



THE GREEN CONNECTION

# KNOW YOUR PARLIAMENT!

**Your right to understand, question, and participate.**

Brought to you by The Green Connection's **Bridges Programme**, working to help communities understand how Parliament works and how your voice can shape decisions that affect your life.

## WHAT PARLIAMENT DOES

- Makes and reviews laws that affect your daily life
- Oversees how government departments spend public money
- Ensures that the government is accountable to the people
- Represents your voice through elected Members of Parliament (MPs)



## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

- Attend public hearings or send written comments on laws and budgets
- Contact your MPs or Portfolio Committees about issues that matter to you
- Follow Parliament online at [www.parliament.gov.za](http://www.parliament.gov.za)
- Track budgets and performance via [vulekamali.gov.za](http://vulekamali.gov.za) and [pmg.org.za](http://pmg.org.za)

## KEY COMMITTEES TO KNOW

- Mineral and Petroleum Resources — energy, mining, extraction
- Electricity and Energy — power supply, renewables, tariffs
- Forestry, Fisheries and Environment — oceans, climate, biodiversity

✉ Email Parliament: [info@parliament.gov.za](mailto:info@parliament.gov.za)

☎ Call: 021 403 2911



## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

You don't need to be a politician to take part in democracy.

- ✓ Submit your views to Parliament
- ✓ Follow the budget and policy process
- ✓ Speak up for your community

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