

Here's what you need to know:

CLIMATE CHANGE BILL

Voted on by the National Council
Of Provinces in **ONE** day

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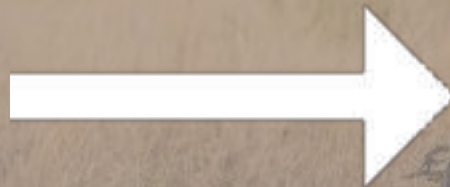


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1)

WHAT IS THE CLIMATE CHANGE BILL?

The Climate Change Bill of South Africa, introduced in February 2022 is legislation aimed at addressing and mitigating the effects of climate change in the country.

For example, the Climate Change Bill include actions such as adopting stricter energy efficiency standards, promoting renewable energy sources, and encourage more sustainable production practices.



2)

WHY IS THE CC BILL IMPORTANT?

Coordinated and comprehensive national climate change response.

The urgent threat posed by anthropogenic climate change to human societies and the planet at large requires an effective, progressive response to reduce the identified greenhouse gas emissions and plan adaptation measures.

Given the Republic's vulnerability to climate change impacts and its international commitments to address this global challenge, the Bill is important to make sure there is coordinated and comprehensive national climate change response.



2)

WHY IS THE CC BILL IMPORTANT?

Protection and resilience of marginalized
communities

Climate change tends to affect vulnerable communities. These communities often lack the resources and capacity to adapt to climate change impacts.

These impacts have the potential to undermine the growth and developmental goals of communities across South Africa.

The Climate Change Bill is necessary to make sure that the well-being and sustainable development of communities is considered.



3)

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Bill is scheduled to be tabled in the National Council of Provinces tomorrow, on April 25th.

If approved, the next step would ideally be for it to proceed directly to the President for signature.

ON THE SAME DATE, THE UPSTREAM PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT BILL WILL TOO BE CONSIDERED BY THE NCOP.



BILL

To enable the development of an **effective climate change response** and a **long-term, just transition** to a **low-carbon and climate-resilient economy and society** for South Africa in the context of sustainable development; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS everyone has the Constitutional right to an environment that is not harmful to their health and well-being, and to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations through reasonable legislative and other measures that secure ecologically sustainable development and the **use of natural resources while promoting justifiable economic and social development;**

AND WHEREAS anthropogenic climate change represents an urgent threat to human societies and the planet and requires an effective, progressive and incremental response;

AND WHEREAS the Republic—

- (a) has a role to play in the global effort to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions identified by the international community as the primary drivers of anthropogenic climate change, and for which the implementation of appropriate mitigation responses is urgently required;
- (b) is especially vulnerable to those impacts of climate change which require urgent and appropriate adaptation responses; and
- (c) has made international commitments and obligations, including to communicate and implement an effective nationally determined climate change response, encompassing mitigation and adaptation actions, that represents the Republic's fair contribution to the global climate change response;

AND WHEREAS climate variability in the Republic, including the increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, will affect, amongst other things, human health, access to food and water, biodiversity, habitats and ecosystems, the coast and coastal infrastructure and human settlements;

