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 **31 March 2021 BISHO, SOUTH AFRICA 5605**

 **NEGOTIATING MANDATE**

**To:** The Chairperson:

 Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

**Name of Bill** Upgrading of Land Tenure Rights Amendment Bill

**Number of Bill:** [B6B-2020]

**Date of Deliberation** 31 March 2021

**Vote of the Legislature**

The Legislature supports the Bill and mandates the Eastern Cape delegate to negotiate in favour of the adoption of the Bill with the following concerns;

* The implementation of the Bill will restore the dignity of the first indigenous nation, the land will be returned to its rightful owners.
* The land that is within the areas of jurisdiction of the traditional authorities should be transferred to the traditional authorities.
* Public consultation was not properly done due to the tight deadline given for the submission of the negotiating mandate.
* There is a concern that the publicity and the public hearings of this Bill was however a short notice and the virtual platforms in which they were conducted deprived many people to participate as they do not have access to the gadgets, therefore consultation was not sufficient.
* The rural nature and the vastness of the province was not considered when setting the submission deadline.
* There is a proposal that the submission deadline be extended in order to give justice as well as sufficient consultative participatory process of public involvement in this law making.

** 01 April 2021**

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