

MEDIA STATEMENT

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## GAUTENG TO KICK START PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MUCH DEBATED EXPROPRIATION BILL

The Gauteng Provincial Legislature's Portfolio on Infrastructure Development & Property Management will over the next two months convene a series of public hearings across the 5 Regions of the Province, in an effort to solicit public inputs on the Expropriation Bill.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend Section 25 of the Constitution, so as to provide for the expropriation of property for public purposes or in the public interest; to regulate the procedure for the expropriation of property for a public purpose or in the public interest; including payment of compensation; and to identify certain instances where the provision of nil compensation may be just and equitable for expropriation in the public interest.

The Committee invites residents of Gauteng to come out in their numbers and make inputs on the Bill to ensure that the Bill ultimately becomes product of a wide range of consultation and will serve the greater good of the country.

The public hearings are in accordance with the Gauteng Provincial Legislature's constitutional mandate to facilitate public participation in legislative processes, to ensure that laws which are passed in the Province are a reflection of the views and vision of Residents.

This entire process is critical as it seeks to answer the fundamental question of the issue of the land, which has been a subject of debate across the length and breadth of the country.

## **Details of Public Hearings**

Date & Time: 26 April 2023 @ 10am Venue: Johannesburg City Hall

Date & Time: 10 May 2023 @ 10am Venue: Vereeniging Civic Centre

Date & Time: 15 May 2023 @ 10am Venue: Duduza Multi-Purpose Centre

Date & Time: 1 June 2023 @ 10am Venue: Akasia Community Hall

Date & Time: 5 June @ 10am Venue: Krugersdorp Centenary Hall

Members of the public who cannot attend, but wish to make submissions may email these to Ms Maureen Tshabalala (Committee Coordinator): MTshabalala@gpl.gov.za

The closing date for all submissions is Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, @ 16h00

Copies of the Expropriation Bill are available on <u>www.gpl.gov.za</u> or may be obtained at the reception of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature.

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