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Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ma'am

Amendment of WC Constitution via the Constitution of the Western Cape Amendment Bill (B7-2023)

I make input on above matter, on behalf of the #SA1stForum's more than 5600 supporters/members. It is a national civil society grouping but based in Cape Town with a strong focus on accountability and corruption issues. It was formed in 2016 to hold those in positions of authority accountable for their actions. The Forum consists of a group of patriotic South Africans who put our Country and People first and believe in the sovereignty of our Constitution. We wish for people to be empowered in order to speak truth to power and hold public representatives ACCOUNTABLE for their actions. We wish to live in a South Africa, governed by Accountable leaders. We are a non-partisan group of ordinary civilians who are agitating for a united, non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and corruption free society where the interests of ordinary South Africans receive priority attention.

Apparently, the essence of this Bill is to amend the Western Cape Constitution in order to increase the number of members of Parliament and maybe MEC'S too. Currently the Western Cape Parliament consists of 42 members with 11 serving in the Executive Council. According to the report presented by the Ad Hoc Committee: WCPP Seats, the rest of the 31 Provincial Legislature members "represent the people of the Western Cape". We thought ALL 42 of them represent all the people of the Western Cape, who does the 11 then represent?

Incredulously, it is recommended to increase the Provincial Legislature to 71 members, almost double the current number.

With the greatest respect we don't need more politicians in Provincial Parliament who get their SALARIES PAID BY ALREADY STRUGGLING TAX-PAYERS? It is our contention that we SHOULD RATHER GET RID OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND JUST HAVE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATIONS, to deliver services together with a National Parliament and local governments.

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We are firmly of the view that the last thing we need in our country, burdened by a weak economy and a fiscus under so much pressure, are more politicians with the accompanying support staff and more costs that the fiscus simply won't be able to afford.

Instead of increasing the number of parliamentarians the focus should rather be on extracting better service delivery value from each serving member and rid ourselves of the useless and incompetent ones.

So, we totally reject this suggestion to increase the number of members of the Western Cape Legislature. It is quite instructive that the DA who is the official opposition at National Parliament regularly speak out against the size of the National Parliament and Cabinet but now that it is the governing party in the Western Cape it is arguing for the almost doubling of the number of members of the Provincial Legislature. Talk about double-standards.

We simply cannot afford this! We trust that our considered input will be taken into account during your deliberations.

Kind Regards



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