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Dear Chairperson,

The Bill is certainly ambitious in its wish to present South Africa with the speedy delivery of ambitious infrastructure projects. There is no question that the people of South Africa wish to see and experience much better infrastructure and service delivery.

The **Memorandum** to the Bill seems to state in **1.3** that the main reason for its creation is that "the division of responsibilities for infrastructure across the state, from the national departments to the state-owned companies to municipalities and regulatory bodies, leads to the risk of contradictory plans and priorities or uncoordinated implementation with cost-raising and development dampening effects."

This is unfortunately a rather weak argument, as the largest economy in Africa (and elsewhere in the world) was successfully built through "the division of responsibilities for infrastructure." I would rather suggest that the Bill respect the "division of responsibilities" as it implicitly recognises all stakeholders.

The process and periods of time in **Schedule 2** seems unrealistic and it does not distinguish amongst different types of projects. It limits public consultation to only **74 days** in total, which will not present all key affected stakeholders with the opportunity to investigate the full impact, sensibility and efficiency of all aspects of the proposed project relevant to themselves. I would suggest a minimum of initial consultation of **120 days (Schedule 2 point 3)**, and **60 days (Schedule 2 point 6)**.

As far as **Schedule 1** is concerned, it seems as if the SIP's are merely a wish-list of infrastructure projects without substantiated selection criteria and standards for achievement. I would propose the following targets for the PICC that will change South Africa into a world-leader:

## **SCHEDULE 1**

**The task of the PICC is to present to all South African communities the following SIP's:**

- 1. the cheapest, most efficient, most convenient and highest level of waste recycling and quality in the world within five years.**
- 2. the cheapest and highest level of waste dump quality management and development in the world within five years.**
- 3. the cheapest blue-drop water quality status within five years.**
- 4. the cheapest burial sites with the highest quality standards to prevent any spread of disease.**
- 5. the cheapest state hospitals and clinics and which are rated at the highest**

**medical quality standards in the world within five years.**

**6. the cheapest state schools and which are rated at the highest education quality standards in the world in five years.**

**7. the cheapest, fastest, largest capacity and most reliable data and voice communication system in the world within five years.**

**8. the cheapest, most reliable and efficient electricity supply in the world within five years.**

**9. the cheapest, most reliable, convenient, safest, most efficient and accessible public transport service in the world in five years (road, rail, air, water).**

**10. the cheapest, most reliable, best maintained, designed and run to the highest safety and quality standards and rated as the most efficient public road, rail, air and harbour system in the world in five years.**

This will change South Africa into an investor's magnet.

Best regards,

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