
GENERAL NOTICES

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107
OF 1998)
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESMENT REGULATIONS

I, Marthinus Christoffel Johannes van Schalkwyk, Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, hereby, in terms of section 47(1), publish for public comment, the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations under section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, in the Schedule.

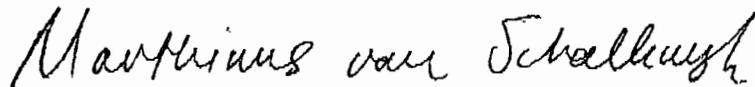
Any person who wishes to submit written representations or comments in connection with the draft regulations are invited to do so within 30 days of the date of this notice. All written representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism:

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Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.



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