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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT: PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND BILL**

The Minister for Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development intends introducing the Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Bill 2020 in the National Assembly during the fourth quarter of 2020. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276 of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill seeks to promote the preservation and sustainable development of agricultural land, establish evaluation and classification system for agricultural land, demarcate protected agricultural land to ensure that high potential agricultural land is preserved and protected against non-agricultural uses in order to promote long term agricultural production. Implement a coordinated national framework, including norms and standards and authorisations for the use of agricultural land. Promote and encourage viable farming units from long term economic, environmental and social perspective, discourage land use changes from agricultural to non-agricultural uses to prevent the fragmentation of the agro ecosystem, facilitate concurrent land uses on agricultural land without jeopardising long term food security. Provide for mitigation measures to counteract the loss of agricultural land and impact of non-agricultural land developments on agricultural production capacity, and establish a national agro eco information system with georeferenced information to support the object of the act.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the website of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development [www.dalrrd.gov.za](http://www.dalrrd.gov.za)), and may, after introduction, also be obtained from:

1. Government Printers – Cape Town and Pretoria.

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