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**SELECT COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS  
TO**

**NATIONAL FOREST  
AMENDMENT BILL**

**[B 11B—2016]**

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*(As agreed to by the Select Committee on Land Reform, Environment,  
Mineral Resources and Energy (National Council of Provinces))*

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#### CLAUSE 1

1. On page 2, after line 17, to insert the following paragraph:

“(c) by the insertion after the definition of “Department” of the following definition:

“**‘destruction of natural forest’** means any action where one or more trees in a natural forest is felled or caused to die, or the undergrowth removed, for the purpose of land use or resource use;”.

2. On page 3, after line 5, to insert the following paragraph:

“(e) by the insertion after the definition of ‘natural forest’ of the following definition:

“**‘new land use’** means any human activity leading to the use of land which would require the removal of natural forest, which is not restricted to land uses requiring land use approval, zoning or rezoning;”.

3. On page 3, from line 8, to omit the definition of “woodland” and to substitute the following definition:

“**‘woodland’** means—

- (a) a group of indigenous trees which are not natural forest but whose crowns cover at least 5% of the area they occupy, and which may, in a degraded state have a crown cover of less than 5%; or
- (b) any vegetation type declared by the Minister to be a woodland by notice in the *Gazette*.”.

#### CLAUSE 7

1. Clause rejected.

#### CLAUSE 9

1. On page 5, from line 13, to omit subsection (4) and to insert the following subsection:

“(4) No person may engage in any prospecting or mining activity in a State forest, except in terms of an existing lease agreement to mine, gravel or sand for road maintenance.”.

CLAUSE 10

1. On page 5, in line 22, to omit paragraph (j) and to substitute the following paragraph:

“(j) youth, women and persons with disabilities.”

MEMORANDUM ON THE OBJECTS OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS  
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1. On page 11, clause 7, at point 3.7 to be omitted.
2. On page 12, clause 8, to correct numbering at point 3.8.3 by substituting “3.8.3” with “3.8.2”.
3. On page 12, under clause 9, at point 3.9 to omit “, other valid contracts or applicable legislation”.
4. On page 12, under clause 10, at point 3.10 after “of” to omit “youths and women to current categories to be represented in the Council” and to substitute “youth, women and persons with disabilities.”

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