

**Cindy-Joy Balie**

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**Subject:** WC013 BERGRIVIER MUNICIPLITY SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS: Public Audit Draft Amendment Bill 2018  
**Attachments:** Public Audit Draft Am Bill 2018.pdf  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning Colleagues

Bergrivier Municipality (WC013) hereby submits its objection to the amendment of Section 5 of Act 25 of 2004 with reference to the insertion after subsection (1) the sections (1A) and (1B) in its entirety. The provisions of the MFMA section 32 provides adequate guidelines and responsibilities for municipalities to implement. At our municipality we have established all the oversight and investigating bodies that function effectively.

This committee has succeeded in getting the municipality to reduce its Unauthorised; Irregular; Fruitless & Wasteful Expenditure (UIF&W) to zero in the 2016/17 financial year. This was achieved by holding officials accountable and recovering funds where necessary in prior years. Many efforts have been invested in our municipal officials to exercise due care and diligence when performing their duties and additional threatening provisions can have a negative impact on the confidence of our officials.

The insertion of the above subsections will duplicate the efforts of internal processes and incur unnecessary additional expenditures in the state's fiscal framework. The failure of other municipalities to not implement the MFMA provisions must receive the attention of the National Treasury by invoking sections 38 and 39 of the MFMA.

Kind Regards

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