

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

NO. 785

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)****CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN APPLYING FOR OR DECIDING ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR LARGE SCALE WIND AND SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WHEN OCCURRING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ZONES**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment hereby, in terms of section 24(5)(a) and (b) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and regulation 15(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, give notice of the intention to amend the procedures published under Government Notice No. 114 of Government *Gazette* No. 41445 of 16 February 2018, as set out in the Schedule.

Members of the public are invited to submit comments or input within 30 days of the publication of this Notice in the *Government Gazette*, to the following address:

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Comments or input received after the closing date may not be considered.



BARBARA DALLAS CREECY
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE

Amendment of paragraph 4

Government Notice No. 114 published in *Government Gazette* No. 41445 on 16 February 2018 is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (4) of the following paragraph:

"4. The timeframe for decision-making as contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, for purposes of an application for environmental authorisation or an application for an amendment of an environmental authorisation contemplated in Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, contemplated in this Notice is 57 days."