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Submissions on the National Environmental Management Laws
Amendment Bill [B 14D–2017]

and the

National Forests Amendment Bill [B 11B–2016]

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament invites stakeholders and interested persons and organisations to make submissions on the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Bill [B 14D–2017] (NCOP) and the National Forests Amendment Bill [B 11B–2016] (INCOPI).

The purpose of the **National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Bill** is to amend certain provisions under the Acts listed in the amendment bill related to Protected Areas, Biodiversity, Air Quality, Integrated Coastal Management, Waste Management and National Environmental Management, among others, in order to provide for clarity and textual amendments.

The purpose of the **National Forests Amendment Bill** is to amend the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act 84 of 1998), to provide for clear definitions of natural forests and woodlands; to provide for public trusteeship of the nation's forestry resources; to increase the promotion and enforcement of sustainable forest management; to increase the measures provided for in the Act to control and remedy deforestation; to provide for appeals against decisions taken under delegated powers and duties; to reinforce offences and penalties and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to submit written submissions and requests to make verbal presentations on such written submissions to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for the attention of Ms Shareen Niekerk, Procedural Officer, at email: sniekerk@wcpp.gov.za

Interested persons and organisations who wish to submit an oral submission can do so by sending it as a voice note on WhatsApp (cell: 072 060 1064). Oral submissions must include full contact details (name and surname, email address and contact number) and a clear indication must be given of which amendment bill is being commented on.

Written and oral submissions must reach the Standing Committee **by no later than Friday, 31 July 2020**.

Interested persons and organisations who wish to appear before the Standing Committee to make verbal presentations must indicate this **by no later than 12:00 on Friday 17 July 2020**.

For enquiries or copies of the above-mentioned amendment bills, please contact Ms Shareen Niekerk (tel: 021 487 1992 or email: sniekerk@wcpp.gov.za).

The amendment bills are available on the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's website (www.wcpp.gov.za). The link for the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Bill is: <https://www.wcpp.gov.za/sites/default/files/NEMLA%20BILL%2014D%202017.pdf>, and the link for the National Forests Amendment Bill is: <https://www.wcpp.gov.za/node/8089>.

Issued by Mr AP van der Westhuizen (MPP), Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.