

24th October 2017

Honourable Fikile Majola,
Chairperson: Energy Portfolio Committee
National Assembly, Parliament of South Africa

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Dear Honourable Majola,

On 29 and 30 November, 2016, after a civil society meeting, a memorandum was drafted by civil society organisations concerned about the government's nuclear deal. The document was then handed over to Parliament. A key demand was for Parliament to hold public hearings. We were informed that the memorandum had been handed over to the relevant Portfolio Committee, namely that of Energy.

As Members of Parliament, you are tasked with oversight of the Department of Energy. Since 2014, you have consistently stated at Energy Portfolio Committee meetings that there is a need for public hearings on the nuclear deal. However, your committee has yet to hold any such hearings.

Given the recent Cabinet reshuffle, the public hearings on state capture within Eskom, and Eskom's application for further tariff increases, we re-assert there is an urgent need for public hearings on our energy future.

Civil society voices must be heard by Members of Parliament, our public representatives, on this matter. It is imperative that we plan our energy transition towards a clean and sustainable energy future that provides for affordable energy for all, creates jobs and livelihoods, supports a productive and just economy, and responds to the urgency to reduce climate impacts.

We, the underlying organisations, demand that you hold public hearings on our energy future before Parliament closes at the end of November 2017.

Stopnukedeal Campaign and the Campaign for a Just Energy Future

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List of organisations supporting the stopnukedeal campaign

- Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI)
- Popular Education Programme
- Karoo Environmental Justice Movement
- Komaggas Association for Communal Property
- Komaggas Advice Office
- Justice and Peace (Catholic)
- Christian Mission Church Khayelitsha
- Healing Church in Zior Khayelitsha
- Hermanus Gateway
- People's Health Movement South Africa
- Green Anglicans
- WCRLF (Western Cape religious Leaders' Forum)
- South African Council of Churches, Western Cape (SACC Western Cape)
- Gun Free South Africa
- Central Methodist Mission
- Quaker Community of Southern Africa
- Cape Town Progressive Jewish Congregation
- Apostolic Faith Mission Peninsula Region
- Right2Know,
- Earthlife Africa,
- South Durban Community Environmental Alliance
- The Alternative Information and Development Centre(AIDC),
- One Million Climate Jobs Campaign