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### THE MDB OUTLINES PROPOSALS CONSIDERED FOR FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS

To reach out and address the concerns of members of the communities, the MDB will from August to October 2023 conduct nationwide public consultations for identified cases in line with Circular 2 of 2023 and Formal Investigations for identified cases in line with Circular 3 of 2023. In essence, no eligible cases will be dismissed or finalised without either conducting public consultations or formal investigations to obtain views and representations for the proposals under review. It should be noted that the objectives and criteria for demarcation in conjunction with the public views and representations will inform the final decision of the Board.

Members of the public in affected areas are encouraged to actively participate in the meetings to air their views. Notices of the meetings will be published in newspapers circulating in the affected areas as well as on the MDB website ([www.demarcation.org.za](http://www.demarcation.org.za)) and on MDB social media platforms.

The MDB reiterates that boundary changes are not a solution to the governance, socio-economic, service delivery, administrative and financial dysfunctionality in municipalities. The basis for most of the requests for municipal boundary changes have little or nothing to do with the geographical character of the municipality, i.e., demarcated boundaries, but poor institutional governance and related financial dysfunctionality which end up negatively affecting service delivery.

Lastly, the MDB is committed to a functional, stable, and efficient local government, hence a need for limited to no major municipal boundary changes.

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### ENQUIRIES

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