



INVITATION TO PUBLIC HEARINGS & CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON BILLS

The Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development & Land Administration; Economic Development, Environment & Tourism invites members of the public and any affected or interested stakeholders to attend the public hearings and to submit written comments on the following bills:

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY AMENDMENT BILL [B27B – 2013]

seeks to amend the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004, so as to substitute certain sections. Further, to provide for the establishment of the National Air Quality Advisory Committee; to provide for the consequences of unlawful commencement of a listed activity; to provide for monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the implementation of an approved pollution prevention plan; to empower the MEC or Minister to take a decision in the place of the licensing authority under certain circumstances; to provide for the Minister as licensing authorities in situations where the province, as a delegated licensing authority by the municipality, is the applicant for an atmospheric emission license, where the applications are trans-boundary, where the air activity forms part of national priority project, where the activity is also related to the environmental impact and waste management activities authorised by the Minister, where the air activity relates to a prospecting, mining, exploration or production activity; to delete cross references to the Environmental Conservation Act, 1989; to clarify that applications must be brought to the attention of interested and affected parties soon after the submission to the licensing authority; to provide for a validity period of provisional atmospheric emission license; to create an offence for non-compliance with controlled fuels standards; to provide for the development of regulations on climate change matters and the procedure and criteria for administrative fines; to delete certain obsolete provisions; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL [B8B-2013]

seeks to amend the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008, so as to amend certain definitions; to clarify coastal public property and the ownership of structures erected on and in coastal public property; to remove the power to exclude areas from coastal public property; to clarify and expand the provisions on reclamation; to clarify definitions and terminology; to simplify the administration of coastal access fee approvals; to simplify and amend powers relating to coastal authorisations; to replace coastal leases and concessions with coastal use permits; to extend the powers of MECs to issue coastal protection notices and coastal access notices; to limit the renewal of dumping permits; to simplify the composition and functions of the National Coastal Committee; to clarify the powers of delegation by MECs; to revise offences and increase penalties; to improve coastal authorisation processes; to provide for exemptions; to provide for transitional matters; to effect certain textual alterations; to provide for matters connected therewith.

The Portfolio Committee will conduct public hearings on the Bills as follows:

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Friday, 07 February 2014	Ehlanzeni district: Mbombela Local Municipality MATSULU COMMUNITY HALL	09:00 - 13:00
	Gert Sibande district: Msukaligwa Local Municipality WESSELTON COMMUNITY HALL, ERMELO	
	Nkangala district: Thembisile Hani Local Municipality VEZUBUHLE HALL	

Written submissions on the Bill can be sent to Ms. Marilyn Varda on fax: (013) 766 1458; e-mail: marilyn@mpuleg.gov.za; or per hand to Building 1, Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature (Upper Ground Floor), Government Complex, Riverside Park, Nelspruit, 1200 on or before **THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2014**. The bill can be obtained from our website at www.mpuleg.gov.za. Enquiries: (013) 766 1402/ 079 378 8068.