

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)

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TO: THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON LAND REFORM, ENVIRONMENT, MINERAL
RESOURCES, AND ENERGY
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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE BILL [B9B-2022] LOW-CARBON
AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT ECONOMY

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It seems to the Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers & Residents Association (FHVRRA) that the teeth of this bill lies in penalising those that don't submit data or a phase-down or phase-out plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions rather than actually reducing these gases. In other words, the bill's purpose seems to be to placate some international body that South Africa is doing something about climate change.

This bill is akin to putting lipstick on a pig. South Africa has an energy crises. Let's fix the energy shortage first.

In reality, Eskom needs to phase-out South Africa's biggest polluter, the 14 coal-fired power stations and 200 diesel generators. Eskom can start by providing all of its day-time power from solar panels and wind turbines. It will need to purchase more green energy from these latter two sources. After the sun does down, Eskom can use wind power augmented by coal-fired power stations and then, diesel generators until energy storage can be implemented. Upington's Khi Solar One is a green energy storage facility. Others like it need to be built. The price of batteries has been falling. Now could be a good time to invest in South Africa's future.

Until Eskom comes right, all else is without purpose. It is pointless to discuss carbon budgets with such a huge elephant in the room.

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