

IDENTIFIED COMMONAGE CHALLENGES

During the public hearings on Communal Property Associations Amendment Bill (CPAAB), issues on commonages were mainly raised in the Free State Province.

Table 1: Commonage Challenges identified in Free State

Name	Issues raised		Status (comprehensive profile; current state of affairs on projects; state investment or support to projects; budget and expenditure; project challenges and how DRDLR addressed challenges)
Sarah Dipelle Lechabileng CPA –Welkom	<p>The CPA made an application for use of commonage in 2000 and was approved in 2006. They started poultry project and built 2 shelters but there no chicken. Got chicken in 2012 but no electricity. They owe R2.6 million.</p> <p>Chicken shelters were destroyed by Mr Mbongo from the Department.</p>	<p>The implication is that it takes time to approve applications for commonage. In addition, beneficiaries do not get the necessary support to ensure that the projects do succeed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The issue of time taken to approve applications must be referred to Local Government. It must indicate the process involved and reasons for delays. 2. The Department must investigate the matter and work together with Municipality and DAFF to provide the required support to the CPA. 3. The Department must report to the Committee regarding progress on this matter. 	<p>The employee being alleged to have destroyed the structure is with DARD, and DARD investigated the allegations but found no truth. In fact DARD sponsored the poultry project to the CPA.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The response from municipality is that there current commonages are over used and not able to accommodate as many people's needs, hence the need for more land. 2. DRDLR, DARD, provincial portcomm, and municipalities are continuously looking at other alternatives to the current commonages challenges, including expanding the commonages
Bongani Mdaka –	Identified a need for	Municipality should engage	The municipality, provincial portcomm on land and

Theunissen	commonage for grazing camp in the area.	with community on how it could assist them with their land need for grazing through commonage,	<p>agriculture, DARD and DRDLR conducted a engagement with the community to look at how best to use the current commonages and possible expansion of these for grazing purpose.</p> <p>DRDLR also conducted land ownership around the area to see if there could be state land for such a purpose, but discovered mainly privately owned farms in the nearby areas.</p> <p>The municipality is as such considering buying the nearby farms to expand commonages.</p>
Sanaha Matiya - Welkom	He needs the land for construction or making bricks. The Councillor promises land, and nothing is happening.	<p>The land need for the business could have been addressed through commonages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The municipality must intervene and report on the progress. 	<p>Part of the solution mentioned above is to also consider a multi-use development application (re-zoning) to be considered and approved by the municipality on these commonage spaces, given the challenges of lack of available land.</p> <p>The municipality is however currently looking at current small spaces that exist to accommodate the complainant as he operates on a small scale for his brick making project.</p>