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**Presentation on the comments received
on the Cross-Boundary Municipalities
Laws Repeal & Related Matters
Amendment
Bill, 2007**

**Portfolio Committee on Local
Government, 8th August 2007
Parliament, Cape Town**

**The Cross-Boundary Municipalities Laws
Repeal Bill & Related Matters Amendment Bill,
2007**

- Published for Public Comment on 18 May 2007
- Closing date for public comments was 19 June 2007
- 9 Institutions + 1 person submitted comments

LIST OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

- Matatiele Local Municipal council
- Matatiele/Maluti Mass Action Committee
- Community of Matatiele – K J Moeti
- Contralesa – Maluti/Matatiele Branch

LIST OF COMMENTS RECIEVD

- Ward 21, Matatiele Local Municipality
- EC NGO Coalition Alfred Nzo Region
- ANC Youth League, Alfred Nzo District
- Matatiele Youth Council
- South African Council of Churches
- Mr M Gcabo, Matatiele.

MATATIELE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

- Council took a decision that Matatiele LM remains in the EC
- Submitted a 33 pages name list of individuals with their signatures to support this decision

Matatiele/Maluti Mass Action Committee

- Comprises the following organisations
 - I. Poverty Alleviation Network
 - II. Cedarville + District Farmers Association
 - III. Governing Body King Edward High School
 - IV. George Moshesh Tribal Authority
 - V. Maluti Chamber of Business
 - VI. Matatiele + Maluti Council of Churches
 - VII. Moharane Community Based Organisation
 - VIII. Zizaneke Pre-school Training project

**Matatiele/Maluti Mass Action
Committee**

- Opposes Matatiele being in E C
- Claims that a substantial majority of people support the committee's decision
- Demands right to public involvement from the KZN legislature
- Govt had no good/convincing reason to shift Matatiele to the EC – Need convincing reason

- State that Constitutional court indicated that people have right to live where they choose
- Govt, NA + NCOP – not transparent + accountable – NCOP must apprise themselves of the merits to put Matatiele in EC
- MDB – did thorough consideration - Board found no reason to move Matatiele to EC
- MDB suggested Matatiele/Maluti be included in Sisonke District in KZN
- States that Parliament should reject the decision by government
- Requests that the Bills be withdrawn

Community of Matatiele K J Moeti

- Feel strongly that boundaries were decided based on ethnicity + customs
- Community wants to be serviced by KZN
- Claims of services provided by EC – not true – NCOP must visit the area
- Easier to get govt offices in KZN only 2 hrs but EC is 7 hrs
- Request to be part of KZN
- 2 pages name list of community members

CONTRALESA

- Branch submitted that Matatiele, be one municipality, under the EC.
- Attached a list of names of members who attended the Contralesa Branch meeting

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Ward 21 – Matatiele LM

- From Elrita + Councillor Dolly
- Communities in ward were consulted.
- Communities support decision that Matatiele in under the EC
- Attached list of members of public

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Eastern Cape NGO Coalition – Alfred Nzo

- Supports incorporation of Matatiele LM into EC
- States that before these communities experienced many hardships especially in rural villages
- May impact positively on service delivery

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ANC YLM-sub region

- Support incorporation of MLM
- Rural areas surrounding Matatiele are linked economically
- Happy to see EC visit + do consultations in the area
- Register reflects 150 people attended

Matatiele Youth Council

- Supports the Bill + incorporation
- EC – has been visible in the area + signs of change in public participation and development led by EC
- Name list of 24 wards

SACC

- Bills merely deal with technicalities
- Despite increased funding to Matatiele LM remains unknown how people will be affected
- Bisho – 700 km
- PMB – 200 km
- How has demarcation resulted in concrete places for free basic services + roads
- Devote more time to public participation
- Listen to community consensus

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

- 6 Institutions Support the Bill
- 3 Institutions Against the Bill
- 1 institution critically of process
- Attached lists of attendances + signatures

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THANK YOU!

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