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MEDIA ALERT: AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON THE PROVINCIAL POWERS BILL TO HOLD VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON 1 MARCH 2024

The Ad-hoc Committee on the Western Cape Provincial Powers Bill is considering the Western Cape Provincial Powers Bill [B5 – 2023]. Stakeholders, interested persons and organisations will be able to attend and make submissions on the bill during a virtual public hearing on 1 March 2024, at 17:00.

The bill aims to promote the exercise of provincial powers by the Western Cape; to establish the Western Cape Provincial Powers Committee; to require the Western Cape Provincial Government to report to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament on the assertion and assumption of provincial powers; to provide for the introduction of provincial and national legislation to assert the Western Cape's provincial powers; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

The bill further intends to create a framework for the Western Cape to assert its existing constitutional, legislative and executive powers, and to seek the devolution or delegation of further powers from the National Government. While the bill is primarily concerned with provincial powers and functions, it also recognises that the Western Cape must work together with local government in the province. It therefore includes provisions to integrate the assertion and accumulation of provincial powers with the role and powers of local government in the province.

The five objects of the bill are to: (a) identify and remedy failures of the National Government; (b) promote the assertion of existing provincial powers; (c) actively seek the assignment or delegation of additional powers; (d) mandate the Western Cape Government to prepare reports and draft bills to fulfil those objects; and (e) create a mechanism for the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to introduce national legislation in the National Council of Provinces through its delegates.

The bill further identifies five areas where the province should assert existing powers, or seek additional powers. They are: policing, public transport, energy, trade, and harbours.

Those interested in engaging with the Ad-hoc Committee may submit written submissions to the Procedural Officer, Ms Waseemah Kamish-Achmat, by Email: wachmat@wcpp.gov.za or via WhatsApp: 0834624803, by 1 March 2024, at 16:00, and they may also request to appear before the committee to make oral presentations.

The public hearing can be viewed live at: <https://www.wcpp.gov.za/?q=node/16843>

More information, how to join the virtual public hearing and to download a copy of the bill:
<https://www.wcpp.gov.za/?q=node/16600>

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