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**Hon. Refiloe Kekana**  
CHAIRPERSON: Portfolio Committee on Environment,  
Agriculture & Rural Development

## **GPL INVITES PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND BILL B8B-2021**

The Gauteng Provincial Legislature's Portfolio Committee on Environment, Agriculture & Rural Development (EARD) invites all interested individuals and organisations to comment on the Preservation & Development of Agricultural Land Bill B8-2021.

### **The Bill also aims to:**

- to provide that the Act applies to all agricultural land within the Republic
- to provide principles for the management of agricultural land
- to provide for agricultural land evaluation and classification
- to provide for the preparation, purpose and content of provincial agricultural sector plans
- to provide for the declaration of protected agricultural areas
- to provide for the general objectives of agro-ecosystem management, agro-ecosystem authorisations, the listing and delisting of activities or areas within agro-ecosystems and the identification of competent authorities
- to provide for the establishment of committees and the appointment of technical and other advisers to advise the Minister, MECs and competent authorities
- to provide for a performance assessment framework
- to provide for the establishment and management of the national agro-eco information system
- to provide for appeal procedures
- to provide for the appointment and functions of inspectors
- to provide for contravention directives and the investigation and gathering of data on property
- to provide for the delegation of powers
- to enable the Minister to make regulations and determine norms and standards
- to provide for offences and penalties
- to provide for the amendment of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Repeal Act, 1998 (Act No. 64 of 1998); and to provide for matters connected therewith

Individuals and organisations with an interest in the Bill are invited to give their inputs using any of the following options:

1. Attending a public hearing on Friday, 26 April 2024 at Johannesburg City Hall, Cnr. Harrison and Helen Joseph streets. Entrance on Helen Joseph Street. Johannesburg, CBD from 10am.
2. The session will be Live streamed through the Legislature's YouTube and Facebook pages from 10am on Friday, 26 April 2024
3. Submit comments in writing to Ms. Lebogang Mampe (Committee Coordinator) [lmampe@gpl.gov.za](mailto:lmampe@gpl.gov.za) Closing date for all submissions is Sunday, 28th April 2024.
4. A pre-hearing workshop will be held at the Legislature on Monday, 22 April 2024 @ 10am - 1pm to educate the public about the Bill ahead of public hearings.

For more information, visit: [www.gpl.gov.za](http://www.gpl.gov.za) or contact Ms. Lebogang Mampe on 071 483 0221 or Mr Ben Dhlomo on 079 522 9131.

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