with an alternative proposal to those specific amendments.
- 3.2 The Committee RESOLVED that it would postpone its meeting that was scheduled for 18 August 2020 to a date after 21 August 2020 in order to accommodate the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries' request to submit their response on the written submissions received by 21 August 2020.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 28 July 2020, which were considered and adopted.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the oversight visit to the Overstrand area on 1 and 2 September 2020 would be going ahead as planned and that it has been included on the Parliamentary Programme. The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to Members who have indicated their availability for this visit and their preferred mode of transport. The Chairperson further expressed his appreciation to the Members and the officials for their contributions to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 16:30.



MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Date:25 August 2020.....