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**DATE: 02 MAY 2024**

The Gauteng Legislature’s Portfolio Committee on Environment, Agriculture & Rural Development (EARD) invites all interested individuals and organisations to comment on the Plant Health (Phytosanitary) B14B-2021.

The Bill aims to:

* To provide for phytosanitary measures to prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of regulated pests in the Republic;
* to provide for the control of regulated pests;
* to provide for regulation of the movement of plants, plant products and other regulated articles into, within and out of the Republic; and
* to provide for matters connected therewith.

Members of the media are invited to cover the public hearing.

Public Hearing details are as follows.

**Date: Friday, 03 May 2024**

**Time: 10:00-15:00**

**Venue: Johannesburg City Hall, cnr. Harrison and Helen Joseph streets**

The public hearing will be streamed on the Legislture’s YouTube and Facebook pages

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All language versions of the Climate Change Bill can be accessed through the link below

**Website:** [**https://www.gpl.gov.za/eard-public-hearings/**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gpl.gov.za%2Feard-public-hearings%2F&data=05%7C02%7CSSibiya%40gpl.gov.za%7C469dcd02ac79499f0ace08dc5d2fd21d%7C4a3d1c5b66b247c288d17eaa8d27e6cf%7C0%7C0%7C638487707197887105%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=n0XYKlLoiJ1mGXT8fT7leZWc%2Bt5EC5ajJ06DBqTVJVQ%3D&reserved=0)

1. Submit comments in writing to Ms. Lebogang Mampe (Committee Coordinator) lmampe@gpl.gov.za Closing date for all submissions is Sunday, 5th May 2024

**ENDS**

**ISSUED BY THE GPL COMMUNICATIONS UNIT ON BEHALF OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE EARD PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE, HONOURABLE REFILOE KEKANA.**

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