

# Municipal Demarcation Board Circular

To: the Minister for Provincial and Local Government, Government Departments, MEC's responsible for Local Government, SALGA and affiliates, all municipalities, magistrates, houses of traditional leaders, IEC, media and other demarcation stakeholders.

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At its meeting of 18 November 1999, the Board made a number of key decisions which need to be brought to your notice:

## 1. The determination of Category A (metropolitan) and C (district) council areas

In reacting to the Constitutional Court's judgement, the Board published afresh section 26 Notices inviting comment from the public at large around the determination of Category A and Category C municipalities.

At its meeting on November 18 1999, the Municipal Demarcation Board applied the relevant criteria in section 2 of the Municipal Structures Act and determined that the following areas would be category A areas:

- Greater Johannesburg
- Greater Cape Town
- Greater Durban
- Greater East Rand
- Greater Pretoria
- Greater Port Elizabeth

All other areas in South Africa would have both Category B and C municipalities.

## 2. Determination of Category A and C municipal boundaries

The Board further determined the boundaries of all Category A and C municipalities and the applicable section 21 notice will be published in the provincial Gazettes on Monday 22 November 1999.

A report (Report 1) dealing with all submissions made to the Board is avail-

able and it indicates particularly the adjustments made by the Board in arriving at its final boundary determinations.

## 3. Draft boundaries for B-Category (local) municipalities

The Board has received a number of submissions and these have been summarised in a report (Report 2) to be made available.

In the interests of transparency, the Board has made available its views on draft boundaries for Category B municipalities. These will be published and sent to affected municipalities during the week beginning 22 November 1999.

It is important to note that there will be a significant rationalisation of municipalities and the following table indicates likely municipal arrangements:

PROVINCE	EXISTING	A/C	B
Eastern Cape	182	7	40-45
Free State	100	5	20-25
Gauteng	51	6	8
KwaZulu-Natal	75	11	50-55
Mpumalanga	81	6	20-25
North-West	53	6	25-30
Northern Cape	112	5	30-35
Northern Province	53	6	30-35
Western Cape	136	6	30-35
	843	58	250-280

## 4. Investigation process

In order to ensure that the boundary determination for local municipalities is completed effectively and efficiently, multidisciplinary teams of consultants have been engaged to undertake detailed investigations of all the proposed boundaries.

## 5. Public hearings

The Board will be conducting public

hearings into the proposed boundaries and these hearings have been scheduled throughout the country from 29 November 1999 until 3 December 1999:

PROVINCE	# HEARINGS
KwaZulu-Natal	46
Free State	13
Mpumalanga	9
Northern Province	12
Gauteng	7
Western Cape	20
North West	10
Northern Cape	12
Eastern Cape	23
Total	152

The Board will make its determination on B-municipalities on 15 December 1999.

## 6. District management areas

In considering the matter of District Management Areas (DMA), the Municipal Demarcation Board has decided that the areas which could qualify to be categorised as DMAs are:

- Deserts and semi-arid areas
- State protected and conservation areas
- Special Economic Areas

After investigating areas which fulfil these criteria, the Board will declare DMAs on 15 December 1999. Draft DMA boundaries have been identified by the Board at its meeting of 18 November 1999. A report dealing with this policy and proposed boundaries is available.

The reports, maps and further information is also available on the Board's website: [www.demarcation.org.za](http://www.demarcation.org.za).

Could you please bring these matters to the attention of as many people as possible?

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