

# Western Cape Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill



Dear Mr Frans Palm

In March this year the Western Cape Provincial Minister for Economic Opportunities Mr Alan Winde, announced in his Western Cape Budget speech that Provincial Treasury has gazetted changes to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill.

One of the proposed changes includes transferring an existing provincial casino licence to the Cape Town metropole.

The executive management of Sun International requests an opportunity to meet with you and any other members of the Langebaan Ratepayer's Association that you wish to join, in order to bring you up to date on the issue of a second metropolitan casino licence, as well as the likely ramifications should this go through.

Our executives will be travelling to Langebaan for a series of meeting on Tuesday 24 July. Would you be available to meet for an hour, if possible during the morning of Tuesday 24 July.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Best regards

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Dear Ms Horton,

**COMMENTS: DRAFT WESTERN CAPE NINETEENTH GAMBLING AND RACING AMENDMENT BILL AND REGULATIONS, 2018**

The Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above draft legislation and it is trusted that its comments will be duly considered.

Langebaan is a well known holiday destination on the West Coast and draws local and international tourists throughout the year. It is also home to the Mykonos holiday Resort and its associated casino. The casino is playing a major role in the local tourist industry..

This comment are mainly directed at the adverse effects for the local communities when one of the existing licensed outlying casinos will be closed when applying for an amendment of its licence and relocating to the Cape Metropole.

Should Mykonos decide to relocate and subsequently close its operations in Langebaan, the local/national tourist industry will be deprived of a major attraction. The subsequent negative affect on the local economy, inter alia, job losses, local supplier expenditure, tourism, will be devastating, not to mention the role the casino plays in community orientated projects.

**Proposed legislation.**

When studying the proposed section 41B, the following remarks are submitted:

As far as can be established there are no specific guidelines to the Board when applications to relocate the business activities of existing casinos are considered.

Subsection (4)a) mentions that the "relocation will not be undesirable for the economy of, or the development of job opportunities in, the Province". This requirement is too vague. The input of the local community should be solicited in order to establish the effect the proposed relocation will have on the local economic activities.

Subsection (4)h) requires the applicant to “undertake measures to facilitate the social or economic development of disadvantaged communities in the areas to and from which the casino will relocate”.

Subsection (4)i) requires the applicant to “continue to support businesses based in the area from which the casino will relocate, to the extent agreed with the Board”.

It is the opinion of the Association that the input of the local community to the extent that there will be no economic and/or job loss impact is vital to assist the Board in this matter.

The same requirement should be applicable when subsections (8) and (9) will be considered. Before making a decision, the Board should obtain the input from the local community. The local community should indicate whether there will be job losses and/or a decline in economic activity when the casino will relocate. The Board should ensure that no such negative impact will occur.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully.

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