

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE



NEGOTIATING MANDATE OF THE INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION AUTHORITY BILL [B14B – 2022]

(Section 76 Bill)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs, Hon L Koloji, tables the Committee's negotiating mandate on the ***Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill [B14B-2022]*** as adopted by the Portfolio Committee on **Monday, 04 March 2024**.

2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

- 2.1 The Speaker of the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature, on receipt, referred the ***Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill [B14B – 2022]*** to the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs on **08 February 2024**.
- 2.2 On **Wednesday, 07 February 2024**, the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs received a briefing on the Bill from the National Department of Cooperative Governance.
- 2.3 The Portfolio Committee resolved to hold public hearings on the referred Bill in all five regions and called for written submissions to solicit the views of communities and stakeholders regarding the ***Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill***.

2.4 Hybrid Public Hearings were held on **Thursday, 15 February 2024** in **ZF Mgcawu (Upington), Pixley ka Seme (De Aar), John Taolo Gaetsewe (Kuruman), Namakwa (Springbok) and Francis Baard (Kimberley) regions**, as per Committee resolution and both written and oral submissions were called for. The public engaged with the Members of the Provincial Legislature in respect of the Bill.

2.5 Radio Adverts and interviews were conducted to inform stakeholders of the scheduled public hearings in all regions. The following radio stations were utilized: Radio Riverside, Radio Teemaneng, and Radio Lwazi FM.

2.6 On **Monday, 04 March 2024** the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs deliberated and considered the ***Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill [B14B – 2022]***.

3. PUBLIC INPUTS ON THE BILL

3.1 Our communities are excluded.

3.2 Why are our community's, especially Namaqua Region excluded from such processes.

3.3 The Namaqua Region not recognized in terms of chapter 12 of the constitution.

4. STAKEHOLDERS/PUBLIC POSITION ON THE BILL

The majority of the stakeholders/public voted in favour of the Bill.

5. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE POSITION ON THE BILL

After due deliberation, the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs supports the Bill.

6. COMMITTEE ADOPTION OF THE BILL

The Committee adopted this negotiating mandate, duly signed by the Chairperson of the Committee.

The Committee recommends to the House to mandate the Permanent Delegates to participate in deliberations at the negotiating stage and to **support** the Bill.

Signed electronically

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Chairperson: PC on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs

04/03/2024

Date