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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Friday 5 August 2022 (at 08:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bosman, G
Van der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)
Schäfer, BA

African National Congress

Marran, P

GOOD

August, SN

Apology

Mr PJ Marais, Member - Freedom Front Plus

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr K Munro, Director - Land Management
Mr T Rebel, Chief Town and Regional Planner

Department of the Premier

Ms A Muller, State Law Advisor

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer

1. Opening and welcome

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

2. Feedback on the call for public comment and next steps, if any, in terms of public engagement on the Sectional Titles Amendment Bill [B 31B–2020] (NCOP) (s76)

The Chairperson and Procedural Officer provided the Committee with feedback on the call for public comment and the process that was followed to date.

The Committee was further informed that there were no written submissions received and also no requests to address the Committee. One written submission was received by the NCOP Select Committee on Land Reform, Environment, Mineral Resources and Energy from the Western Cape Government. The Select Committee met on Tuesday 2 August 2022 to receive a presentation on the Western Cape Government's input and the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development's response thereto. None, except a punctuation error, of the Western Cape Government's comments and proposals were agreed to.

The Committee was reminded of the resolution that it made on 24 May 2022 by resolving that based on the strength of public input received, it would decide whether to engage wider by conducting public hearings on the amendment Bill.

The Committee agreed to proceed to the compilation of its Negotiating Mandate Report.

3. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Negotiating Mandate Stage Report on the Sectional Titles Amendment Bill [B 31B–2020] (NCOP) (s76)

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Negotiating Mandate Report, which was considered and adopted.

4. Consideration and Adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 26 July 2022, which were considered and adopted.

5. General

5.1 Member Marran informed the Committee that he, together with the Chairperson, received an invitation from the South African Human Rights Commission to a meeting of the Commission with the Minister of Agriculture scheduled to take place on 19 August 2022 on the matter of farm workers' rights in the Western Cape. This invitation followed the National Assembly's oversight visits and public meetings in the Western Cape on the living conditions of farmworkers that were attended by the Chairperson and Member Marran. Member Marran further proposed that the invitation for this event be extended to all members of the Committee and not only to those who participated in the National Assembly's event. Agreed to.

5.2 The Chairperson informed the Committee that, as mentioned in the meeting of 26 July 2022, a group of activists had contacted him to voice their concern about the mining activities along

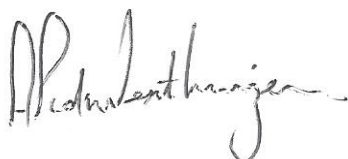
the West Coast, close to the Northern Cape border, where mining companies were extracting minerals on the coast. Their concerns related to the rehabilitation of the areas that have already been mined. The Chairperson further informed the committee that he was trying to secure a date for an oversight visit and, if possible, to combine the visit with other activities that also relate to the mandate of the Committee. Agreed to.

The Procedural Officer informed the Committee that possible dates were being considered and also mentioned the challenges connected to the availability of meeting slots on the Parliamentary Programme. Member Schäfer indicated that the training for members during the week of 5 September 2022 may be postponed and that an email be sent to her in order for her to try and secure the dates for the Committee.

6. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members for the co-operation across party lines and for serving the interests of the people of the Western Cape. The Chairperson also expressed his appreciation to the officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 15:35.



MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
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Date:9 September 2022.....