

DEA National Corridors for Electricity Grid Infrastructure

Feedback on Provincial Government Consultation Road-Show

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Road Show Schedule

	Province	Date	Location
Trip 1	Western Cape	12 May 2014	Cape Town
Trip 2	Eastern Cape	13 May 2014	King Williams Town
Trip 3	Limpopo, Gauteng, Mpumalanga	22 May 2014	Pretoria
Trip 4	Free State	27 May 2014	Bloemfontein
	Northern Cape	28 May 2014	Kimberly
	North West	29 May 2014	Mahikeng
Trip 5	KwaZulu Natal	3 June 2014	Pietermaritzburg

Engagement with Provincial Government

- Objectives of the Road-Show were to:
 - Inform provincial government on the national electricity grid infrastructure strategic environmental assessment process;
 - Consult on the location of preliminary corridors;
 - Consult on environmental and engineering sensitivities identified within the corridors
 - Consult on applicable information available at a provincial level

Feedback from Provinces

- **Western Cape**
 - Conceptual and practical implications of the Site Specific Protocol needs clarification;
 - **Clarification on what is a 'No Go' area;**
 - Clarification on pooling of constraints required;
 - Need to include results of agriculture land use study.
- **Eastern Cape**
 - Concerns that SEA will replace EIA and need for specialist assessment
 - **How will suitable engagement with tribal authorities will be achieved?;**
 - Need to make use of existing district and local municipalities forums/platforms
 - Existing game farms and future expansion plans
 - Existing commercial forestry and future expansion plans
 - Classification of agricultural land needs to be done in consultation with DAFF

Feedback from Provinces

- **North West**
 - Maximise socio economic benefit
 - Dominance of mining activity;
 - Rural development and electrification focussed
 - Clarification on legal context behind adoption of SEA recommendations
- **Limpopo**
 - Strong reservations around the transmission line corridor that extends to the east of the escarpment- conflict with conservation, tourism and local communities;
 - How will suitable engagement with tribal authorities will be achieved?.

Feedback from Provinces

- **Kwa-Zulu Natal**

- Concern around the lack of an integrative approach between SIPs
- Wall to Wall assessment should be undertaken
- **Clarification on what is a 'No Go' area**
- Provide rationale and document underlying assumptions for each criterion from a legal/scientific perspective
- **Consideration of National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy**

- **Northern Cape**

- **Maximise socio-economic benefits**
- **HoD Forum must be consulted prior to Provincial Exco**
- Consultation with farmers/ farming associations
- **Consideration of National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy**

Feedback from Provinces

- **Free State**
 - Existing game farms and future expansion plans
 - HoD Forum must be consulted prior to Provincial Exco
- **Mpumalanga**
 - Bird and Bat data assumes sedentary existence. How will we cater for movement?

Feedback from Provinces

- **Cross Cutting Themes**
 - NPAES focus areas
 - Socio economic component is crucial, particularly in poorer provinces
 - Well planned and executed local government consultation process is necessary,
 - Clear explanation of 'No Go' areas required
 - Game farms-impact on sense of place
 - Clarification needed on process for achieving provincial approval across provinces