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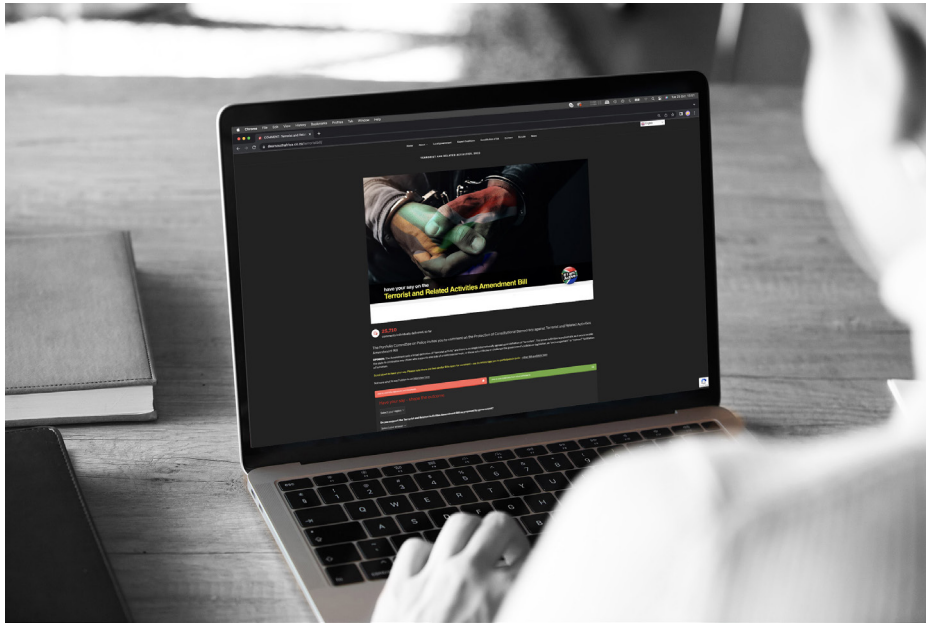
Climate Change Bill 2022
Public participation
31 March – 27 May 2022

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- non-partisan
- non-profit
- facilitates public participation
- assists the government at all levels (no charge)
 - informing
 - facilitating
 - reporting
 - collating data
 - matrix summaries
 - feedback
- assists NGOs

- over **250** completed campaigns in five years
- over 4 million individual submissions delivered
- over 1.2 million subscribers
- nationwide participation
- local, provincial, municipal participation campaigns and surveys
- full digital online and mobile platform
 - over 1 million page views a month
 - over 6 million emails delivered a month
 - over 250,000 social media followers

Climate Change Bill 2022 participation campaign



DearSouthAfrica.co.za hosted a participation project through a mobile and online platform to facilitate, educate and encourage public participation and comment to shape this Bill.

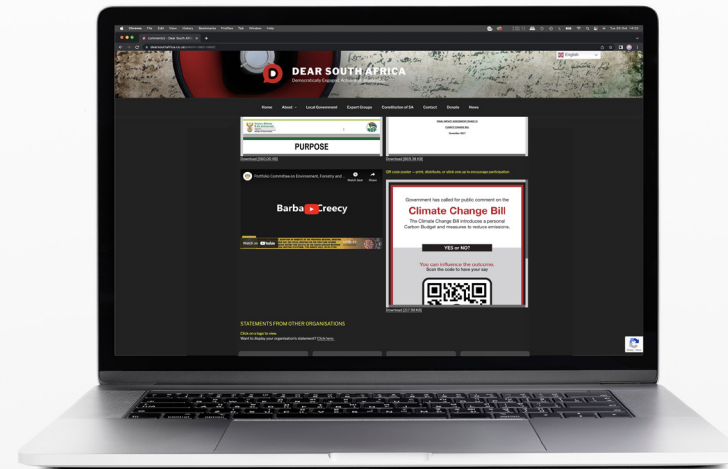
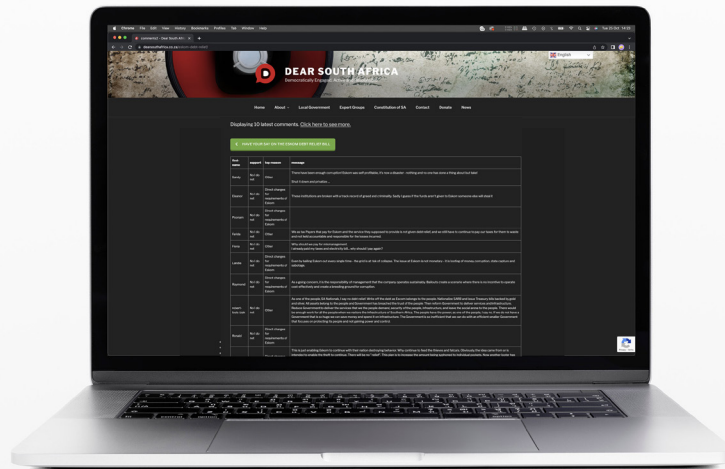
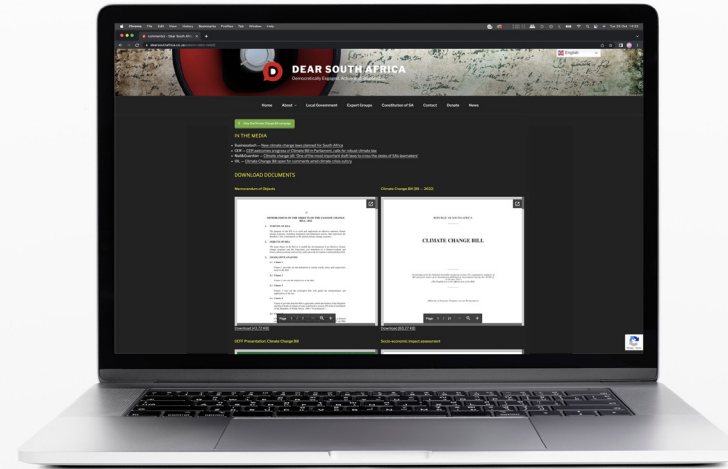
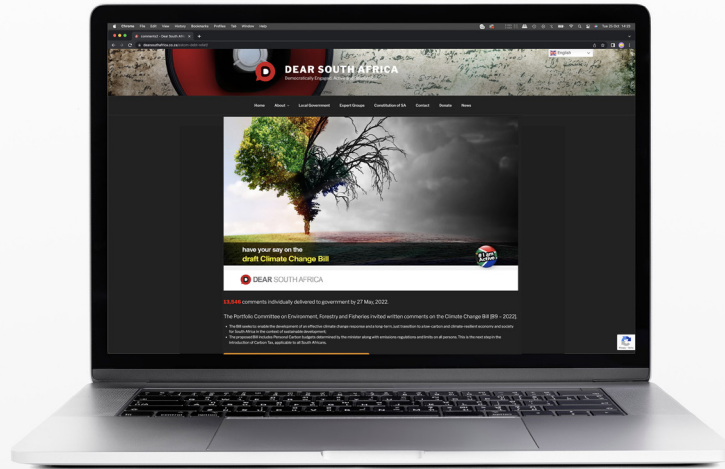
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The following was presented on the online campaign page:

- 1 - the published related documents as downloadable PDFs
- 2 - a live view of public comments (with a counter and breakdown reflecting number of participants)
- 3 - video summaries

- 4 - links to relevant media articles
- 5 - policy-related questions (presented as multiple choice)
- 6 - a comment facility to for participants to have a say

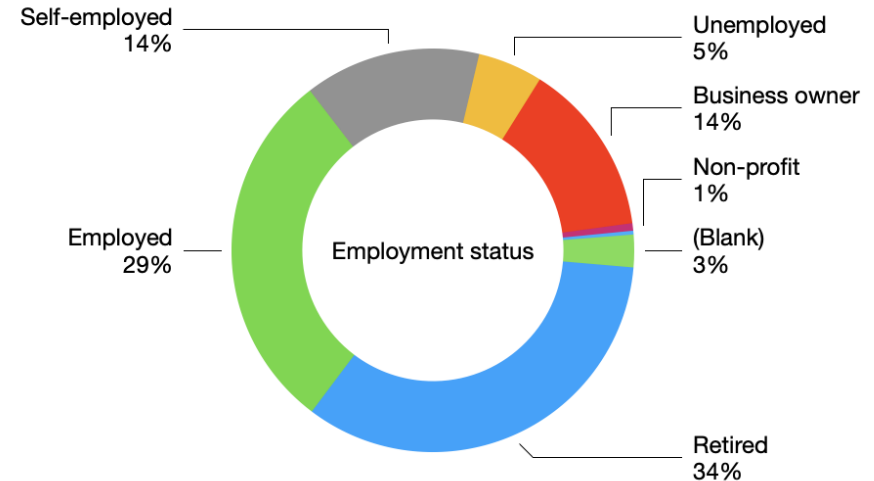
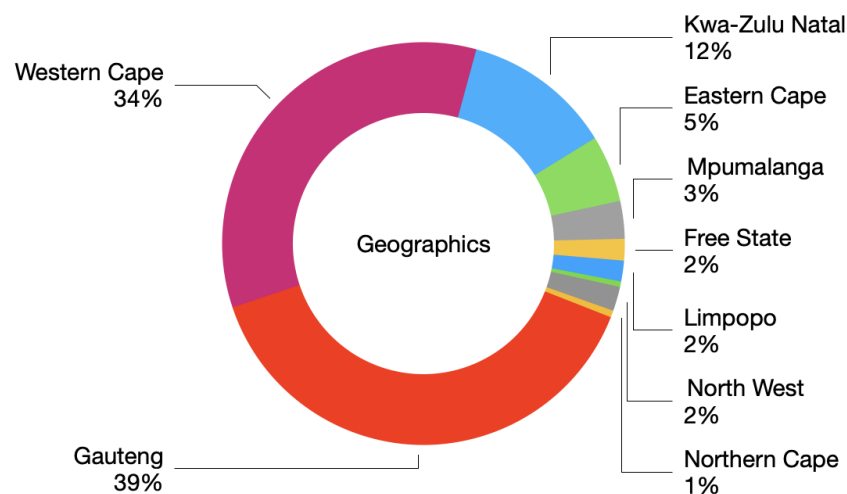
Climate Change Bill 2022 participation campaign






- Each public entry was individually delivered to Ms Tyhileka Madubela at climatechangebill2022@parliament.gov.za.
- To accurately reflect public comment, campaigns are unbiased and hold no partisan opinion or agenda. Raw captured data is available as an Excel file.
- A total of **12,473** comments were received by the set closing of 27May 2022 (included in the Excel file and supplied PDF).

● Geo-location

Comments originated from all provinces with the greatest input arising from Gauteng, followed by Western Cape and KZN. Participation demographics can be further broken down into comment options (yes, no, not fully), employment status, top reason, municipality, city or town, language, and more.

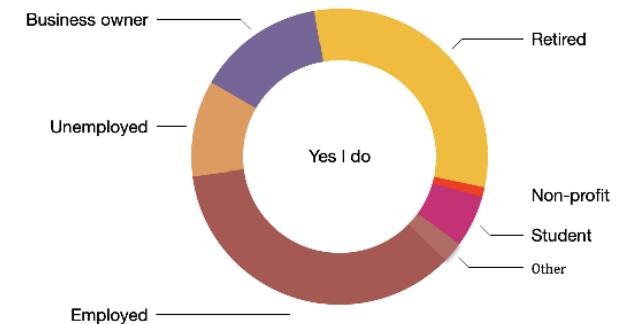
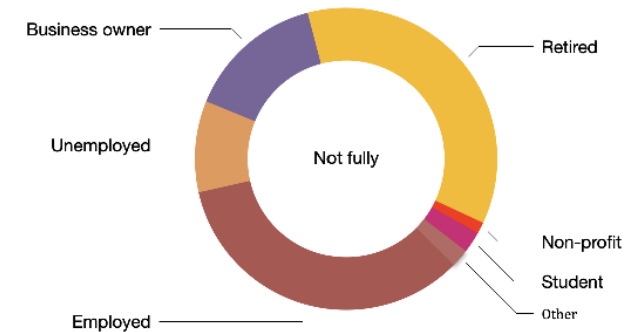
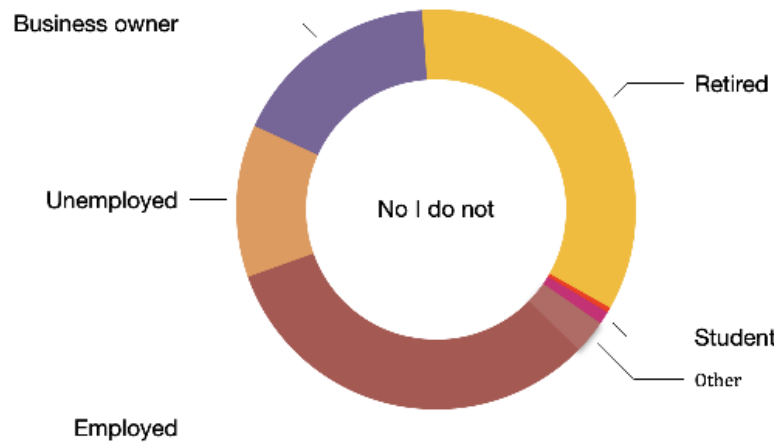


● 1. Do you support the proposed Climate Change Bill?

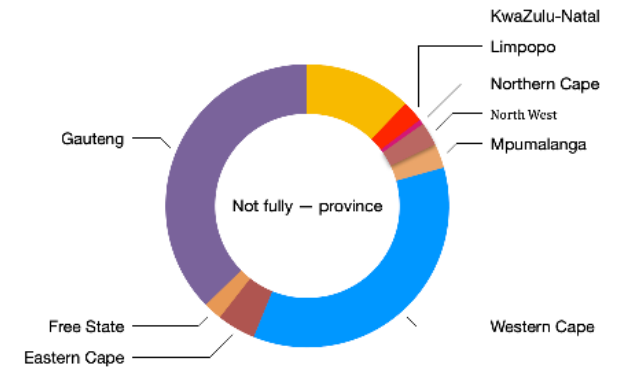
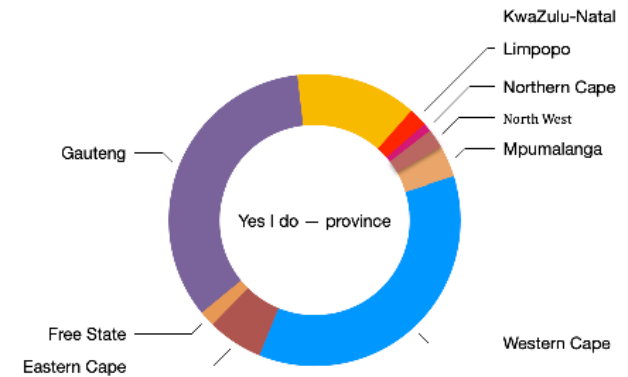
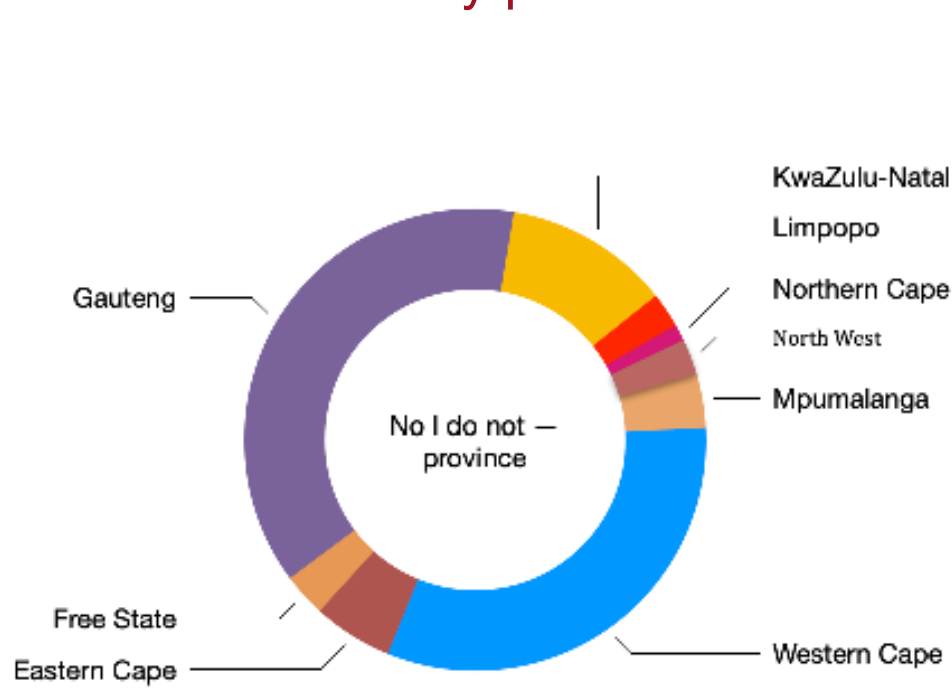
	Yes, I do	[1,547 selected]	11.48%
	No, I do not	[10,703 selected]	79.44%
	Not fully	[1,223 selected]	9.08%











● Selection by employment status

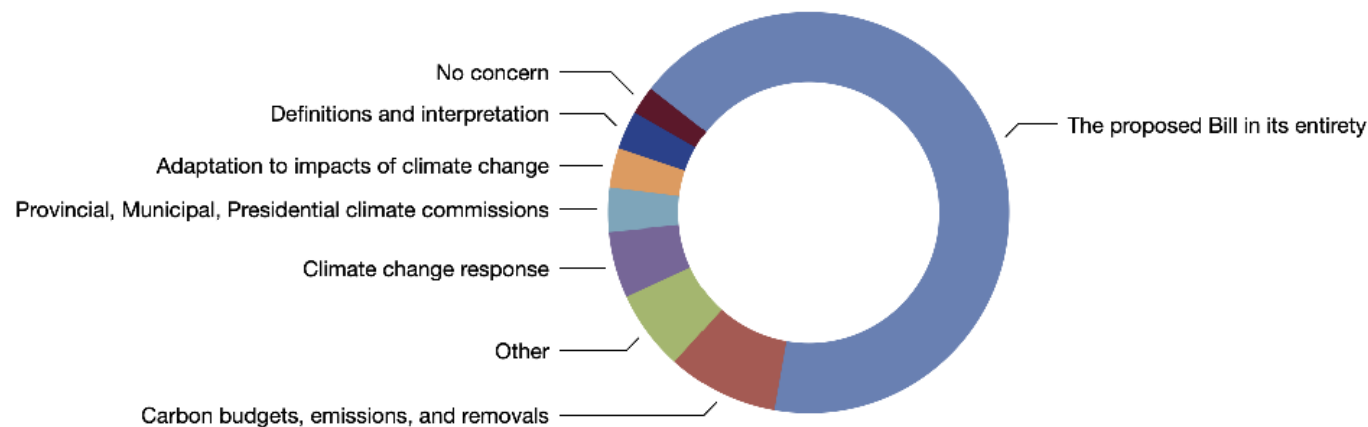


● Selection by province



● 2. What is your top concern?

	The proposed Bill in its entirety	[9,052 selected]	67.19%
	Carbon budgets, emissions, and removals	[1,197 selected]	8.88%
	Other	[871 selected]	6.47%
	Climate change response	[719 selected]	5.34%
	Provincial, Municipal, Presidential climate commissions	[475 selected]	3.53%
	Adaptation to impacts of climate change	[431 selected]	3.2%
	Definitions and interpretation	[420 selected]	3.12%
	No concern	[308 selected]	2.29%



Climate Change Bill 2022 campaign data – demographics

● Top reason by Status

	Submitted
status:	Count (All):
▼ unemployed individual	1608
top-concern:	Count (All):
▶ Definitions and interpretation	41
▶ The proposed Bill in entirety	1138
▶ Climate change response	75
▶ Carbon budgets, emissions, removals	137
▶ Adaptation to impacts of climate change	61
▶ Other	97
▶ Provincial, Municipal, Presidential Climate Co	40
▶ No concern	19
▶ business owner	2223
▶ employed individual	4430
▶ retired	4619
▶ student	226
▶ Non-profit	77
▶ (blank)	359

	Submitted
status:	Count (All):
▶ unemployed individual	1608
▼ business owner	2223
top-concern:	Count (All):
▶ Definitions and interpretation	72
▶ The proposed Bill in entirety	1538
▶ Climate change response	121
▶ Carbon budgets, emissions, removals	170
▶ Adaptation to impacts of climate change	43
▶ Other	157
▶ Provincial, Municipal, Presidential Climate Co	68
▶ No concern	54
▶ employed individual	4430
▶ retired	4619
▶ student	226
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status:	Count (All):
▶ unemployed individual	1608
▶ business owner	2223
▼ employed individual	4430
top-concern:	Count (All):
▶ Definitions and interpretation	119
▶ The proposed Bill in entirety	2925
▶ Climate change response	253
▶ Carbon budgets, emissions, removals	452
▶ Adaptation to impacts of climate change	133
▶ Other	265
▶ Provincial, Municipal, Presidential Climate Co	163
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top-concern:	Count (All):
▶ Definitions and interpretation	162
▶ The proposed Bill in entirety	3125
▶ Climate change response	212
▶ Carbon budgets, emissions, removals	374
▶ Adaptation to impacts of climate change	167
▶ Other	312
▶ Provincial, Municipal, Presidential Climate Co	172
▶ No concern	95
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top-concern:	Count (All):
▶ Definitions and interpretation	13
▶ The proposed Bill in entirety	101
▶ Climate change response	33
▶ Carbon budgets, emissions, removals	39
▶ Adaptation to impacts of climate change	12
▶ Other	7
▶ Provincial, Municipal, Presidential Climate Co	9
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top-concern:	Count (All):
▶ Definitions and interpretation	3
▶ The proposed Bill in entirety	30
▶ Climate change response	6
▶ Carbon budgets, emissions, removals	12
▶ Adaptation to impacts of climate change	5
▶ Other	11
▶ Provincial, Municipal, Presidential Climate Co	7
▶ No concern	3
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▶ The proposed Bill in entirety	248
▶ Climate change response	22
▶ Carbon budgets, emissions, removals	19
▶ Adaptation to impacts of climate change	13
▶ Other	24
▶ Provincial, Municipal, Presidential Climate Co	17
▶ No concern	6

● **HOWEVER**

High level data and statistics do not reveal the full picture — and can be misleading.

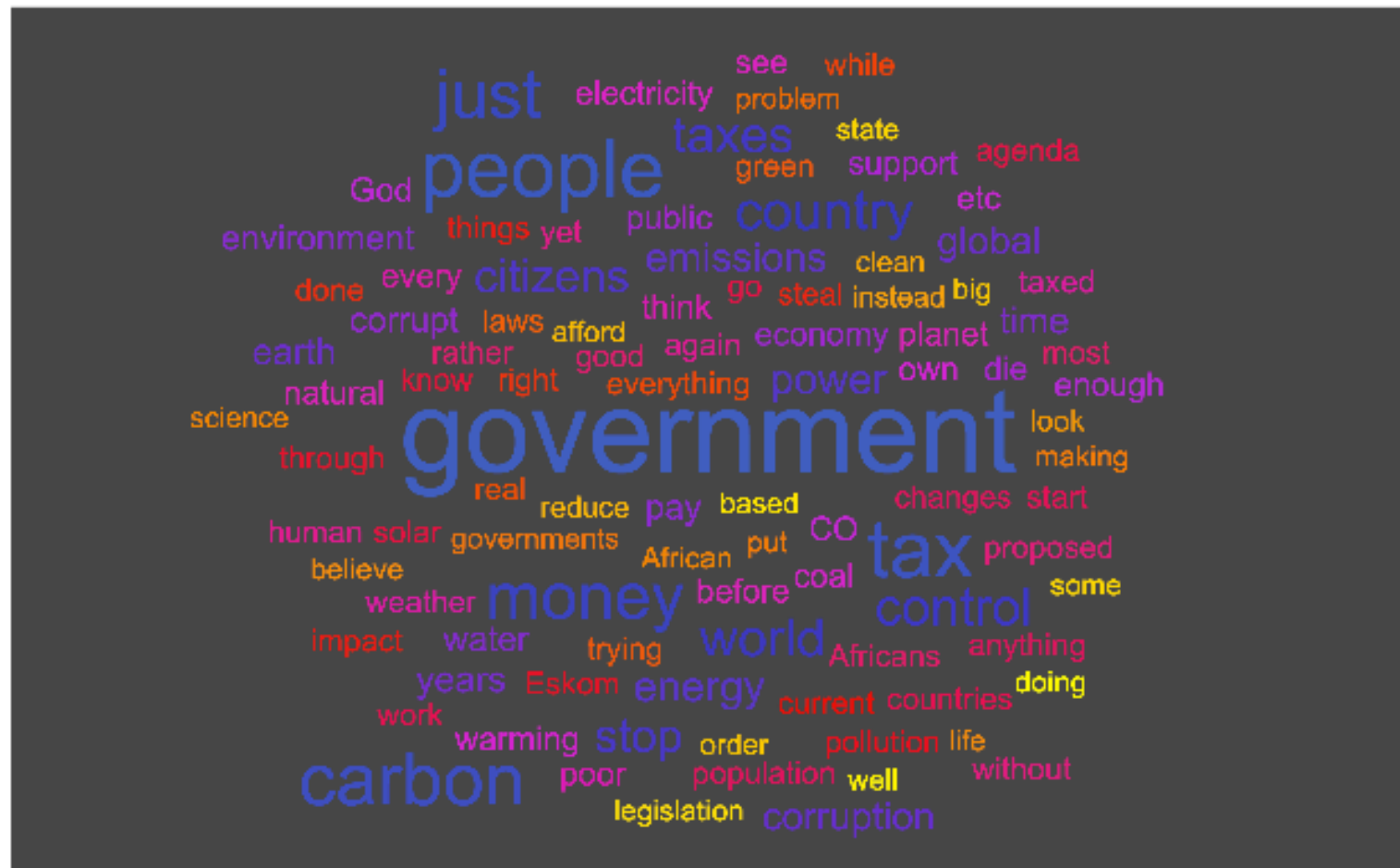
- Comment by comment analysis
- Broad category analysis

Climate Change Bill 2022 campaign data – word analysis

- **Word cloud** — filtered (minimum word frequency of 300)

Filtered words:

climate one
change being
all other
more now
another new
bill use
South going
way want
about first
any much
need needs
already SA
Africa many
like because
even nothing
only take
over used
make further
ANC



Climate Change Bill 2022

campaign data – word analysis

● **Word cloud** — most frequently used words

Filtered words:

climate	one
change	being
all	other
more	now
another	new
bill	use
South	going
way	want
about	first
any	much
need	needs
already	SA
Africa	many
like	because
even	nothing
only	take
over	used
make	further
ANC	

gouvernement	4,644
people	2,887
tax	2,865
carbon	2,554
just	2,291
money	2,120
country	1,572
world	1,461
control	1,457
taxes	1,347
stop	1,222
citizens	1,204
power	1,034
energy	976



In response to question 1

- **“Yes I do support the Bill” – summary**

Of the “Yes, I do” comments, The public strongly feel that climate change is of great importance and South Africa needs to make less use of coal and invest in more green energy stations sooner rather than later. Concerns around transparency and implementation.

Taxes versus fines.

Alignment of government spheres.

In response to question 1

- “Not fully support the Bill” – summary

Of the “Not Fully” comments the respondents share a common concern over taxation and burdening the average South African citizen without seeing the benefit.

More taxes leading to increased unemployment.

More important issues.

In response to question 1

- **“No I do not support the Bill” – summary**

Of the “No, I do not” comments, a large number of the participants feel that man-made climate change is as a hoax and government should not engage further on this proposed Bill.

Clarification regarding scientific findings to prove the degeneration.

Another group of participants believe that climate change is a natural occurrence but do not trust government in its entirety to introduce another form of tax.

The public strongly feel that government should be applying its focus to real and current issues.

In response to question 2 (top reason)

- **Suggestions from “Yes I do”**

Concern; The proposed Bill in its entirety

“I support any solution, any intervention, any work done towards helping reduce and remove carbon emissions in a way that is sustainable for the long-term. And I believe work needs to be done to incorporate people at every level (municipals, provincial, presidential).” *Kylé - student*

“This is a problem we need to tackle as a whole. It doesn’t help we just focus on a small part otherwise the consequences will be catastrophic, just like the previous day 0 and recent floods in Kwa-Zulu Natal.” *Gaby – employed individual*

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In response to question 2 (top reason)

- **Suggestions from “Yes I do”**

Concern; Carbon budgets, emissions, and removals

“I am highly concerned that there are no significant consequences or penalties for non-compliant entities. This most likely means the law will be ignored or there will be lip service in the form of policies which will be put in place and then shelved.”

Jeannine – retired

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- **Suggestions from “Yes I do”**

Concern; Other

“Industry is the biggest perpetrator of climate change and should be taxed accordingly. Public should be educated on how to save energy and hefty fines (not taxes) should be issued for littering, animal cruelty, etc.” *Cristine – employed individual*

“Tourism should be in schedule 2.” *Kate*

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In response to question 2 (top reason)

- **Suggestions from “Yes I do”**

Concern; Climate change response

“I would expect all stakeholders including civil society to be involved in documentation of policies. Fighting climate change is a priority. Financing this fight should come from existing funds spent differently within all sectors, and not from further funds. Developing countries can lead the way in this area.” *Rebecca – employed individual*

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In response to question 2 (top reason)

- **Suggestions from “Yes I do”**

Concern; Provincial, Municipal, Presidential climate commissions

“Conflict between these 3 levels of politically and self-interest motivated committees will inevitably lead to watering down and delays in the implementation of scientifically proven achievable CHG measures. However, and hopefully, these committees will consult with genuine climate change scientists, evaluate climate change measures being taken by other countries, and finally put the well-being of South Africa (and the rest of the world) above their own self-interest. Additionally, the president of South African should remove/replace department ministers who are opposed or attempt to delay climate change proposals acceptable to the majority of these 3 committees.”

Ian – retired

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- **Suggestions from “Yes I do”**

Concern; Adaptation to impacts of climate change

“My concern is focused on government’s ability to implement legislation. No use having grandiose legislation if industry, people continue to break laws.” *Ikhraam – retired*

“SA needs to use less coal for electricity and the public MUST stop polluting, especially plastic waste.” *Lizette – business owner*

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In response to question 2 (top reason)

- **Suggestions from “Yes I do”**

Concern; Definitions and interpretation

“Can the government run awareness workshops throughout the country, by empowering the ambassadors that are already driving green environment?”

Jabu – employed individual

“I support the bill but am afraid that it will be misused or not well enacted.”

Wian – student

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In response to question 2 (top reason)

- **Suggestions from “Yes I do”**

Concern; No concern

“I think it is very important for the country, and world as a whole, to move away from a carbon-intensive economy.” *Niké – employed*

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In response to question 2 (top reason)

● Suggestions from “Not fully”

“The government via Eskom is the worst offender. Sort out your belief that the state has to control everything and get rid of the corruption ridden coal fired power stations which contribute most of the problem. Why should private individuals pay carbon tax in the electricity price? Actively encourage wind and solar energy facilitation.”

Gregory – employed

“Tax should be placed not on individuals but on national and international companies and corporations that are working in South Africa which have a much higher carbon footprint.” *Alethea – unemployed*

As it stands, far too much discretion is left in the hands of the minister. There needs to be accountability, oversight, and substantial change! ...” *Rosemary – business owner*

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- **Suggestions from “Not fully”**

“There should be one response serving the whole country. The punitive measures associated with this bill are a worry. There is no move toward providing those reward who are working towards alternative sources of energy to positive reduce greenhouse house gasses.” *Tracey – employed*

“How will this impact the regular person. will it reduce jobs, are there better alternatives? We need to have a balance on nature and human lives.” *Beulah – employed*

“I fully support any effort to reduce climate change but have a real concern over how the minister will set individual targets. Each household, each area, is different.” *Keith – retired*

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● Suggestions from “No I do not”

“We can’t afford to be burdened with more tax. More especially households. South Africa should take on resolutions mandated by countries and global institutions that have been industrialised for the past century and made riches from that.” *Ndumiso – employed*

“Climate change is of the utmost importance but to take more money from already struggling south Africa’s is a very big no no. The tax we pay already will cover this as billions of taxpayers’ money is wasted.” *Shandre – employed*

“The Bill introduces more bureaucracy and red tape, to further slowdown economic growth in this country, when the opposite is needed ...” *Luigi – business owner*

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- **Suggestions from “No I do not”**

“You cannot get rid of the coal our country depends on this coal mines to boost our economy.” *Eric – employed*

“Remove the bureaucracy to let the private sector build wind solar farms and remove our reliance on filthy Eskom with their ancient and non-maintained and non-completed coal fired stations. That’s a start!” *Barry – retired*

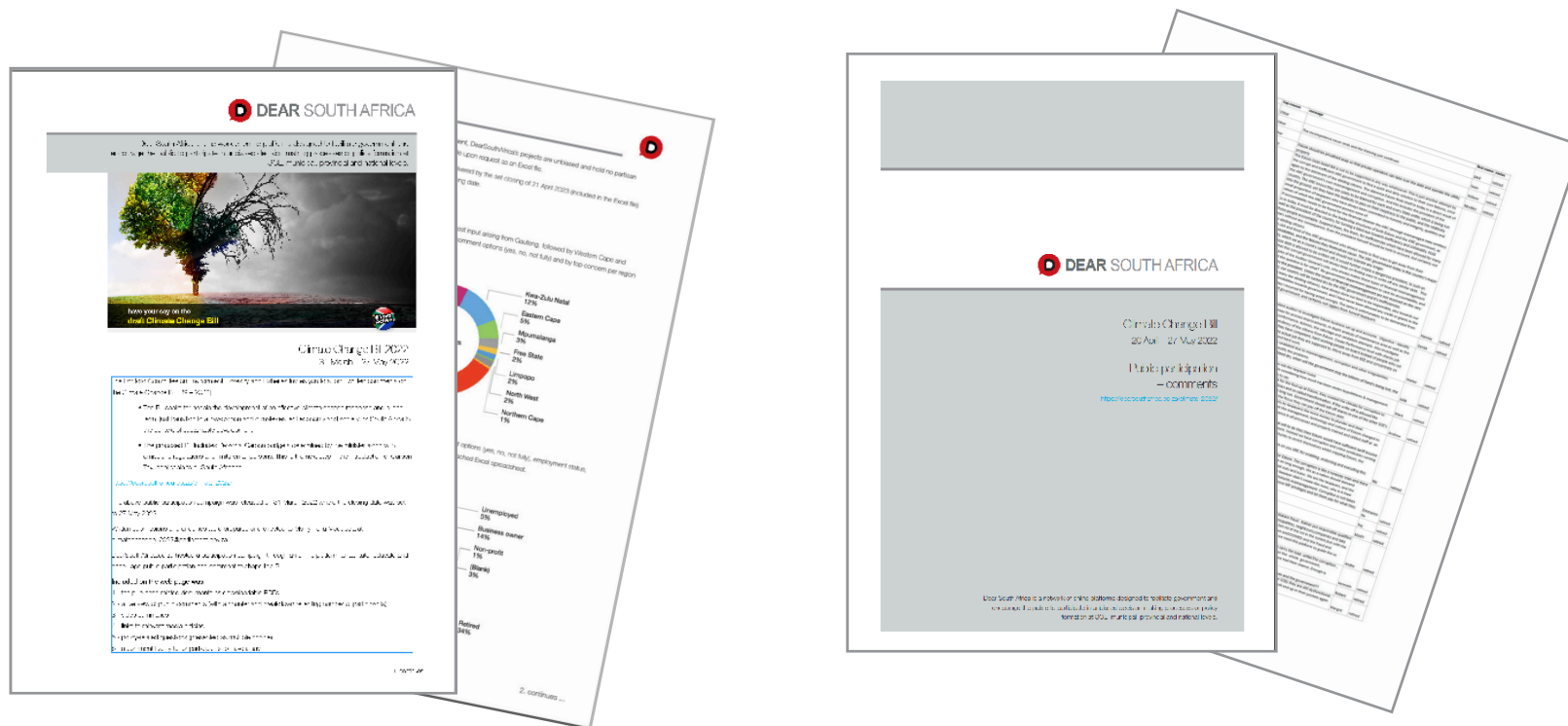
“The Government has as more important issues that need urgent attention. Security and safety of its citizens, creating jobs and increase the tax paying citizens and not increase taxes of a minority.” *Ralph – retired*

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Climate Change Bill 2022 campaign data – comment data

● Coments and suggestions from all categories

Available in the full report and PDF of all 13,473 public submissions — attached to this presentation and available at <https://dearsouthafrica.co.za/climate-2022/>



● Conclusion

Corruption within all spheres of government is a major concern.

Will taxation as a punitive measure make any difference to carbon emissions?

Moving away from coal in an electricity crisis is detrimental to economic growth.

Tax incentives for renewables instead of punitive carbon taxes.

International agreements at Presidential and municipal spheres need to be transparent and perhaps revised — suspension of climate goals while SA faces an electricity crisis.



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