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# **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Friday, 19 February 2021 (at 08:30), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

#### PRESENT

#### **Members**

## **Democratic Alliance**

Baartman, DM (DA) Maseko, LM Van der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

## **African National Congress**

Marran, P

#### **Freedom Front Plus**

Marais, PJ

#### The following persons were in attendance:

#### WCPP Officials

Adv R Maasdorp, Law Advisor Mr T Keswa, Manager – Public Education and Outreach Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer Mr S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant

#### 1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee and the officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

# 2. Discussion on the public participation process to be followed in respect of the Upgrading of Land Tenure Rights Amendment Bill B 6B—2020] (NCOP) (s76)

The Chairperson defined the Committee's constitutionally mandated function in terms of public participation and requested the Procedural Officer to provide the Committee with a proposal for public engagement on the afore-mentioned amendment bill that included public participation methods and tools for creating public awareness.

In terms of public engagement, the proposal outlined that the public participation process could consist of one virtual public hearing based on the public's request to make verbal presentations to the Committee, written comments and oral submissions via WhatsApp voice notes.

In terms of creating public awareness, the proposal indicated that advertisements could be placed in print media. The following proposed print publications were provided to the Committee, namely, Die Burger Saterdag Wes Kaap, the Weekend Argus, Son and community newspapers with high circulations rates whilst being mindful of cost implications.

The proposal further indicated that radio could also be used and that the Communication Section within the Western Cape Provincial Parliament could arrange this whilst being mindful of cost implications.

The use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as well as specific letters to affected and interested stakeholders were proposed. So too was the publication of the advertisement and a copy of the amendment bill on the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's website.

A proposal was made that the Research Section of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament identify stakeholders that would be directly affected by the pending legislation and that stakeholder specific letters be forwarded to those identified.

The Committee was informed that the Public Education and Outreach Section was equipped to ensure that stakeholders are informed of the pending legislation and that stakeholders could be assisted in making submissions.

The afore-mentioned proposals were agreed to.

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members and the officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting and for their attendance at short notice.

The meeting adjourned at 08:50.

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

Date: ......24 March 2021.....