



Draft Policy Position on the Conservation and Ecologically
Sustainable Use of Elephant, Lion, Leopard and Rhino

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Public participation – comments

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	2021-07-27 00:16:03	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Ellen
	2021-07-22 01:36:25	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Sibeal
	2021-07-21 21:20:56	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Hunting of any kind should be banned. Education of mythical cures such as rhino horn should be widespread. Rescue animals should be protected but if not able to be released into the wild could be used for breeding and to educate by allowing people closer contact.	Toni
	2021-07-20 07:17:28	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	These iconic animal species must be protected from trade, captive breeding, poaching, the sale of their parts, and all other abuses. Trophy hunting should be stopped completely. This practice was introduced by Europeans, it was never a part of the African culture. These animals are an important part of the natural balance of the African continent. The Draft Policy Position on Conservation is a good start to the successful protection of these species. Thank you for considering my comments.	Janet
	2021-07-17 19:07:45	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Chrissy
	2021-07-17 05:26:54	Outside SA	Australia	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		lynn
	2021-07-15 22:02:31	Outside SA	ITALY	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Giorgio
	2021-07-15 03:44:40	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Suzanne
	2021-07-14 20:46:21	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	I have been following events from here in Spain for quite a long time and I cannot help but feel really sad about what we humans are doing to our animal companions, mostly for money. It does distress me greatly but also there is hope and good people out there who are trying to do their very best to help. Can you do the same?	susan
	2021-07-14 14:44:39	Outside SA	Canada	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	The tourism industry, to observe these animals undisturbed in their natural habitat, would be enough to sustain jobs and promote income, without killing off entire species. The rest of the world is no longer wanting items from these animals. The world wants conservation and protection for these animals. Ivory, bones and other body parts are a thing of the past, it is outdated to use these for collectibles and decor. Please protect all these precious animals before there are none left for anyone to appreciate.	Tiffany
	2021-07-14 10:08:35	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Jay
	2021-07-14 08:49:19	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	We should be protecting animals not exploiting them	Clare
	2021-07-14 06:36:09	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Ellen
	2021-07-14 05:56:15	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	We need to stop this war on animals. They are a large part of your heritage. So many people we know want to and are visiting the countries that have non hunting game safaris. My wife and I have been to six countries in Southern Africa, and to us it is like living in a dream. We want to keep coming back for more. I would think that keeping these animals safe would be priority one for the future of these countries that are affected by the killing of these marvelous animals. Your tourism for these wild places to see wildlife in their normal habitat I know brings in a lot of much needed revenue for these areas. Paul & Katherine Malchiodi San Diego, Ca	Paul and Katherine
	2021-07-14 01:38:17	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		K
	2021-07-14 00:52:05	Outside SA	USA	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Suzanne
	2021-07-14 00:36:29	Outside SA	U.k	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Please do the world a great favour and South Africa please save your wild life. If it all disappears the whole world will lose something unique and irreplaceable. You will lose one of the main reasons why millions of people visit your country. Also canned hunting should be banned we are meant to be a civilised world. Thank you	Keith
	2021-07-14 00:30:20	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		John
	2021-07-14 00:11:06	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE let's implement these changes Sir! These animals deserve our care and respect. Our future generations can learn to care and love our world's wonderful animals.	Christopher
	2021-07-14 00:04:44	Outside SA	USA	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Ron
	2021-07-13 23:46:47	Outside SA	England	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Pro life always. These precious animals are not here for us to kill or entertain other than to observe and protect. Enough is enough. Ban trophy hunting for good and the death penalty for poachers.	Janice
	2021-07-13 23:46:12	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		jane
	2021-07-13 23:35:59	Outside SA	USA	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Good Day, I am writing today asking you to care about the future of the animals. Please remember, once they are gone, they are gone. That means NEVER TO RETURN. I do not want this to happen. I want to see a future for my grand children that has all of these creatures in it. They are amazing. Thank you for your time. Regards, Brian Nicoll	Brian
	2021-07-13 22:49:59	Outside SA	England	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Sheila
	2021-07-13 21:31:37	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Brooklyn
	2021-07-13 21:08:07	Outside SA	UK	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Jane
	2021-07-13 20:58:10	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	It's a cruel & sad world we live in when these beautiful animals are murdered for mans greed. Please let them live, free to roam, as they were put on earth to do.	Sharon
	2021-07-13 20:43:35	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Jane
	2021-07-13 20:34:33	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Ceri
	2021-07-13 20:26:27	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Angela
	2021-07-13 20:19:07	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Eric
	2021-07-13 20:05:27	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Suzanne

	2021-07-13 20:04:48	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Deze Minister Creecy, please ban the rhino horn trade, support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros, which suggests ending the intensive breeding of rhino. Also please protect our leopard, there are too few left to trophy hunt or to kill for traditional use. Trophy hunting was never part of the African culture. Trophy hunting was brought to Africa by colonialists.	Onno
	2021-07-13 19:09:51	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Please, please let these beautiful majestic animals have a free and wonderful life. Let them be free of mans greed and selfishness, which in turn will allow future generations of man to see them in their natural habitat, and not just in history books.	Linda
	2021-07-13 18:16:28	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	ALL animals deserve to live in the wild and not murdered for the sake of sport, fun, etc.	Tamara Noel
	2021-07-13 18:02:57	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Ban all forms of ivory and horn sales, imports and exports. Please ban all poaching with serious punishment for those who commit such disgusting crimes.	Heather
	2021-07-13 17:33:21	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Maxine
	2021-07-13 17:14:31	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Fern
	2021-07-13 16:37:05	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Niki
	2021-07-13 15:03:40	Outside SA	USA	Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Alana
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	2021-07-28 18:18:12	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	"The assumption that animals are without rights and the illusion that our treatment of them has no moral significance is a positively outrageous example of western crudity and barbarity."- Arthur Schopenhauer Animals are creatures of blood and bone with feelings, they have every right to live on earth as humans do.	Elated
	2021-07-24 03:04:10	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Purge All Hunters from CONservation Organizations.	Ian
	2021-07-18 01:21:29	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Jemma
	2021-07-16 09:27:39	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	All the solution identified are appealing. Definitely let the animals live free. It is barbaric to breed animals for hunting and export to a similar faith. Leave animals free without exploitation.	Nisha
	2021-07-13 17:19:39	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	If we do not look after our wild life who will? Anyone caught poaching should get the death penalty. Make me President and I will introduce the DEATH PENALTY or shoot on site!	Pedro
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	2021-07-27 19:18:15	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Larissa
	2021-07-25 21:37:06	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Please include Tigers, yes Tigers ?	Denno
	2021-07-16 15:38:36	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	I agree with the draft proposal in the main. The only adjustment I would like to see is a complete ban on trophy hunting in South Africa. I'm still waiting to see where this benefits local populations and or conservation. Our wildlife has to be protected at all costs and that should be our tourism selling point. No wildlife should be exported to zoos or hunting farms at all.	Debby
	2021-07-14 07:37:32	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Gretchen
	2021-07-14 01:03:11	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Theresa
	2021-07-13 15:01:30	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	All animals must be protected, including our precious ever diminishing wildlife. These are also sentient beings which suffer greatly at the hands of humans. The trade in these animals only makes matters far worse and it must be stopped.	Gaye
▼ Mpumalanga		1						
	2021-07-20 14:19:50	Mpumalanga		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	1. Shut down the Captive Breeding Lion Industry. 2. Stop the intensive breeding of rhinos by individuals and protect the wild rhino populations. 3. Ban the hunting of leopards. 4. Burn ivory and rhino horn stockpiles. 5. End trophy hunting, because it is not part of true African heritage and culture. 6. Ban the trade in lions, rhinos and leopards into captivity. Unless conservation benefits can be proven, these species must not be traded (Elephants in SA are already protected). Stop slaughtering our iconic animals and any other animal, this is animal abuse, this is a crime against nature. Stop killing innocent lives, all lives matter not just those of evil people, animal lives are important, they are sentient beings with feelings and emotions as humans. These are horrific acts against nature.	veronica
▼ Northern Cape		1						
	2021-07-15 20:40:23	Northern Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Stacey
▼ Limpopo		1						
	2021-07-14 11:12:59	Limpopo		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Andrea
▼ Gauteng		6						
	2021-07-14 01:24:48	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Barry
	2021-07-13 21:34:40	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Murdering animals for human greed. Heinous and amoral. This is a sickening trade. Defenceless animals stand no chance against these degenerate humans so ban all these activities completely.	Audrey
	2021-07-13 20:20:23	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Susan
	2021-07-13 16:48:52	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		sue
	2021-07-13 16:21:27	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	1) I stand by the High Level Panel of Experts in recommending that the captive lion industry be shut down. 2) Wild rhino populations should be protected by stopping intensive rhino breeding. 3) Wild rhino populations should be protected by the army. 4) Leopards are facing extinction and therefore all hunting of leopard, for traditional use and for trophies should be terminated. 5) Trade increases demand, which increases poaching. Therefore the stockpiles of ivory and rhino horn should be burnt so that the supply chain is thwarted and thus the demand can weaken. Kenya set the example and does not face the extent of the poaching crises South Africa has. 6) Trophy hunting is not part of the true African culture and heritage.	Soula
	2021-07-13 14:52:50	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Nicky
▼ Live Animal Trade		16						
province:		Count:						
▼ Outside SA		9						
	2021-07-31 21:09:20	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		Shannon

	2021-07-17 13:41:34	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	Please Minister Creecy ban the rhino horn trade, support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros, which suggests ending the intensive breeding of rhino. Please end the horrific, deadly & abusive animal trade. None of this as well as TROPHY HUNTING has ever been part of South African culture! Many countries around the globe have already banned these, fur & live animal trade & trophy hunting because we are a more ethical & humane society & should learn to coexist peacefully, not kill, dominate & destroy-our grandkids & great grandchildren might not ever get to see a rhino, or elephant!!! Let's stop all appalling & ethical tress as Trent now Sir before it's too late to ever come back from. These10000s of animals have already paid the price & suffered most agonizing death possible. I respectfully implore you to protect all the animals & show SA is stepping up and saying no to any animal exploitation or abuse! Thank you kindly. Sincerely, Kim Ballard USA	Kim
	2021-07-17 04:25:02	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	Hello, I am writing today to state that I am strongly opposed to any trophy hunting occurring in South Africa. The captive breeding of wild animals to be hunted and killer is not only unethical and totally unnecessary for human pleasure and entertainment- but is not even part of South Africa's culture. I am asking you, Minister Creecy, to ban the rhino horn trade, and to support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros, which suggests ending the intensive breeding of rhino. Thank you for your time, and I hope you do the right thing. These animals do not deserve to be bred into existence just to be killed. And the animals in the wild should be protected and conserved at all costs.	Samantha
	2021-07-13 23:46:59	Outside SA	Sweden	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		Helena
	2021-07-13 22:42:17	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	It is crucial that we all take steps to preserve the wildlife we have now on this Planet. Preserve and protect with educational programmes in schools to education of local people where wildlife may encroach upon. Land for animals only preservation. Good luck. We owe out future generations this legacy - protect and preserve all wildlife. Keep things simple. Dont over complicate the policies or get bogged down in legal issues. Protect and preserve.	STEVEN
	2021-07-13 19:51:49	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		Linda
	2021-07-13 17:55:19	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	There is no place in the modern World for trade in wild animal parts, trophy hunting, or live animal trade. It is about time our "civilised society" finds a way to live alongside the natural world, without encroaching on the last, precious habitat of wild animals. "Biodiversity" is not just a media buzzword ; it is the key to our survival as a species, and as a planet.	Kevin
	2021-07-13 17:29:39	Outside SA	Australia	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	The breeding of animals for monetary gain (canned hunting, lion bone trade, breeding rhino's for horns, etc), may take pressure off the wild populations, but it may also encourage poaching, as there will always be individuals looking to make money on the black market outside of the regulated industry, and from all accounts poaching is the biggest threat to Africa's native wild animals. If breeding rhino's for their horns decreases poaching then it should be examined more closely. However if the opposite is true, then the breeding of rhino's for their horns should be closed down. The same should apply to all species on the list. Sadly, when we look at historical efforts of creating a legal marketing framework for an animal trade i.e. ivory, it only commodifies the animal in question and leads to market forces creating demand and the need for lower prices, which create further pressure on the animal population. https://medium.com/@unpopularscience/why-hunting-enables-poaching-c8b01c499bc4	Rupert
	2021-07-13 17:11:24	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	I ask Minister Creecy to ban the rhino horn trade, support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros, which suggests ending the intensive breeding of rhino. I support Minister Creecy's plan to shut down the captive breeding and killing of lion for their bone. I also ask Minister Creecy to protect our leopard, there are too few left to trophy hunt or to kill for traditional use. Trophy hunting was never part of the African culture. Trophy hunting was brought to Africa by colonialists.	Andrea
▼ Gauteng	2							
	2021-07-29 07:34:19	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	Wild animals belong in the wild, they not pets and not there to make money	Jakkie
	2021-07-20 22:28:38	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		Schalk
▼ Western Cape	3							
	2021-07-28 14:31:42	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	Animals are not for us to use. Wild animals must not be traded. Elephants cannot be kept in zoos. I support the Draft Policy Position for its vision of "secured, restored and re-wilded natural landscapes with thriving populations of elephant, lion, rhino and leopard, as indicators for a vibrant, responsible, inclusive, transformed and sustainable wildlife sectors and an equitable society living in harmony with nature".	Cocca
	2021-07-18 06:45:07	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		Janine
	2021-07-13 16:11:01	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		viv
▼ KwaZulu-Natal	1							

	2021-07-27 19:14:25	KwaZulu -Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	<p>Our animals are not commodities. We need to look after the welfare of our lions and all captive species. Lions should not be bred for their bones.</p> <p>PROPOSED SOLUTIONS Species Management Policy Interventions To put an immediate halt to the domestication of lion and the commercial exploitation of captive lions, and establish a process to close captive lion facilities To reverse the domestication and intensification of management of rhino To enhance conservation and sustainable use of leopard *Refer definition: "Intensively manage rhinos" means Rhinos kept in a small area, in or out of the historic range of the taxon where deliberate husbandry, food supplementation and intensive management are routinely undertaken Trade Related Policy Interventions To adopt a position that South Africa will not submit an ivory trade proposal to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) as long as current specified circumstances prevail. To adopt a position that South Africa will not propose or support amendments to the CITES appendices relating to South Africa rhino specimens. To prevent the export of live specimens of the five iconic species outside of their range states, or into captivity in other countries. To explore potential benefit of disposal of elephant ivory and rhino horn stockpiles and to implement and put in place the Commission of Inquiry recommendations of rhino horn trade. Priority Conservation Policy Interventions The development of an overarching national policy on Biodiversity and sustainable use. To enhance the conservation of the iconic species, through increased wildness, naturalness, and wellbeing of fauna. To adopt a One Welfare approach to wildlife wellbeing. To re-position South Africa as a destination of choice for legal, humane, regulated and responsible hunting of the five iconic species. To reconceptualise the role of state and other protected areas for conservation scaling and as a socio-economic catalyst. Conservation Transformation Interventions To restore a transformative Africa approach to conservation and sustainable use, consistent with Ubuntu. To enhance sustainable use of iconic species, especially leveraging responsible ecotourism and its benefit flows. To promote and enhance human-wildlife co-existence, while empowering and capacitating people living with or near wildlife. Conservation Capacity Policy Interventions Targeted capacity development for key component of the wildlife sector. To improve the evidence-base for best practice within the wildlife sector.</p>	Casey
▼ Eastern Cape	1							
	2021-07-13 19:05:27	Eastern Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	Please continue to establish a total ban on canned lion, rhino, elephant and other endangered animals to prevent this unethical and disgusting business.	Rob
▼ Keeping Animals in the wild	21							
province:	Count:							
▼ Gauteng	5							
	2021-07-28 20:04:12	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	<p>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shut down the Captive Breeding Lion Industry. 2. Stop the intensive breeding of rhinos by individuals and protect the wild rhino populations. 3. Ban the hunting of leopards. 4. Burn ivory and rhino horn stockpiles. 5. End trophy hunting, because it is not part of true African heritage and culture. 6. Ban the trade in lions, rhinos and leopards into captivity. Unless conservation benefits can be proven, these species must not be traded (Elephants in SA are already protected). 	Noga
	2021-07-15 16:29:32	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		W
	2021-07-14 13:20:47	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	All wild animals should be protected as it is abhorrent that people are killing them for whatever reason. We need to preserve all these animals in their natural environment for future generations. Thank you for trying to save our heritage.	C
	2021-07-13 22:07:55	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	I am and always will be pro life in every way. Protection of wildlife is absolutely necessary.	Joe
	2021-07-13 18:03:54	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	Animals are a money making and should be left in the wild.	Shelley
▼ Western Cape	4							
	2021-07-28 08:32:32	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		Pat
	2021-07-13 16:25:37	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	We are but stewards of this precious and beautiful resource. We must protect it - for now and for future generations.	Colin
	2021-07-13 15:26:19	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		David
	2021-07-13 15:23:33	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		Anthes
▼ Outside SA	12							
	2021-07-28 02:32:47	Outside SA	USA	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	<p>Captive Holding and breeding of lion and rhino Hunting of captive-bred lions Trade in captive lion parts and derivatives Unsustainable practices on hunting of wild leopard Feasibility of legal international trade in rhino horn and elephant ivory for commercial purposes Ineffective and inefficient legislation and implementation resulting from duplicated and conflicting legal requirements Ineffective management of State Protected Areas Non optimisations of the full potential of a vibrant Biodiversity Economy Inadequate access and benefit to sharing communities Untransformed Wildlife Sector</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I appreciate the opportunity that has been given to members of the world to have a voice in the matter. I urge South Africa to refrain from using the western practices of livestock! Especially on these beautiful iconic animals that call Africa their home. Their place is in the wild, they do not belong behind cages. Lions, rhinos, elephants and leopards are majestic animals that deserve much honor. Please give these animals the respect that they deserve. I urge you to embrace these animals as an icon of a beautiful country, instead of reducing them to simple livestock. Thank you for you time! DeeDee</p>	Mariann
	2021-07-24 05:01:48	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		DeeDee

	2021-07-20 16:24:20	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	Ban the rhino horn trade, I support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros, which suggests ending the intensive breeding of rhino. Shut down the captive breeding and killing of lion for their bone. Protect our leopard, there are too few left to trophy hunt or to kill for traditional use. Trophy hunting was never part of the African culture. Trophy hunting was brought to Africa by colonialists. Snares have become a major problem, employ more anti-poaching units and stricter law enforcement is urgently needed. The law courts must prosecute and give stricter sentences to those found guilty of poaching. This must include so called Trophy Hunters who by all rights and purposes are legal poachers. Extra funding is needed urgently to allow the anti-poaching units to work efficiently. Save and protect our heritage. Thank you for giving me,; A UK citizen the right to comment. Our ecosystems must be protected internationally.	shirley
	2021-07-15 17:40:53	Outside SA	United States of America	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	I believe that animals should be kept in the wild and not killed or harmed for personal gain, greed, or anything else. They are living beings that deserve to live their lives fully. They do not exist for us to hunt, harm or use their parts as means of trade.	Marta
	2021-07-14 05:43:47	Outside SA	America	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		Tessa
	2021-07-13 21:24:53	Outside SA	USA	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		Suzanne
	2021-07-13 20:21:54	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		Jacqui
	2021-07-13 19:20:51	Outside SA	UK	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	It is vital all wildlife is protected and treated with the respect it deserves. All need to be protected before it is too late! You can make more money from ecotourism, wildlife safaris etc.	Claire
	2021-07-13 18:53:44	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	Please ban the rhino horn trade, and support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros. Please stop trophy hunting! South Africa could realize much more by eliminating this horrible practice, and focusing on those who want to come and see these magnificent animals in their natural environment. That business would be far more lucrative, as the bulk of the money going towards the killing of these animals does not go towards conservation, but goes in the pockets of those who run these trophy hunting companies.	Ramona
	2021-07-13 18:49:32	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	Please continue efforts to ban the rhino horn trade. I support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and hope for a shut down of the captive breeding and killing of lion for their bone. Please also protect Africa's leopard as there are so few left; trophy hunting or killing for traditional use will decimate them. Also please note that trophy hunting was never part of the African culture and was instead brought to Africa by colonialists. The tourism industry depends on the survival and health of all these wild species and on keeping them wild. Not only is protecting your wild treasure the right thing to do, it is the economical option, as well.	Venessa
	2021-07-13 17:49:47	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	It is generally thought that a comet helped wipe out the dinosaurs. We as a world people do not want to be remembered by future generation as the "human comet" that drove many species to extinction. We are all part of a pattern and once the threads begin to break everything unravels.	Gillian
	2021-07-13 17:44:43	Outside SA	US	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	Please ensure that wild animals are protected and helped to thrive in the wild. Your tourism depends on it. Captive hunting/killing of animals in the name of conservation is plain wrong.	Guru
▼ Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	13							
province:	Count:							
▼ Western Cape	2							
	2021-07-28 14:22:58	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	I am in support and commend the Draft Policy Position for proposing: 1. A national overarching policy 2. A shift towards a transformative, inclusive vision in Harmony with Nature. 3. Principles of re-wilding of the environment and reintegration of captive wildlife into the wild, of enhancing wildlife's survival in the wild, of reversing the domestication and exploitation of wildlife in captivity and under intensive management 4. Transformation towards a new legal and administrative framework which is more transparent, enforceable, accountable, including the permitting system 5. The protection of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, biodiversity hotspots and heritage sites 6. The inclusion of interspecies welfare and wellbeing, in particular, the principles of "One Welfare" and "One Health for the benefit of human and non-human animals." 7. The halting of commodification of wildlife and wilderness 8. Principles of reversing the domestication of wildlife 9. The enhancing of wildlife's survival in the wild 10. Efforts to reverse biodiversity losses through the promotion of regenerative practices, including practices to revive the African identity and heritage and the indigenous knowledge consistent with the protection of Nature. 11. The halting of breeding and operations in captive facilities keeping wildlife; the halting of relative trade in live animals and their body parts. 12. Enhancing the reputation of South Africa as a conservation destination – this will also incentivise consistent external funding -through the inclusion of principles of ethics, compassion, intrinsic value, sentience, humane treatment and respect for wildlife and biodiversity. 13. The inclusion of "Ubuntu". 14. The inclusion of indigenous knowledge, in particular with its notions of mutuality and respect for Nature and serving Nature. 15. The stockpile of rhino horn, lion bone and ivory to be eliminated, in line with all the above.	Stefania
	2021-07-27 14:50:42	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	It is despicable that our beautiful wild animals are bred in captivity for trophy hunting and meat! God made these magnificent sentient beings to be free and protected!	Mel
▼ KwaZulu-Natal	2							
	2021-07-27 20:16:14	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		Kym
	2021-07-27 19:17:15	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		Sharon
▼ Gauteng	3							
	2021-07-26 19:40:11	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	1. Permanently ban the export of live animals. 2. Halt captive lion farming and trophy hunting. 3. Ban any human interaction programs with big cats, elephants and rhinos. 4. Do not permit the sale of ivory. 5. Permanently shut down breeding facilities for captive animals.	Seema
	2021-07-21 20:23:21	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		Florence

	2021-07-21 15:31:13	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	The canned hunting industry is a diabolical portrayal of mismanaged wildlife conservation. This needs to be stopped forthwith ! I know of numerous prospective tourists who have cancelled visits to SA after learning of this heinous trade. Not even to mention the suffering these animals endure through caging, under nourishing and lack of veterinary care. These awful farms should be given to the people without land. The present owners DO NOT deserve them !	Chris
▼ Outside SA	4							
	2021-07-26 15:28:31	Outside SA	Germany	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		Celia
	2021-07-26 14:41:13	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	this should be banned lion breeding for hunting lion breeding for body parts and export of such . this include lions,elephants tusks rhino horn, tigers leopard and cheetah	abraham
	2021-07-14 06:04:50	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		Sonja
	2021-07-13 21:25:08	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		Soraya
▼ Eastern Cape	2							
	2021-07-22 09:38:25	Eastern Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	I hate captive lion killing and rhino horn poaching	Catherine
	2021-07-13 22:24:56	Eastern Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		Mariana
▼ Leopard Conservation and Use	2							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	1							
	2021-07-28 12:32:32	Outside SA	Germany	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Leopard Conservation and Use	I support the DFFE DRAFT POLICY POSITION document with its broad vision of reimagining a relationship with Nature. In particular, a vision of secured, restored and rewilded natural landscapes with thriving populations of elephant, lion, rhino and leopard, as indicators for a vibrant, responsible, inclusive, transformed and sustainable wildlife sectors and an equitable society living in harmony in nature. I welcome an overreaching policy and I'm in passionate support of: - A shift towards a transformative, inclusive vision in Harmony with Nature. - Principles of rewilding, of enhancing wildlife's survival in the wild, of reversing the domestication and exploitation of wildlife in captivity and intensive management. - The protection of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, biodiversity hotspots and heritage sites. - The inclusion of interspecies welfare and wellbeing, in particular, the principles of "One Welfare" and "One Health" for the benefit of human and non-human animals. - The halting of commodification of wildlife and wilderness. - The halting of breeding and operations in captive facilities keeping wildlife. - The halting of trade in live animals and their body parts. - Enhancing the reputation of South Africa as a conservation destination – this will also incentivize consistent external funding - through the inclusion of principles of ethics, compassion, intrinsic value, sentience, humane treatment and respect for wildlife and biodiversity. - The inclusion of "Ubuntu". - Efforts to reverse biodiversity losses through the promotion of regenerative practices, including practices to revive the African identity and heritage and the indigenous knowledge consistent with the protection of Nature. - The elimination of stockpile of rhino horn, lion bone and ivory, in line with all the above. MOST IMPORTANTLY please note: Trophy hunting of lion, rhino, elephant, and leopard are not in line with the broad vision of the document and therefore should not be considered. THERE IS NO DATA ON THE SURVIVING POPULATIONS OF LEOPARDS. THE POLICY SHOULD INCLUDE: A ban on the exploitation of this animal listed in CITES, Appendix I – and measures to enhance human-predator co-existence, to halt the trapping and poaching of so called "damage causing animal" and for traditional use of parts and skin/ fur! FURTHERMORE, the notion of "Ecologically Sustainable Use" should include the principles of ethics, compassion, intrinsic value, sentience, humane treatment and respect for wildlife, and recognizing African wildlife as heritage to protect holistically. I support welfare and a humane phasing out of the captive cat industry and captive breeding operations (CBO) – including the humane managing of other exotic and indigenous wildlife currently held captive. Attention should be focusing also on the human rights of workers during this process. - The definition of well-being should always include welfare. - Overwhelming new science indicates that ELEPHANTS SUFFER TREMENDOUSLY IN CAPTIVITY. I therefore DO NOT SUPPORT THE KEEPING AND HANDLING – unless it is for medical and rehabilitation and rewilding / release purposes – the RIDING AND ANY COMMERCIAL INTERACTION WITH ELEPHANTS. KEEPING SUFFERING ELEPHANTS IN DISPLAY IN ZOOS IS ALSO NOT IN LINE WITH THE AFRICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE.	Jeanette
▼ Western Cape	1							
	2021-07-13 18:10:21	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Leopard Conservation and Use	I wonder what is meant by 'Use' with regards to leopards. I do believe that as humans we are just as much part of nature as animals are - We just don't all see it that way - but without nature and therefore conservation of nature as a whole, we are as good as extinct ourselves.	Gerald
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	25							
province:	Count:							
▼ KwaZulu-Natal	1							
	2021-07-27 18:57:46	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	I fully support the policy. All must be done to stop these disgusting trades happening around the world, no matter the cost.	Mathew
▼ Outside SA	15							
	2021-07-26 16:46:30	Outside SA	Canada	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Brigitte
	2021-07-16 02:03:48	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Kate
	2021-07-14 11:19:39	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Although I am not native to Africa I believe all animals should be protected as it is abhorrent that people are killing them for whatever reason. We need to preserve all these animals in their natural environment for future generations. I would like to thank you for trying to save our heritage.	Lynne
	2021-07-14 01:11:42	Outside SA	Ireland	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Jim
	2021-07-13 21:10:28	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Davidd
	2021-07-13 19:15:46	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Sue
	2021-07-13 18:00:08	Outside SA	España	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Oscar
	2021-07-13 17:00:38	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	To put it simply, the trade in wildlife products cannot continue; even legally sanctioned sales will give poachers incentive to keep on killing, and thus push endangered species like rhinos, elephants, and big cats to extinction.	Jordan

	2021-07-13 16:39:49	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	I do not believe that any wildlife should be slaughtered for their horns, their bones, their hides. The killing of wildlife, many of them endangered species, should not be permitted based on the money that a country will make off of them. Animals were never put on this earth to be exploited, which is exactly what is happening. There should be no question whatsoever that these animals should be protected.	Christine
	2021-07-13 16:30:21	Outside SA	Canada	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Thank you for taking my concerns on the matter of the conservation of the animals included in the policy. I am strongly opposed to the ivory trade and the damage it has done to populations of elephant and the pending extinction of the world's rhinos. I am also very strongly opposed to so called "canned" hunts which can also include keeping wild animals captive for slaughter to support Asian medicine. Asian medicines have been the cause of millions of animals being killed for parts and the rest thrown away like garbage. The world views this practise as torture for the animals and I myself have been witness to several stories on the condition these animals are kept in. It makes me sick to my stomach. Leopards are also in need of protection. Trophy hunting is not needed as poaching will continue to plague them as long as we allow it to happen. I am also against trophy hunting. Opinions are changing in regards to trophy hunting around the world. A select few choose to kill for a thrill. It is not a sport. A true sport has an equal chance for a winner to be determined. In hunting for fun, there is no such chance. In my own personal opinion I feel we have taken the lives of animals around the world for granted and we are seeing the number dwindle. You have a chance to make a difference in this world starting with South Africa. Please take this opportunity to make a difference and protect these precious animals before it is too late. Thank you for your time Sincerely, Jason Kosolofski Calgary Alberta Canada	Jason
	2021-07-13 16:07:29	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Your country is admired around the world for its wonderful wild animals that you share your country with. Please put an end finally to the hunting and ivory trade. Show the world that you respect and care for these animals and demonstrate a responsibility and duty of care in protecting them for future generations.	Motie
	2021-07-13 16:00:50	Outside SA	England	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Your country is admired around the world and blessed for having this beautiful wild animal population. You must protect it so future generations can appreciate it. Do not destroy your own natural heritage. The wild life in South Africa is under pressure and we must do everything to help it to survive. I urge the government of South Africa to stop the hunting, captive breeding, poaching and anything that effect the welfare and respect of an animal and the wonderful wildlife you have. This is your time now to show the rest of the world that your country will take responsibility and protect the wonderful animals that you share your country with for the world and future generations.	Rebecca
	2021-07-13 15:39:40	Outside SA	Canada	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Zain Ul Abedin
	2021-07-13 15:24:07	Outside SA	Ireland	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Rita
	2021-07-13 15:10:26	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Please ban this terrible trade in rhino horn and elephant ivory. You will destroy your natural heritage if you continue, and future generations will remember you with anger and disgust.	Tryna
▼ Western Cape		7						
	2021-07-26 11:18:05	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	I think it is about time that we take the well-being of these animals into consideration and not the well-being of the people that "own" them, and who want to make a profit out of them. Yes I do believe GENUINE sanctuary/rehabilitation centers are important to cater for animals in need, and to educate people on why and how conservation of these emblematic species is crucial. The sustainability of elephant ivory and rhino horn trade is an illusion and an absurdity, perpetuated once again by people that want to exploit wildlife and make their pockets even bigger. There is no science behind their argument, just an appetite for greed, and a resolution to blame animal right activists for whatever goes against them.	Julia
	2021-07-14 21:42:31	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Marc
	2021-07-14 17:41:18	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	I hate hunters, stupid people with an ego bigger than them. These beautiful creatures should be admired, enjoyed and protected for future generations, not shot at for trophy.	Francine
	2021-07-13 23:36:15	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Dave
	2021-07-13 23:14:41	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Klaus
	2021-07-13 16:55:21	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Andre
	2021-07-13 15:38:21	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Wayne
▼ Free State		2						
	2021-07-25 21:44:07	Free State		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Please save all animals mentioned for our children and their children's children and so forth	Esme
	2021-07-14 11:48:33	Free State		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Basetsana
▼ No concern		6						
province:		Count:						
▼ Gauteng		2						
	2021-07-27 08:01:01	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	No concern		Elmarie
	2021-07-25 00:18:27	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	No concern		Herman
▼ Western Cape		2						
	2021-07-21 08:00:52	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	No concern	The hunting and trade of endangered animals must stop. This is to preserve the wildlife and their habitats, not only for the enjoyment of future, but also for the creation of jobs now and the restoration of communities living in these areas. To help create a more equal South Africa and not for a few to gain much wealth while many remain in poverty.	Martin
	2021-07-13 15:14:44	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	No concern	This is an essential position to take in the protection and the RIGHT for these animals: to be respected, honoured and revered. It is time for all to take a good, hard look at ourselves as we discuss and support these initiatives with others and most importantly, our children.	mark
▼ KwaZulu-Natal		1						
	2021-07-20 07:00:06	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	No concern		Sandra
▼ Limpopo		1						
	2021-07-17 14:02:37	Limpopo		Yes I do	All species mentioned	No concern	Thank you for finally suggesting an end to captive breeding and trading of our animals! They should be protected in the wild where they belong. Many people have said they don't support the policy then gone on to suggest exactly what the policy proposes because they did not read it properly! This policy helps protect our species and stops treating them as a commodity to be traded. This in turn will help our public image and increase tourism.	Tammy
▼ Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism		3						
province:		Count:						
▼ KwaZulu-Natal		1						

	2021-07-27 07:31:33	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	Trophy hunting and the exploitation of our wildlife should be banned and a model that suits indigenous African pantheistic culture implemented. The trophy hunting industries propaganda falsely assumes that South Africans endorse their consumption use methods. This is false as African people have never culturally hunted for fun or trophies. Professional hunters and hunting lodge owners have been implicated many times in major wildlife crime and the industry should be investigated, instead of being considered as a role player in conservation.	Grant
▼ Outside SA								
	2021-07-13 23:18:57	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	Minister, Please implement the policy of no more captives lions to its fullest as well I urge hunting as mode of conservation be abandoned. Thank you	Tabith
	2021-07-13 16:33:10	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	please africa stop hunting and killing wildlife for money you must resolve the issue with population growth and stop taking more animals habitats control the number of ill and poor instill the values of ethics in your affairs for once!	Maria
▼ Human Capital Development								
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA								
	2021-07-20 01:46:58	Outside SA	US	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Human Capital Development		Robert
▼ Other								
province:	Count:							
▼ Western Cape								
	2021-07-15 20:15:25	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Other	No to live animal trade. Burn rhino and elephant tusks. No to these animals in captivity. No to exporting these animals for entertainment or zoos. No to captive lion breeding.	Lynn
	2021-07-14 10:38:30	Western Cape		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Other	I commend the institution of this Bill, but I think it should ban all hunting and trading of wild animals or animal body parts.	Maryna
▼ Gauteng								
	2021-07-15 14:31:05	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Other	The Captive lion and Rhino breeding because warped & a disturbing practice because people put profits before the humane treatment of these animals to enrich themselves exorbitantly Stop the use of wildlife for capital profits it not fairgame for these animals. They are kept in enclosures that they are not meant to live in.	desire
	2021-07-14 08:03:20	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Other	I feel that the draft bill (as listed above) is very good - as long as these items and issues and resolutions are adhered to. Corruption in any way, shape or form must NOT be allowed to transpire. This fight is for the protection and welfare of animals, not for filling up "back pockets"	Gwen
▼ Outside SA								
	2021-07-14 05:56:30	Outside SA	Ireland	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Other		Aisling
	2021-07-13 17:01:46	Outside SA		Yes I do	All species mentioned	Other	I cannot choose just one of the above reasons as there are many causes for concern. Species are going extinct at an alarming rate, immediate and urgent action is needed to protect and conserve the animals we have left.	D
▼ One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact								
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA								
	2021-07-15 12:28:08	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact		Aileen
	2021-07-14 20:47:39	Outside SA	ENGLAND	Yes I do	All species mentioned	One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact		James
	2021-07-13 17:37:47	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All species mentioned	One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact	As the world struggles to deal with a pandemic & a climate crisis it has become apparent that when people & wild animals become closer due to loss of biodiversity both animal welfare & human health will be negatively effected. We must learn to live in harmony with nature & do all we can to preserve natural carbon sinks, biodiversity & maintain safe boundaries for the welfare of animals & people.	Suzanne
▼ Free State								
	2021-07-13 17:16:43	Free State	South Africa	Yes I do	All species mentioned	One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact		Thabisile
▼ Gauteng								
	2021-07-13 16:06:00	Gauteng		Yes I do	All species mentioned	One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact		Steph
▼ Stockpiles								
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA								
	2021-07-13 20:23:02	Outside SA	UK	Yes I do	All species mentioned	Stockpiles	All the concerns mentioned are valid. We need a total overhaul on our exploitation of animals. Farming animals to shoot and sell their body parts is immoral and does absolutely nothing to protect their wild cousins. Stockpiles must be destroy. By burning them, countries commit to never financially gaining from the illegal killing of animals. It serves a clear message that the killing of animals does not benefit them and plays no part in conservation; despite what trophy hunters may argue. Making all captive breeding, hunting and the trade in body parts illegal will simplify policing and hopeful increase arrests and prosecution rates. This in turn will build a strong ethical reputation for the country and increase tourism; attracting the majority of tourists that like to see our beautiful animals wild and thriving.	Michelle
▼ Lions								
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ Keeping Animals in the wild								
province:	Count:							
▼ Western Cape								

	2021-07-28 17:25:05	Western Cape		Yes I do	Lions	Keeping Animals in the wild	<p>Wildlife in the wild rather than in captivity for commercial gain as well as animal welfare and wellbeing must be at the core of our wildlife sector and will go a long way to restore the reputation of South Africa which has most definitely been tainted by this industry.</p> <p>There must be an immediate stop to domestication and exploitation of lions, and captive lion facilities must be closed down. The same applies to other cats and captive elephants and spin off industries such as sale of body parts.</p> <p>The captive lion industry does not add to our economy or jobs so it benefits few.</p> <p>Current captive breeding is not needed for conservation purposes.</p> <p>The export of live animals raises overall welfare and wellbeing concerns during time of transport and at arrival at destinations.</p> <p>Bring a halt to the hunting of captive and captive bred lions.</p> <p>Lion Bone Stockpiles: There needs to be a tight management plan in place for the disposal of lion bone stockpiles to prevent illegal trading in lion bones and derivatives.</p> <p>Fate of the captive lion population: It may well be that many of these lions may have to be euthanized but there will be those healthy animals who need to be given a chance to survive in a TRUE sanctuary which sanctuaries must be committed to wellbeing and welfare of these animals. It needs to provide a forever home for the lions. It must ensure that captive lion facilities cannot adapt the sanctuary for any other purpose other than that for which it is intended.</p> <p>It is essential that the Welfare Forum is established as quickly as possible ensure the continued health and humane treatment of these animals. The Forum must adopt a holistic approach to the welfare of these animals.</p>	Lorraine
▼ Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	6							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	1							
	2021-07-28 00:15:31	Outside SA	Canada	Yes I do	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	<p>The eradication of breeding captive lions will then end the questionable lion-bone trade and finally end the exploitation of the same such as cub-petting, walking with lions, canned lion hunting and the false statements by some facilities that volunteering is saving these lions. By doing so, this will then give room for the government to put the emphasis on saving the wild lion population of South Africa before it is too late.</p> <p>The vast majority of the captive lions are held in deplorable unhealthy conditions which would cause immediate action if these were cattle meant for human consumption. There is no excuse. Captive lions can never be introduced to the wild and therefore has no value to conservation.</p> <p>I understand that the implementation of stopping this is going to be difficult and will face many obstacles. But by doing so, South Africa will show the world that they are serious and are willing to take a strong stand in conservation.</p>	Stephanie
▼ KwaZulu-Natal	2							
	2021-07-27 19:53:27	KwaZulu -Natal		Yes I do	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	Captive lions, lion bones. All a problem.	Charles
	2021-07-27 18:46:08	KwaZulu -Natal		Yes I do	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	100% support the draft policy paper in favour of ending the captive lion breeding industry in South Africa. It have been stated and proven by conservation authority that captive lion breeding and associated industries have no conservation value whatsoever. The industry is exploitative, damages brand SA and offers zero transformative solutions. The draft policy is a great start to ending the industry.	Nicola
▼ Free State	1							
	2021-07-26 20:32:28	Free State		Yes I do	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	I went undercover at several of these lion breeding farms for several years. I always ask myself is these breeders are doing the right thing, why is that what they are doing hidden away from the public? I got to know the lion breeding system and how it linked with licensing officials and the environmental laws. How greedy the canned lion industry is, is an outstanding aspect. I fully agree with documentary films being made the past few years, everything is true. It is horrific, the conditions how these lions are bred. The rotten food they are fed. The substandard enclosures without proper shading as prescribed by law. One farm worker to feed and prepare meat for over a hundred lions (the breeders do not create jobs). I can carry one.... the abuse of cubs (few days old) being raised by unqualified anybody after taken away from their mothers. In one case I saw cubs given milk that contained more water. It broke my heart and I felt shameful of what those breeders are capable of. Young lions in enclosures in the terrible heat on a Free State breeding farm outside Bloemfontein without water cribs. I heard the sound of their dry mouths until this day when its terrible warm in this province. Healthy lions being euthanize for the lion bone trade as if its a normal thing to do. Please stop this henous industry, we owe it to the lions of Africa that cannot speak for themselves. Sometimes morals speak louder than money. And the breeders breeding with lions (and Rhinos) feel nothing for the environment and conservation. I can only plead for intervention from the minister. Regards, Maryna van Wyk.	Maryna
▼ Western Cape	2							
	2021-07-26 15:25:00	Western Cape		Yes I do	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	As a veterinarian, I have been devastated about the state of the captive wildlife industry since 2015 when i first watched a Blood Lion documentary. We are responsible for the most amazing wildlife on any continent. Looking after wild animals should be making the entire country successful. This current industry causes untold animal welfare transgressions and makes a laughing stock of our international reputation. We owe it to future generations to preserve wild animals ; not inbred, traumatised animals. We need to preserve their environment and promoting the correct kind of tourism will allow us to do that. Veterinary mass euthanasia is unfortunately the only way out and it will be devastating but this needs to stop.	Laura
	2021-07-16 00:26:44	Western Cape		Yes I do	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	Shut down the Captive Lion Industry - the iconic lion is a sentient being not a "commercial commodity". The suffering and abuse must stop, no monitoring of their wellbeing, especially lions bred for the bone industry. Negative effect on brand SA and tourism. Lions carry pathogens which may result in more epidemics - no petting or walking with lions. Ban the trade and trafficking of live wild animals from SA to other countries. Leopards too are facing extinction, stop all hunting for traditional use and trophies. Ban trophy hunting, does not form part of the African culture and heritage. No legal trade in ivory, rhino horn and lion bones - encourages poaching, illegal trade and threatens animals in the wild. Stop intensive rhino breeding for commercial value - rhino should be protected in the wild.	Lenore
▼ One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact	2							
province:	Count:							
▼ KwaZulu-Natal	1							

	2021-07-26 14:42:51	KwaZulu -Natal		Yes I do	Lions	One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact	<p>I am in full support of the Draft Policy Position from the perspective of ending the captive lion breeding industry within South Africa.</p> <p>The industry is exploitative from beginning to end. Beyond the industry being widely unregulated, the welfare of these captive lions fall between the legislative cracks. And where welfare issues have surfaced, the onus sits with NSPCA solely to deal with it. This is unsustainable, and where farms are private, virtually impossible for the NSPCA to remain on top of.</p> <p>The industry also does not contribute to job growth within our country, especially when facilities tend to give the majority of the work to paying international volunteers.</p> <p>Although the idea of 10,000 lions needing to be euthanised is tragic, it would not be that case if the industry had been controlled and not allowed to grow at the unsustainable rate that it has. And I personally feel that euthanising the captive lions will be a far more humane way for them to pass, rather than being shot in captive hunts, or slaughtered for the lion bone trade.</p>	Janelle
▼ Western Cape		1						
	2021-07-24 22:12:39	Western Cape		Yes I do	Lions	One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact	<p>The domestication and exploitation of lions and other wild animals must be stopped forthwith. In particular, the captive lion breeding industry has no conservation value whatsoever, and it has also had a significantly detrimental effect on both South Africa's conservation and tourism reputations. The announcement by Minister Barbara Creecy on the 2nd May this year (following the High Level Panel Report and the subsequent Draft Policy Position document) indicate a crucial shift in policy, and I welcome her announcement that South Africa will no longer captive breed lions, keep lions in captivity, or use captive lions or their derivatives commercially.</p>	Philippa
▼ The policy in its entirety		1						
province:	Count:							
▼ KwaZulu-Natal		1						
	2021-07-26 12:02:14	KwaZulu -Natal		Yes I do	Lions	The policy in its entirety	<p>SUPPORT: Recognition that the captive lion industry does not represent ecologically sustainable use, providing very little economic activity or jobs, while benefiting only a few previously advantaged individuals.</p> <p>SUGGESTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There needs to be more clarity on the management and disposal of lion bone stockpiles, consistent with the management and disposal of ivory and horn stockpiles in order to prevent the illegal trade in lion bones and derivatives, such as lion bone cakes, teeth, claws, skins etc. - Given the recent and past consignments of lion bones leaving South Africa illegally, stricter measures need to be put in place to increase surveillance at all exit ports, in particular OR Tambo. - The vast majority of lions involved in commercial captive lion facilities are compromised and will need to be euthanised. However, this should not lead to the mass culling of all captive lions in South Africa. Euthanasia protocols need to be developed by vets, determining the criteria for euthanasia, the most humane method and a mechanism to permanently dispose of the bodies. Only qualified vets should identify the compromised lion population and administer the euthanasia medication. - All measures to reverse the domestication and exploitation of lions should be extended all other big cats in captivity, including indigenous species (cheetah, caracal, serval, leopard, etc.), exotic species (tiger, jaguar, puma, etc.), and cross-breeds (ligers), as the industry will simply move their attention to the next most profitable species. 	Kate
▼ Elephants		4						
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		3						
province:	Count:							
▼ Gauteng		2						
	2021-07-28 12:44:41	Gauteng		Yes I do	Elephants	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Please ban trophy hunting and close down lion farms. NOW. We need harsher sentences for poachers!	Elise
	2021-07-13 23:02:38	Gauteng		Yes I do	Elephants	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Khanya
▼ Western Cape		1						
	2021-07-14 02:45:34	Western Cape		Yes I do	Elephants	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Chris
▼ The policy in its entirety		1						
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA		1						
	2021-07-20 12:44:33	Outside SA	Belgium	Yes I do	Elephants	The policy in its entirety		Marina
▼ Rhinos		10						
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ Live Animal Trade		1						
province:	Count:							
▼ Mpumalanga		1						
	2021-07-20 10:53:19	Mpumal anga		Yes I do	Rhinos	Live Animal Trade		Greg
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		8						
province:	Count:							
▼ KwaZulu-Natal		1						
	2021-07-15 07:44:27	KwaZulu -Natal		Yes I do	Rhinos	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	It is ridiculous that it has tkn so long for the wild animals to be protected.	JIM
▼ Outside SA		4						
	2021-07-13 20:05:05	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	Rhinos	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Nancy
	2021-07-13 14:11:58	Outside SA	Australia	Yes I do	Rhinos	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Dee
	2021-07-13 13:20:42	Outside SA	United Kingdo m	Yes I do	Rhinos	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		LYNDON
	2021-07-13 13:08:24	Outside SA	United Kingdo m	Yes I do	Rhinos	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Angela
▼ Eastern Cape		1						
	2021-07-13 19:56:45	Eastern Cape		Yes I do	Rhinos	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	The rhino - a large animal killed for a small part, sold at a high price for so little effect!	Vernon
▼ Western Cape		1						
	2021-07-13 18:01:05	Western Cape		Yes I do	Rhinos	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Maureen
▼ Gauteng		1						
	2021-07-13 17:55:54	Gauteng		Yes I do	Rhinos	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Trade of Rhino horn needs to be banned!! Anyone caught in this act should be imprisoned. Not only they harming a helpless animal that has done nothing wrong...they are eliminating the true treasures of our country	Chelse
▼ Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		1						
province:	Count:							
▼ KwaZulu-Natal		1						

	2021-07-13 17:11:15	KwaZulu-Natal		Yes I do	Rhinos	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	The inhumane and despicable killing of rhino, and that just for their horn, must stop immediately.	Victor
▼ Leopards	1							
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ Leopard Conservation and Use	1							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	1							
	2021-07-13 19:32:27	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	Leopards	Leopard Conservation and Use	Please protect our leopards; there are too few left to trophy hunt or to kill for traditional use. Trophy hunting was never part of the African culture. Trophy hunting was brought to Africa by colonialists.	Ellen
▼ All	46							
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ Other	2							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	2							
	2021-07-13 15:06:00	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All	Other	In this changing world of today it is more important than ever to take the greatest care and to respect the lives of the wildlife creatures who share it with us. Our need for each other is equal. The wildlife of South Africa is at a disadvantage, it has lost much of its natural area of habitation due to human encroachment and is being hunted for what it can provide for human use - none of which are necessities. It is under pressure to survive and it is the duty of every member of the human race to do all it can to ensure that it does survive. This situation is not a problem only for South Africa, it is the same for all wildlife throughout the world from the smallest insect to the largest mammal. I would urge the Government of South Africa to pass all proposals relating to the care, welfare and respect to all wildlife rights in your country. Make sure you stop the hunting, shooting, captive breeding and poaching and, indeed anything else which will be detrimental to the wonderful range of wildlife you are so fortunate to have as cohabitants. Make your country a beacon of forward looking policies concerning your environment and the creatures you share it with. Show the rest of the world how it can be done and let them follow you. This is such a great opportunity for you to lead and us to follow. It will not come again if you do not grasp it now. IT WILL BE TOO LATE.	Carole
	2021-07-13 14:22:24	Outside SA		Yes I do	All	Other	Please ban the rhino horn trade, support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros including ending the intensive breeding of rhino. So my top area of concern is all animals not just one specific as I was forced to select above. Thank you	Janet
▼ The policy in its entirety	24							
province:	Count:							
▼ Gauteng	3							
	2021-07-13 14:41:01	Gauteng		Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety	Hi Our animals are needed to sustain our future. Thank you	Savanah
	2021-07-13 13:25:53	Gauteng		Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Helen
	2021-07-10 18:26:20	Gauteng		Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety	I agree with this suggested legislation wholeheartedly. Getting many roleplayers with disparate views to agree was a stroke of genius.	Johan
▼ Outside SA	17							
	2021-07-13 14:11:39	Outside SA		Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Mary
	2021-07-13 14:09:16	Outside SA	Netherlands	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Carla
	2021-07-13 14:07:07	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Jacqueline
	2021-07-13 13:59:17	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety	Our wild life and natural environments are in critical decline around the world. Many of the top mammals on the planet live in Africa and are becoming (if not already) critically endangered. There needs to be robust support and measures to protect this wildlife helping it thrive rather than being another commodity where money is the overriding factor in whether they live or die.	Claire
	2021-07-13 13:59:02	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Jean
	2021-07-13 13:55:40	Outside SA		Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Vahe
	2021-07-13 13:51:01	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Linda
	2021-07-13 13:48:55	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Kelly
	2021-07-13 13:33:31	Outside SA		Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		SARA
	2021-07-13 13:30:29	Outside SA		Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety	Hunting has never added to conservation of wild animals and never will. Much more money is made from eco-tourism, people hunting with cameras NOT guns. That must be the future for financial reasons and ethical.	shirley
	2021-07-13 13:28:32	Outside SA	Ireland	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Margaret
	2021-07-13 13:27:55	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Tammi
	2021-07-13 13:25:26	Outside SA	Malawi	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety	I firmly believe that we are the guardians of the natural world today therefore it is our responsibility to pass on to the next generation a country, a world that we feel proud to hand over. Further more, we, the present generation should set an example of excellence in how we look after our environment and the biodiversity dependent upon that environment so offer to future generations this standard of excellence. However, this objective isn't going well. There is far too much emphasis placed on profit over and above what is best for the planet. Governments must get down to the serious business of conservation using legislation as the means of creating a world in the future we can be proud of. Governments of the world Act Now!	Christine
	2021-07-13 13:19:59	Outside SA	United States	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Jill
	2021-07-13 13:11:06	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Lozz
	2021-07-13 13:10:03	Outside SA	UK	Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Becky
	2021-07-13 12:53:16	Outside SA		Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Susan
▼ Western Cape	2							
	2021-07-13 13:43:43	Western Cape		Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Lyall

	2021-07-13 13:05:27	Western Cape			Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety	a) Minister Creecy has been advised by the The High Level Panel of Experts (Panel) to completely shut down the captive lion industry. b) Furthermore, the Panel has advised that in order to protect the wild rhino population, intensive rhino breeding must be halted. c) As Leopards are facing extinction, all hunting of leopard for traditional use and trophies must be halted with urgent effect. d) Trophy hunting is not part of African culture. e) Ivory and rhino horn stockpiles must be burnt. Furthermore; 1. Lion farming and canned hunting are cruel 2. They damage our country's reputation, and evidence confirms eco-tourism is far more financially viable. 3. Lion farming and hunting do not create meaningful numbers of jobs, which tourism does 4. The work is dangerous. 5. There is a risk of yet more zoonotic diseases. 6. There is demonstrably no conservation value. 7. As it is currently illegal to sell lion bones overseas, large lion farms are suspected of promoting illegal trade in these animal body parts I fully support Dr Creecy in her efforts in this regard.	Toni
▼ Limpopo	2								
	2021-07-13 13:18:46	Limpopo			Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety	We MUST stop all hunting because we have destroyed enough gene pools of innocent animals that have every right to be on the planet as humans do. Hunting is the lowest for of life and threatening our natural world in every aspect. We need to stop it and start rehabilitation of animal habitat, corridors en most of all: PUT THE WORLD OVERPOPULATION ON THE AGENDA AS WELL, because the uncontrolled growth, landgrab for human food (meat and dairy industry) is not only killing the planet but pushing our precious animals to the edge of total extinction in stead of saving our biodiversity and all the 'participants' in it.	Maya
	2021-07-13 12:58:50	Limpopo			Yes I do	All	The policy in its entirety		Kate
▼ No concern	1								
province:	Count:								
▼ Mpumalanga	1								
	2021-07-13 14:09:17	Mpumalanga			Yes I do	All	No concern	Animals are sentient beings and should be protected as such!	Ancois
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	10								
province:	Count:								
▼ Outside SA	8								
	2021-07-13 14:05:24	Outside SA	Uk		Yes I do	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Simon
	2021-07-13 13:39:15	Outside SA			Yes I do	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Sonia
	2021-07-13 13:33:38	Outside SA	United Kingdom		Yes I do	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Please support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros, which would hopefully bring an ending the intensive breeding of rhino. Please help to bring about a ban of the rhino horn trade, and shut down the captive breeding and killing of lions for their bone. Please protect the leopard, as there are too few left to trophy hunt or to kill for traditional use. Trophy hunting was never part of the African culture, it was brought to Africa by colonialists and it is time to stop it and protect Africa's endangered animals and wildlife.	Chris
	2021-07-13 13:32:29	Outside SA	UK		Yes I do	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	I do think that the whole situation of wildlife and ecology and environmental issues need to be considered as a whole. Human beings will thrive and have better lives once we live in harmony with our surroundings.	Gisela
	2021-07-13 13:24:23	Outside SA	United States		Yes I do	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Kate
	2021-07-13 13:19:22	Outside SA	United States		Yes I do	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Holly
	2021-07-13 13:15:35	Outside SA	UK		Yes I do	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Please , it is so important that all these beautiful animals are protected, they have a right to life, not to have their lives cut short or to be injured and harmed. Eventually when all these amazing creatures have disappeared it will be too late to realise what it is we have lost. Please , consider their lives matter.	Janet
	2021-07-13 13:03:25	Outside SA	Australia		Yes I do	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		grace
▼ Gauteng	1								
	2021-07-08 20:44:18	Gauteng			Yes I do	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	This trade will have a big impact on the animals when this law comes into affect more animals might be hunted for they horns and teeth	Sarel
▼ Western Cape	1								
	2021-07-08 17:12:52	Western Cape			Yes I do	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Nadine
▼ Keeping Animals in the wild	6								
province:	Count:								
▼ Outside SA	4								
	2021-07-13 13:56:11	Outside SA	United Kingdom		Yes I do	All	Keeping Animals in the wild	I fully support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephants, lions, leopards and rhinoceroses , including the ending of the intensive breeding of rhinos. I also fully support bringing an end to captive breeding and the killing of animals for their bones / ivory. I would urge you to ban the rhino horn trade and to protect all wild animals from trophy hunters and from being killed for traditional use.	Laura
	2021-07-13 13:53:21	Outside SA	Italy		Yes I do	All	Keeping Animals in the wild		Jesse
	2021-07-13 13:44:53	Outside SA			Yes I do	All	Keeping Animals in the wild		Gunilla
	2021-07-13 13:41:34	Outside SA			Yes I do	All	Keeping Animals in the wild		Kristine
▼ Western Cape	1								
	2021-07-13 13:26:48	Western Cape			Yes I do	All	Keeping Animals in the wild	Ban the rhino horn trade & end the intensive breeding of rhino. Shut down the captive breeding and killing of lion for their bone & as well as the sales of lion parts globally. Conserve the elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros.	Marion
▼ KwaZulu-Natal	1								
	2021-07-13 13:10:09	KwaZulu-Natal			Yes I do	All	Keeping Animals in the wild	I am also particularly concerned about African Wild Dogs, which is also a very iconic species and very complex to manage as it may create trouble in surrounding communities and was wondering whether there are any specific provisions that can be made for this animal.	Erwin
▼ Live Animal Trade	3								
province:	Count:								
▼ Outside SA	3								
	2021-07-13 13:33:07	Outside SA			Yes I do	All	Live Animal Trade		Adilys

	2021-07-13 13:23:20	Outside SA	German y	Yes I do	All	Live Animal Trade	Please save wildlife!	Jörg
	2021-07-13 13:03:05	Outside SA	United kingdom	Yes I do	All	Live Animal Trade		Angela
▼ Not fully								
species:	Count:							
▼ Elephants	3							
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	1							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	1							
	2021-07-30 21:07:24	Outside SA		Not fully	Elephants	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Shelly
▼ One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact	2							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	2							
							<p>My name is Mike Davis and I am the chairman of ZEWACT (Zambezi elephant welfare and conservation trust) based upon the Jafuta reserve on the outskirts of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.</p> <p>I write you my personal capacity.</p> <p>Generally I think this proposed bill is an excellent development towards re-aligning legislation to modern conservation thinking.</p> <p>However my particular concern is the possible application of a one size fits all policy on elephant welfare.</p> <p>Whilst I do not condone the commercial exploitation of elephants in any form I believe there are various degrees of coexistence that need to be nurtured depending on the circumstances relating to individual elephants.</p> <p>A significant number of elephants are not fully equipped for survival in the wild without some degree of human intervention.</p> <p>This could be as a result of a particular elephants circumstances, for example an elephant that is lost part of his trunk following a snaring incident, or it could be a result of certain environmental factors such as diminished food sources and reduction in their historic habitat.</p> <p>It is common knowledge that elephants are highly intelligent social animals that can live for up to 60 years and needs to eat 250kg of foliage a day to sustain themselves. In Victoria Falls where I reside we are at the epicentre of the KAZA region which is home to 50% of the remaining wild elephant herds.</p> <p>Victoria Falls is a growing urban centre surrounded by rural communities surrounded by national parks. Coexisting with elephants and mitigating conflict between elephants and urban and rural communities is a long-term challenge requiring various levels of human intervention.</p> <p>This could be a short term intervention to remove a snare, provide some medical assistance or simply to encourage elephants to move away from community crops. In other circumstances human intervention may be required on a much longer term basis and occasionally for an elephant's entire life.</p> <p>Once this particular Rubicon has been crossed then a strong bond between the elephants and their carers contribute significantly to the well-being and welfare of all concerned and also provides an invaluable insights and lessons into cross species cooperation in the wider community context.</p> <p>At ZEWACT we are uniquely positioned to witness a kaleidoscope of interactions. The Jafuta reserve on which we operate attracts several hundred wild elephant each day to its waterholes. It is also home to 10 elephants that require long-term human care and where human elephant relationships have been cultivated. We are also surrounded by rural communities.</p> <p>We have successfully integrated a couple of elephants subjected to long-term human care into wild herds and witness daily interactions between wild herds and their human supported brethren and wild elephant and human rural and urban communities.</p> <p>Despite involvement in this environment for many years we learn fascinating new insights into elephant behaviour almost daily.</p> <p>Lion and to a lesser extent black rhino are not social animals and there is a great deal of logic to keeping interactions between them and humans to a minimum.</p> <p>But elephants are possibly the ultimate social animal with the capacity and desire to create strong bonds with their human carers.</p> <p>So whilst it is preferable in the long term to develop policies that allow wild elephants to remain wild, much of which will involve maintaining protected areas for them to exist against the tide of human population growth, there must also be room on the margins for varying degrees of intervention and the cultivation of cross species cooperation.</p> <p>We must remain at least open to the possibility that close physical contact, cooperative teaching and cross species communication with these highly intelligent and social animals can have many positive implications and lead to much greater understanding of these magnificent creatures.</p> <p>I hope that this will be considered in any legislation pertaining to elephant/human coexistence.</p> <p>Yours Faithfully - Mike Davis</p>	
	2021-07-27 16:01:48	Outside SA	Victoria Falls Zimbab we	Not fully	Elephants	One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact		michael

	2021-07-27 10:26:26	Outside SA	Zimbabwe	Not fully	Elephants	One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact	The policy document is correct in identifying that many of the common wildlife management practices currently happening in the country risk South Africa's reputation as a leading wildlife and conservation nation. That must be addressed or we risk being viewed as a nation that seeks only to exploit its wildlife in the name of profit, which will benefit only a few. When this type of exploitation is dressed up as conservation it becomes even less credible and potentially more damaging. But – we must not throw the baby out with the bathwater. There are situations where wildlife in human care can play a significant role in conservation, welfare and coexistence and I believe this is particularly true of elephants in human care. There are situations where very high levels of welfare are being practiced and developed, within ethical frameworks and in accordance with scientifically proven constructs. The "one welfare" concept is one that I believe will continue to grow and shape policy decisions going forward but that concept can and should be applied to wildlife in human care as well as free ranging wildlife. It is true that many of the practices employed by wildlife breeders are exploitative in nature, unethical, demonstrate appalling welfare, benefit few and should be outlawed. But - there are situations where the management of wildlife, particularly elephants, in human care is being done really well and in the best interests of the individual animal, whilst also playing a valuable role, through education and research, in the future conservation of wildlife in Africa and where the highest levels of welfare are being practiced, developed and improved. Done well, with appropriate standards in place (in the case of elephants in human care there are already excellent standards in place and being continually developed), appropriate monitoring and with the welfare of the individual animal put first, wildlife and human care is an opportunity for South Africa to lead the world in developing welfare practices that can result in positive outcomes for conservation and coexistence at large. So it's must be recognized that amongst all of the negative activities there are some very bright positive activities and projects that should be nurtured and encouraged within the framework of this policy. As is usually the case, a one size fits all policy has the potential to negatively impact some very positive and innovative initiatives and projects and therefore the policy must allow the flexibility for these initiatives and projects to be identified, encouraged and supported. End.	Allen
▼ All species mentioned	59							
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ Other	7							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	2							
	2021-07-29 01:36:41	Outside SA	United States	Not fully	All species mentioned	Other	Please stop the heinous exploitation of the five iconic species for money and parts. This is a heinous evil. These animals were made by God and they are not meant to be exploited, killed and used. Let them stay wild and leave them all alone. Make South Africa a country where tourists want to go by letting the animals stay wild . Stop killing the animals. Stop allowing trophy hunting!!!! Stop selling the 5 iconic species' parts and derivatives. Stop canned hunting. Stop captive holding and breeding of all of them . Stop the sell of their horns and ivory and bones. Stop the captive lion industry! Thank you.	Sherry
	2021-07-13 15:50:12	Outside SA		Not fully	All species mentioned	Other		Mike
▼ Western Cape	4							
	2021-07-26 17:03:43	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Other	1. Shut down the Captive Breeding Lion Industry. 2. Stop the intensive breeding of rhinos by individuals and protect the wild rhino populations. 3. Ban the hunting of leopards. 4. Burn ivory and rhino horn stockpiles. 5. End trophy hunting, because it is not part of true African heritage and culture. 6. Ban the trade in lions, rhinos and leopards into captivity. Unless conservation benefits can be proven, these species must not be traded.	Gail
	2021-07-21 16:33:20	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Other	In order to achieve 'buy in' from mainstream society, people often need to be touched by an animal in order to engage in its conservation. Most of the world can only do this through virtual experiences. Movies, documentaries and photos are the only way to facilitate this engagement. To do this animal actors are needed. Large parts of wildlife documentaries are filmed using animal actors, this is because the time and budgets of the film makers are often limited. The animal talent industry would be severely affected if the keeping of captive wildlife is to be entirely banned. Most of these animals are rescues of some sort and are essential ambassadors to the survival of their species and environment. They work to bring in the money that enables them to live a life of comfort and security. I agree that all captive breeding of any wild animal should be banned. I also agree that the unregulated keeping wild animals captive should be banned, however a small number of permits for existing establishments with impeccable reputations should be allowed in order to ensure these wildlife ambassadors can continue to do their work. To touch someone on another continent. Without this resource the fight for the survival of so many of our magnificent species would suffer a great set back. It is a sad reality that the majority of humans can only find sympathy for causes they have been personally touched by. A lion in movie made in South Africa may cause someone watching it in Texas to think twice about traveling to our continent on a hunting holiday. A good example of this is the documentary Cheetah v Race Car. This film has been instrumental in highlighting, not only the plight of cheetah in the wild, but also the climate crisis. Had the keeping of wildlife been already banned this documentary would not have been made and reached nearly 50 million views on this one site alone https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-9oFXfODE . This documentary also shows the strict conditions the animals can work under, ensuring their well being. This should be allowed to continue with limited permits being renewed every year upon a surprise inspection by the authorities who are happy with the living conditions of the animals. Legislation should be such that all wildlife is protected, but not be such that those who have the tools to enhance the conservation of our wildlife be stopped.	Janine
	2021-07-15 15:22:53	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Other	No breeding of elephant, lion, leopard and rhino just so that they can be killed for profit. There should be no trade in body parts of elephant, lion, leopard and rhino, including for so-called traditional healing. Until the hunting industry can prove that their animals are humanely killed by trained hunters, there should be no hunting and definitely no hunting by international tourists. There must be a strictly enforced limit to hunting licences for game farms so that a limited number of animals are killed per annum on a farm. This is required to stop game farm owners from relying on income from hunting to run their farms. Hunting must only be allowed on large enough game farms, to stop any Tom, Dick or Harry from owning a small piece of land and calling it a game farm. The animals need a large enough territory in which to naturally roam. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment to be authorised to continually inspect game farms ad hoc without the landowners being able to refuse entry to such inspectors.	Tammy
	2021-07-14 08:14:28	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Other	Feasibility of legal international trade in rhino horn and elephant ivory for commercial purposes – Ineffective and inefficient legislation and implementation resulting from duplicated and conflicting legal requirements Why do we as South Africans allow foreign people to hunt our animals ? Why does the law allow foreign people to pay penalties but prosecute his own South Africans.	Tamara
▼ Gauteng	1							

	2021-07-17 12:37:05	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	Other	<p>There is not enough clarity in the the report, some wording is very vague so how can one make an informed decision and support it?.</p> <p>There is also a slant to money and trade in these animals as opposed to just selfless care .</p> <p>There is also no incentive for private reserves to continue conservation efforts.</p> <p>Be more detailed, transparent and speak in plainer English in order for normal South Africans to be able to understand what you administer on their behalf</p>	Pam
▼ Keeping Animals in the wild	5							
province:	Count:							
▼ Western Cape	1							
	2021-07-28 23:31:23	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	<p>Bring a halt to the hunting of captive and captive bred lions.</p> <p>Establishing a beautiful reputation of deep Ecology that South Africa can be proud of to represent and for visitors to feel included in!</p> <p>Deep ecology is an environmental philosophy which promotes the inherent worth of all living beings regardless of their instrumental utility to human needs, plus the restructuring of modern human societies in accordance with such ideas.</p> <p>Deep ecology argues that the natural world is a complex of relationships in which the existence of organisms is dependent on the existence of others within ecosystems. It argues that non-vital human interference with or destruction of the natural world poses a threat therefore not only to humans but to all organisms constituting the natural order.</p> <p>Deep ecology's core principle is the belief that the living environment as a whole should be respected and regarded as having certain basic moral and legal rights to live and flourish, independent of its instrumental benefits for human use.</p>	Natvienna
▼ Outside SA	3							
	2021-07-14 18:42:08	Outside SA	UK	Not fully	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		Kevin
	2021-07-13 17:17:50	Outside SA	United States	Not fully	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	Wild animals should be in the wild; not in captivity for breeding, entertainment or otherwise. Ban trading wild animal parts.	Wendy
	2021-07-13 15:57:02	Outside SA	UK	Not fully	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	South Africa must recognise its international responsibility to protect, conserve and indeed promote all of its natural and native species. This must include a ban on canned breeding for hunting, trophy hunting and illegal poaching, all of which decimate natural habitats and those animals struggling to survive in the wild. Only by recognising the inter-dependency of species and wild habitat will these threatened species have a chance of survival & thriving. The inevitable clash between preserving habitat and human encroachment on land must also be included in an all-embracing policy. Improved resourcing to achieve the policy aims is essential.	Zoe
▼ Gauteng	1							
	2021-07-14 15:50:01	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	My desire is to maintain our wild species and game heritage intact and in the wild thus promoting ecotourism and foreign income/investment. When necessary movement of game from one region to another for breeding should be considered to curb inbreeding problems. Similarly captive breeding for release back into the wild should be an option to maintain stock. Protection against poachers should be mandatory.	Oliver
▼ Live Animal Trade	7							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	4							
	2021-07-28 10:36:34	Outside SA	Seychelles	Not fully	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		Pauline
	2021-07-14 02:46:28	Outside SA	England	Not fully	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		Robin
	2021-07-14 02:46:25	Outside SA	England	Not fully	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		Robin
	2021-07-13 17:35:37	Outside SA		Not fully	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		Anne
▼ Western Cape	2							
	2021-07-26 16:48:59	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shut down the Captive Breeding Lion Industry. 2. Stop the intensive breeding of rhinos by individuals and protect the wild rhino populations. 3. Ban the hunting of leopards. 4. Burn ivory and rhino horn stockpiles. 5. End trophy hunting, because it is not part of true African heritage and culture. 6. Ban the trade in lions, rhinos and leopards into captivity. Unless conservation benefits can be proven, these species must not be traded. 	Samantha
	2021-07-13 14:54:32	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	No animal should be kept for entertainment or profit	Auriol
▼ Gauteng	1							
	2021-07-14 18:26:02	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	The trade in animals give them a commercial value . If they have no value no one will make land available to preserve or conserve a species. There are thousands of rhino in private hands and are being heavily protected whilst the wild ones are being decimated. . How can the minister want this private sustainable population to be phased out its is just crazy from all aspects	Michael
▼ Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	14							
province:	Count:							
▼ Free State	1							
	2021-07-28 09:36:33	Free State		Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism		Zen
▼ Outside SA	6							
	2021-07-26 21:14:47	Outside SA	US	Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	<p>"To re-position South Africa as a destination of choice for legal, humane, regulated and responsible hunting of the five iconic species."</p> <p>Why encourage trophy hunting? We must go through Evolution and raise ourselves and society above this barbaric and ignorant practice.</p> <p>One of many issues.... :(</p>	Andrea
	2021-07-26 04:20:08	Outside SA	USA	Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	<p>Please ban the rhino horn trade and support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros, which suggests ending the intensive breeding of rhino.</p> <p>Please protect the leopard as there are too few left to trophy hunt or to kill for traditional use.</p> <p>Trophy hunting was never part of the African culture. Trophy hunting was brought to Africa by colonialists.</p>	Melissa
	2021-07-22 09:26:55	Outside SA	Zambia	Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	<p>It should be noted that any form of promoting hunting of the important species noted will deplete the numbers of these critically endangered animals such as Elephants, Rhino, Leopard and even the Lions. South Africa needs to consider the ban on all hunting, captive breeding and Commercialisation of wildlife parts which includes sale of ivory, rhino, leopard and lion parts.</p> <p>The outside world have watched with disdain the increasing number of captive breeding in South Africa and the rate at which the Lion species is being used to benefit individuals for their own selfish gain.</p> <p>Please bring sanity to your Conservation initiatives and be part of the solution.</p> <p>Best regards</p>	Maika

	2021-07-20 03:27:10	Outside SA	Australia	Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	I believe hunting should be completely off the table, banned! I also believe there should be no trade whatsoever in horn/ivory animal product. Both these issues keep the 'trophy' hunters in business, not lessening their desires, only feeding the greedy to supply illegally... Tourism should be encouraged, as should photo hunting, but it's a hard no from me to any negative physical impact on the animals.	Georgia
	2021-07-16 00:34:43	Outside SA	Tunisia	Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism		nesryn
	2021-07-13 20:47:08	Outside SA	England	Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	There should be no hunting. The animals should be safe and free in their own habitat. Only interfere when necessary to rescue, rehabilitate and if necessary send to a sanctuary. Not zoo. The only shooting of animals should be with a camera. Wild animals belong in the wild and not in cages or turned into pseudo medicine and trophies.	Dawn
▼ Gauteng	2							
	2021-07-20 15:09:12	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	All hunting should be banned - NO EXCEPTIONS!!!	Alexandra
	2021-07-19 17:55:53	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	I feel that tourism is a vital part of our economy. While I don't believe in canned hunting, I feel we must continue to grow our tourism and hunting sectors.	Alwin
▼ Western Cape	4							
	2021-07-19 21:25:52	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism		Sabrina
	2021-07-18 10:07:38	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	I agree with: putting a ban on Rhino horn trade; conservation on elephant, lion, leopard and rhino; shutting down captive breeding and killing of any of these animals for parts or traditional use; I 100% DO NOT agree with canned / trophy hunting. Our tourism should be promoted by the fact that we are a country that protects our natural environment and takes care of our heritage. Trophy / canned hunting is a completely backward and unethical practice.	J
	2021-07-15 08:42:06	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	Sustainable utilization is the only way to protect these species. The anti utilization people do not put their money down at the end of the day and the only way to save these animals for future generations is with money that pays for habitat preservation. Sustainable utilization is the only long term solution.	Rob
	2021-07-15 08:00:12	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	To breed animals to kill them for pleasure and money is barbaric. Typical colonialism.	Liret
▼ Mpumalanga	1							
	2021-07-13 16:53:52	Mpumalanga		Not fully	All species mentioned	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	There is no such thing as "responsible use" of a living animal. They are living beings with as much right to live as you and me. They are NOT a resource to be used, whether "responsibly" or "irresponsibly". Ban all trophy hunting. Ban all domestication of wild animals. Focus on conservation through allowing these animals to live natural lives in their natural habitat. Safari tourism, and rehabilitation. Not barbaric, bloodthirsty hunting which appeals to the rich few.	Gareth
▼ The policy in its entirety	17							
province:	Count:							
▼ Western Cape	2							
	2021-07-27 12:47:05	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	It seems that the draft bill is so convoluted that few understand what is written therein. From the various responded, it seems unclear to all whether the draft is promoting methods of protecting these animals or methods of protecting the industry bent on killing them. The crux of the matter is this: if we do not stop hunting these animals, if we do not encourage and allow the natural and free procreation of these species, if we do not protect them against everyone who wants to kill them whether in "canned" hunting for pleasure or for their body parts to make a profit, we as human beings are doomed and will be extinct soon as well. We need bills PROTECTING EVERYTHING. We cannot be allowed to continue on this "instant gratification" and greed path a second longer. Though humans are at the top of the "food chain", it actually and realistically puts the burden on us to protect everything around us ... animals, birds, insects, plants, trees, water, our oceans and the life within them because these are what is keeping us humans alive. We all form part of a whole. Like a 3- or 2-legged table, we will fall over and break and that will be the extinction of us all. For those in power I say this: THINK PEOPLE, THINK!	Tina
	2021-07-26 18:21:30	Western Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	1. Shut down the Captive Breeding Lion Industry. 2. Stop the intensive breeding of rhinos by individuals and protect the wild rhino populations. 3. Ban the hunting of leopards. 4. Burn ivory and rhino horn stockpiles. 5. End trophy hunting, because it is not part of true African heritage and culture. 6. Ban the trade in lions, rhinos and leopards into captivity. Unless conservation benefits can be proven, these species must not be traded.	Sarel
▼ Gauteng	5							
	2021-07-26 10:43:50	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	End ALL captive holding and breeding of lion and rhino, BAN and criminalize it and ensure that lion and rhino are properly monitored and protected ONLY in wildlife preserves. BAN and criminalize Hunting of captive-bred lions BAN and criminalize Trade in captive lion parts and derivatives BAN and criminalize hunting of wild leopard BAN and criminalize ALL trade in rhino horn and elephant ivory for any purpose Better protection and restoration is needed badly	Martin
	2021-07-25 10:26:20	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	As a South African and a nature lover I am totally against captive lion breeding and the industry that follows: bone trade, cub petting and completely against live animal trade. When it comes to the precious rhinos, I would say more and more work is needed to protect these animals. From my own knowledge I would say the beautiful elephant can at some areas around the country becomes overpopulated and this sort of management would need to be enforced. And my heart breaks to see the leopards are now a major target of trophy hunting, trophy hunting has its place given that this is managed and permits area given truthfully. I would say my major concern is the captive lion industry, cub petting, live animal trade and the mismanagement of trophy hunting. Let us as South Africa be the example setters and not the example of what not to do. Thank-you	Melissa

	2021-07-24 15:45:02	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	I don't think it's appropriate to say "sustainable use of" when talking about animals. They are not for us to use. I'm from Argentina and moved to South Africa 4 years ago. The first time I came as a tourist I remember feeling so disappointed about a country that I thought cared about wildlife. I went to many "sanctuaries" thinking I was doing a good thing towards elephants, rhinos, lions and other big cats, only to find out later on that these places were a fraud: they were not helping conservation of these beautiful species, they were just USING them to make money. But what disappointed me the most was the fact that this was legal: the government allowed them to do that and TO LIE to tourists. I felt betrayed by South Africa. This needs to change. South Africa needs to be an example of wildlife conservation and not the opposite.	Victoria
	2021-07-24 08:28:09	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	South Africa should NOT be associated with hunting in ANY form. This is legalizing animal extreme animal CRUELTY. There is NO reason what so ever that can support this BARBARIC sport.	Linda
	2021-07-14 19:15:14	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Trophy hunting is not part of African culture and history. It's a hobby that was introduced by colonisers. Captive breeding of lions, rhinos, elephants and leopards must be banned. This is done only for hunting, and petting, and damages Brand SA. All stockpiles of ivory and rhino horn must be destroyed. True conservation cannot be financed by money made off criminal activities. No trade in lions, leopards, elephants or rhinos especially not into captivity in international zoos. Trade must only be allowed if conservation benefits can be shown.	Smaragda
▼ Outside SA	10							
	2021-07-19 01:31:40	Outside SA		Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Please ban the rhino horn trade, support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros, which suggests ending the intensive breeding of rhino. please stop trophy/sport hunting in its entirety.	sherry
	2021-07-18 21:38:03	Outside SA	United States	Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Mandy
	2021-07-16 16:47:23	Outside SA		Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Please ban the rhino horn trade. Support the conservation of elephants, rhinos, lions, leopards and giraffes. Shut down all captive breeding & trophy hunting & canned hunts. Too few wild animals are surviving because of poaching and through human greed. Trophy hunting is not an African culture it was brought to Africa by white colonialists. Please save and protect Africa's heritage.	Anita
	2021-07-14 13:18:42	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Pauline
	2021-07-14 12:23:57	Outside SA		Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	I am in agreement with many of the efforts described. My concern lies more in the semantics of some of the propositions. I know from experience that words can be manipulated to fit one owns interest. I also do not agree with any type of hunting of animals that are already in danger of extinction. Although I believe that animals should be kept in their natural habitat there might be cases when moving an animal away for sometime might be beneficial for us conservation. Making umbrella statements or policies closes the possibility to use logic and reason on a case to case basis. I believe that immense efforts should go towards education and fighting poaching. So many hundreds of thousands of people now, and in the future, would love, and pay, to be able to see and appreciate these majestic and amazing animals in their natural habitat. I believe it is shortsighted not seeing the economic and environmental benefits, not only for the present, but mostly for the future. I would like to honor the efforts for conservations that are being made. Let us hope that it is not too late.	Oriana
	2021-07-14 06:43:42	Outside SA	us	Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		tara
	2021-07-14 05:37:05	Outside SA	Australia	Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	My humble opinion is that all animals need to be protected and they have a right to live freely and they have only one chance to live as us humans. People don't have hunting to survive. Minister Creecy, Please ban the rhino horn trade, support the Minister Draft Policy Position on the conservation of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros, which suggests ending the intensive breeding of rhino. Please shut down the captive breeding and killing of lion for their bone. Please protect leopards, there are too few left to trophy hunt or to kill for traditional use. Trophy hunting was never part of the African culture. Trophy hunting was brought to Africa by colonialists.	Elena
	2021-07-13 22:39:14	Outside SA	United States	Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Thank you,	Kian
	2021-07-13 20:25:49	Outside SA	United States	Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Sarah
	2021-07-13 16:18:26	Outside SA	United States	Not fully	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	I don't understand looking at wild and endangered animals as something to be used for material gain. This is a completely abhorrent, and immoral viewpoint. The raising of lions to be hunted must cease immediately. Likewise Rhinos, elephants, leopards - NO hunting, NO stockpiling of parts, NO trade in animal parts should be implemented or encouraged. These animals should be left in the wild and protected from the predations of hunting FOR ANY REASON. If these barbaric practices are allowed to continue, the majesty and beauty of these animals will be lost to the world. What gives us the right to eat other species in this way? Future generations will look back on your actions with outrage and disgust. PROTECT THESE ANIMALS IN THEIR NATIVE ENVIRONMENT. PERIOD.	Lari
▼ One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact	1							
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	2021-07-27 08:44:47	Outside SA	Zimbabwe	Not fully	All species mentioned	One Welfare & Human-Animal Contact	<p>I welcome any improvement to animals welfare that can be progressed through this bill, but animal welfare and evidence based knowledge, i.e. from practical experience and animal welfare science needs to be placed at the centre of any initiatives.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The definition of animal welfare in this document needs to be significantly improved. It has been defined tautologically, talks about 'innate' behaviour' which is a very small part of mammal behaviour and is defined by an outdated description of animal behaviour. No mention of quality of life or the individual needs of an animal. Euthanasia needs to be correctly understood. Killing of an animal is only Euthanasia when it is in the best interest of that animal, not when it has been decided that human no longer wish to care for that animal, this is slaughter. Sanctuary as a holding place for animals needs to be better understood and defined. Removal of human interaction in such places can have negative welfare impacts, due to an inability for humans to perform stress free medical treatment, develop positive bonds with the animals and prevent breeding. Prevention of breeding in social species such as the species mentioned is often a welfare negative. There are methods and ways of handling, managing and working closely with animals of all species that improve welfare, quality of life and allow for better medical care, better research opportunities and educational leisure activities without undue stress to the individual animal. This is relevant to the One-Health (one-welfare) concept and has important implications for better understanding how to better understand welfare, health and ecological balance. South Africa and the Southern African region has a great opportunity to lead the way in unique humane tourist offerings with wild endemic species that are not available elsewhere in the world. Improvement of standards for Welfare and Management of all these species in human care is very much welcomed, but this must done through multi-stakeholder engagement to include skilled professionals (veterinarians, welfare scientists, conservationists, ethologists, ecologists, animal keepers and carers and open minded NGOs and those that wish to do better for all species). There are already a number of published standards out there which are very relevant. Whilst a desire to improve 'reputation' is commendable, this shouldn't be clouded by the judgement of those who may wish well, but do not have the relevant expertise or on the ground knowledge and may be ideological driven. This can easily result in reputational damage. 	Jake
▼ Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		1						
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	2021-07-26 14:40:17	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	<p>South Africa's wildlife heritage belongs to all citizens. The killing of lions, rhino, elephant, leopard and even tiger lead down a dark path. Trophy hunting is NOT conservation. Only a few get rich out of it. A moratorium should be placed on the breeding of lions and rhino. In fact the breeding of any wild animal for the purpose of selling these animals for hunting and selling to zoos abroad should be banned and criminalized. The animals suffer immense cruelty in small enclosures. When they are little, these outfits offer cub petting and interaction with these cubs. There is inbreeding which even lead to more suffering. Sometimes these animals starve to death. It is only a money making business, Absolutely NO concern for the animal's welfare. The trade in lion bones and rhino horn should be banned ASAP. It is only a cover up for illegal trade. There should be absolutely NO hunting of leopards. They are facing an uphill battle as it is with farmers poisoning and trapping them. Their numbers have dropped significantly in the last couple of years. Brand South Africa has suffered enough damage through these unethical and immoral practices. Ban it all ASAP.</p>	Justa
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		5						
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	2021-07-22 11:23:40	Outside SA	England	Not fully	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Jules
	2021-07-18 13:46:33	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Not fully	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	Allowing trade in elephant and rhino parts	jenny
	2021-07-13 15:45:40	Outside SA	canada	Not fully	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		laura
▼ Eastern Cape		1						
	2021-07-22 09:14:40	Eastern Cape		Not fully	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	<p>I feel extremely uncomfortable with the term "sustainable use of" when applied to any animals. They are not commodities to be "used" by humans. All wildlife - which includes their wild habitat - needs urgently to be preserved and treasured for itself, not simply for its presumed "usefulness" to humans. This policy is a very small step in the right direction but actually needs to be rethought and rewritten with the animals themselves (not us!) as the focus.</p>	Harry
▼ Gauteng		1						
	2021-07-21 10:02:14	Gauteng		Not fully	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	I feel it is also necessary to implement education programs which address the medicinal myths associated with ivory.	Cristen
▼ Leopard Conservation and Use		2						
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA		2						
	2021-07-14 17:29:29	Outside SA	Germany	Not fully	All species mentioned	Leopard Conservation and Use	<p>In this draft Leopards get reduced to nothing but an important component for hunting and for traditional and religious use. This policy bears critical over-utilization into favor of hunters and religious leaders instead of protecting the species from going extinct. Your suggested conservation policy regarding the Leopard maintains the narrative of only a dead Leopard being a good Leopard. The Leopard is the most persecuted big cat species in Africa and world-wide and now again getting sacrificed by the SA government as give away to keep the opponents to the entire shut down of the captive lion industry at bay. If they cant kill Lions anymore they might kill more Leopards therefore? Hunting Leopards should be stopped immediately and even more so their slaughter for skins for thousands of religious leaders in need of a new Leopard skin each year. This doesn't belong into this century anymore . Prioritizing hunt and religion over genuine protection of the rapidly decreasing Leopard populations is not sustainable anymore.</p>	Jeanette
	2021-07-13 16:21:18	Outside SA	Britain	Not fully	All species mentioned	Leopard Conservation and Use	All hunting and trade such as ivory should be banned. They should be left in their natural environment.	Agnetha
▼ Lions		4						
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▼ Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		4						
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	2021-07-28 16:24:56	Gauteng		Not fully	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	<p>This practice must be stopped immediately it is a cruel and greedy industry. It serves no benefit to the conservation of South African wildlife. If anything it is the opposite, it jeopardises our wild lion's. Posting pictures on the internet which allow a person to choose a lion to be killed is barbaric. It is our responsibility, as South Africans, to take care of these lions.</p>	Michele
▼ Outside SA		1						
	2021-07-28 00:43:21	Outside SA		Not fully	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		Susan

▼ KwaZulu-Natal		2										
	2021-07-25 21:51:55	KwaZulu-Natal		Not fully	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments						Richard
	2021-07-20 21:23:49	KwaZulu-Natal		Not fully	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	Hunting of captive lions is bizarre. No trade on horns. Make an extreme effort to prevent red listed species from distinction.					Yvette
▼ Rhinos		1										
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▼ Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		1										
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▼ Outside SA		1										
	2021-07-13 15:36:40	Outside SA		Not fully	Rhinos	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments						Sue
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	2021-07-13 15:00:42	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Not fully	All	The policy in its entirety	Our planet and all the creatures living on it are in grave danger because of human greed, selfishness and self-righteousness. Humans think they are more important than any of the other creatures with whom they share this planet and believe that they can use and abuse other creatures exactly how they please.. This is not only immoral and indefensible but also extremely dangerous to our planet and our own wellbeing. All the creatures on this earth deserve to be free from hunger, thirst, discomfort, pain, injury, disease, fear and distress, and have the freedom to express normal behaviour. All of these freedoms are withdrawn from the other creatures on this planet by the selfish and despicable activities of the human race. This must be stopped. Please do all you can to bring about a ban on Captive Holding and breeding of lion and rhino, Hunting of captive-bred lions, Trade in captive lion parts and derivatives, the hunting of the wild leopard, and ensure that there is no legal international trade in rhino horn and elephant ivory for commercial purposes. No half measures are enough. No loopholes in respect of 'sustainability'are acceptable. We must treat the other creatures of this planet with the respect that they deserve and with which we wish to be treated ourselves.					Hazel
	2021-07-13 14:28:21	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Not fully	All	The policy in its entirety	Please introduce legislation which protects all wildlife in south Africa, particularly 'big game' animals. South Africa is the global guardian of these animals, but they belong to the world at large. Please play your part in ensuring biodiversity is maintained and enlarged, and future generations of the World's peoples can experience and enjoy it!					Graham
	2021-07-13 14:17:57	Outside SA		Not fully	All	The policy in its entirety	Many thanks on behalf of my family and future descendants					Cheryl
	2021-07-13 14:17:56	Outside SA		Not fully	All	The policy in its entirety						Cheryl
	2021-07-13 13:44:14	Outside SA	United Kingdom	Not fully	All	The policy in its entirety	My concerns are the following: Captive Holding and breeding of lion and rhino Hunting of captive-bred lions Trade in captive lion parts and derivatives Unsustainable practices on hunting of wild leopard Feasibility of legal international trade in rhino horn and elephant ivory for commercial purposes Ineffective and inefficient legislation and implementation resulting from duplicated and conflicting legal requirements Ineffective manage of State Protected Areas Non optimisations of the full potential of a vibrant Biodiversity Economy Inadequate access and benefit to sharing communities Untransformed Wildlife Sector					Kevin
▼ Live Animal Trade		1										
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▼ Outside SA		1										
	2021-07-13 14:43:25	Outside SA		Not fully	All	Live Animal Trade	Please have a heart for animals if you imagine just how many animals have been tortured,slaughtered,killed,abused and persecuted since man were created on this earth and how many have suffered,hurt,frightened lost thier freedom thier right to a beautiful loving life the were put on to this earth to live and be free the thought is unimaginable and anyone with a heart should not have to hear or see or feel what they have to endure , all animals are sentient beings they deserve love care and respect like we would want to be treated like us they eat sleep cry give birth fight love and grieve all animals ♥s should beat for as long as you would want yours to beat. So please help stop all this cruelty, abuse,killing and pain suffering and torture . animals might just be animals to some people but to that animal it is its whole life and these animals have brothers ,mothers ,fathers, sisters too all animals should be let to live the life they were born to live Like we were meant to live (BEING FREE) TO DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO LIKE WE WANT TO DO, WE HAVE A CHOICE THEY DONT SO PLEASE STOP IT AND LET THEM LIVE IN PEACE WITH LOVE AND RESPECT .					Rita
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		2										
province:		Count:										
▼ Outside SA		1										
	2021-07-13 14:42:10	Outside SA	Uk	Not fully	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	No wild animal should be used and abused by people., whether for food, medicine or entertainment. It must stop					Shelley
▼ Western Cape		1										
	2021-07-13 14:18:33	Western Cape		Not fully	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade						Yvonne
▼ Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		2										
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▼ Western Cape		1										
	2021-07-13 14:30:07	Western Cape		Not fully	All	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	Hunting of captive lions and all other animals must be banned entirely for this cruel so-called "sport". Zoos to be banned over time - wild animals should not be made to live in such closed enclosures which is not their normal habitat.					Audrey
▼ Gauteng		1										
	2021-07-13 13:11:00	Gauteng		Not fully	All	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	I support the Draft Policy Position on the Conservation of Elephant, Lion, Leopard and Rhino in as far as the closing down of the captive lion industry and the intensive breeding of rhino for their horn. I disagree that trophy hunting is part of Africa's culture. Trophy hunting was brought to Africa by the colonialists, contained by the apartheid and corrupt regimes of South Africa to benefit a few South Africans. It's time to rectify our mistakes and protect our heritage for all South Africans and encourage foreigners back here so that jobs can be created.					Megan
▼ Human Capital Development		1										
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	2021-07-13 13:40:17	Outside SA	United States	Not fully	All	Human Capital Development	All the animals listed are under severe threat from a multitude of causes, including but not limited to poaching, trophy hunting, habitat destruction, encroachment of humans into animal habitats, capture of wild animals for human entertainment, etc. Their ecosystems and habitats are also under threat. The animals and their ecosystems developed over millions of years to be in perfect balance with each other. The policy does not go far enough to protect the animals and their habitats and may even serve to cause further disruption and decline.					Marie Louise Morandi
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	2021-07-13 13:35:18	Outside SA	United States	Not fully	All	Other	All our planets animals are un grave danger because of human greed and humans dismissing them as expendable. Even our policies in place ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH. WE MUST FET MUCH TOUGHER ON ANIMAL MURDERERS. LIKE KILL THE HUMANS DOING IT because we never learn. Its Wrong to think speciesism is acceptable. It is NOT. They are better and more beautiful creatures than any human can ever be.	Gee
	2021-07-13 12:59:25	Outside SA	United States	Not fully	All	Other		Diana
▼ Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism 3								
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▼ Mpumalanga 1								
	2021-07-13 13:27:58	Mpumalanga		Not fully	All	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	I support the conservation proposals but I do NOT support hunting. Trophy hunting is gaining ground world-wide and it is conflict with conservation - all it does is satisfy some idiots' ego's; usually people who don't even live in SA / Africa. Hunting for the pot can be acceptable under certain limited circumstances, using a bow and arrow while on foot and ensuring a clean kill; NOT sitting on the back of a bakkie using a high-powered rifle ! The economic contribution of hunting licences is minimal in the greater scheme of SA's (ailing) economy.	gwilym
▼ Western Cape 2								
	2021-07-13 13:05:42	Western Cape		Not fully	All	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	If done correctly captive breeding should be used to protect the wildlife animals. Rather hunt a captive bred species for which it is intended than depleting the gene pool in the wild. People want trophies and will do whatever it takes so "Leave the wild and use the captive (canned) option" with discretion and control	Danie
	2021-07-09 04:35:05	Western Cape		Not fully	All	Ecologically Sustainable Use – Hunting and Tourism	If you want to increase the numbers and conserve rare animals, especially dangerous game such as lions, rhino and leopards. Making the animals economically viable through hunting is one of the best ways to increase and sustain numbers.	Brendon
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	2021-07-08 14:35:27	Gauteng		Not fully		Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Chloe
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	2021-07-30 17:10:28	Mpumalanga		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Why captivate or breed wild animals for the purpose of captive hunting. Or the trade of parts of wild animals! This in my view, is evil, unnecessary and uncalled for. Wild animals belong to nature and it should remain as such. Human greed in this kind of trade should be curtailed. Wild life should be viewed and enjoyed in nature. This is our jewel in tourist attraction. Tourism is one of our major industries and our wildlife plays a major role in this attraction. Instead of the open border policy to be transgressed by neighboring countries , the international borders should be open for international tourism. A major source of foreign revenue. But the export of lion bones, rhino horn, ivory or any other animals or parts thereof should be outlawed and forbidden.	Johann
	2021-07-14 12:49:40	Mpumalanga		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Anneline
▼ Eastern Cape 6								
	2021-07-30 08:03:44	Eastern Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Renee
	2021-07-28 19:13:32	Eastern Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Colleen
	2021-07-27 20:48:25	Eastern Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	COMMENTS CLOSE TOMORROW ??? ?? ???? ????? ????? ? ????? ????? ???? ???? ?????? ?Comment on the DRAFT POLICY POSITION ON THE CONSERVATION AND ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABLE USE OF ELEPHANT, LION, LEOPARD AND RHINOCEROS. ?Click on https://dearsouthafrica.co.za/conservation-bill/ , where Dear South Africa has created a user-friendly submission form, making it really easy for you to comment; ?Raise the following issues in your comments: 1. Shut down the Captive Breeding Lion Industry. 2. Stop the intensive breeding of rhinos by individuals and protect the wild rhino populations. 3. Ban the hunting of leopards. 4. Burn ivory and rhino horn stockpiles. 5. End trophy hunting, because it is not part of true African heritage and culture. 6. Ban the trade in lions, rhinos and leopards into captivity. Unless conservation benefits can be proven, these species must not be traded (Elephants in SA are already protected. AND THAT'S IT! So easy, so quick - and you will be making our beloved country a better place for all. 'Laws are like cobwebs, which may catch small flies, but let wasps and hornets break through.' -Jonathan Swift.	Cat
	2021-07-19 09:07:48	Eastern Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	There should be no restraint and/or government or society interference in the sustainable use of wildlife products. That includes hunting, killing and sale of the products. The prsssure on wildlife numbers is not from sustainable use. It's from expanding human populations and the fact that wildlife has little or no value to those humans expanding into their range territory. That is why cattle, sheep and goats proliferate along with humans - they have value, wildlife has none. Wildlife conservation (and all biodiversity conservation) should be guided by scientific logic, not the emotional anthropomorphic knee-jerk responses from the Eurocentric world. Ultimately wildlife should be regarded as wild products of the land.	John
	2021-07-14 18:11:25	Eastern Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	This policy is not conservation, it is an utter disgrace. The entire policy must be withdrawn and redone. If this policy is adopted it will be the final nail in the coffin for South Africa's iconic species. The Minister clearly hasn't considered jobs or the economy either	Michael
	2021-07-14 11:22:23	Eastern Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	How fast do you want our iconic species to become extinct? Because not allowing some captive facilities is only going to hasten the extinction of species. Until you can offer communities alternate sources of revenue and food security, and stop human development of land for their own housing and agricultural use, you will not be able to stop poaching, wildlife trade and the destruction of habitat. Some of our species are actually better protected off continent. So legal trade needs to continue.	Leanne
▼ Gauteng 18								

	2021-07-29 22:05:09	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Its entirely wrong in any sense how can we know start slaughtering our animals for what reason they the very beings that sustain this earth do you know the famine and disease breakups we will have the unforeseen heat of the earth what wrongs with you people	Geetendra
	2021-07-28 18:44:27	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	You can not destroy the measures put in place to protect the animals and then wonder why there is no animals left	Annemarie van
	2021-07-27 18:05:08	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Breeding of lions in captivity then being used for trophy/canned hunting is unacceptable and a disgrace, we as a nation should hang our heads in shame. We should be protecting ALL our animals, all hunting should be banned and tourism encouraged to see all our animals in their natural environment. The only shots taken should be with a camera. Penalties for poaching should be harsher. And educating our children and people about our heritage should be pushed and encouraged. As well as making our people feel responsible for protecting our heritage. Which includes all wild life, birds, fish and fauna. It is time to start implementing a sense of pride into our children and people to save our wonderful land and everything in it, instead of exploiting and trying to make a quick buck.	Rosalynne
	2021-07-27 14:42:54	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	I feel animals are a gift which is ours to sustain & preserve in their natural habitat as far as possible. No one has the right to kill for sport or any monetary gain.M	Marelyn
	2021-07-27 14:21:13	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	The trophy hunting is one of the cruelest sports on this earth. Human greed.	Cheryl
	2021-07-26 14:35:00	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Please stop with the greed using our wild life! These are wild animals which need to be protected! As Government you have a responsibility to protect the wild life instead of exploiting the animals. All hunting should be banned! It's time for our Government to step up to the plate and start looking after our animals. This will only enrich a small group of people as the only people that benefit are the owners. Stop exploiting the innocent for financial gain!!!!	Cathy
	2021-07-26 12:41:41	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	This policy wishes to deprive the constitutional rights of many and advocates for the senseless slaughter of over 10,000 lions in private ownership which cannot be allowed. The policy also intends placing approximately 70% of the world's rhino from secured private facilities into unprotected areas where rhino populations have been massacred to or near to extinction (Kruger National Park from approximately 11,000 to current approximately 3,000 animals left). This policy will result in the total extinction of rhino's which is an icon of South African wildlife.	Jonathan
	2021-07-25 22:04:30	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	The state is not capable of protecting the country's wildlife. Private game owners have again and again proven to be better custodians of wildlife than the government. This proposal seeks to limit the private game industry. It will be disastrous for wildlife in South Africa.	David
	2021-07-25 11:41:49	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	This policy goes against all science and the years of practical conservation successes enjoyed by Southern African countries and rather aims to appease and pacify an outspoken emotive animal rights movement. This policy WILL ensure animals march closer to extinction as they loss value. It's a shame the emotive naive groomed opinions of the masses will decide the fate of our wildlife. The only two creatures on the planet that will benefit from this policy are poachers and donation hungry animal rights groups that exploit, not only animals, but also the general public with their emotive false rhetoric.	Linda
	2021-07-25 11:03:01	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	This policy goes against all science and the years of practical conservation successes enjoyed by Southern African countries and rather aims to appease and pacify an outspoken emotive animal rights movement. This policy WILL ensure animals march closer to extinction as they loss value. It's a shame the emotive naive groomed opinions of the masses will decide the fate of our wildlife. The only two creatures on the planet that will benefit from this policy are poachers and donation hungry animal rights groups that exploit, not only animals, but also the general public with their emotive false rhetoric.	Trevor
	2021-07-16 13:06:43	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Our wildlife in it's entirety is already under threat. As much as there should be land made available for all people, so should be land made available for our precious wildlife to live safely. This would encourage more tourists, enabling more people to earn a living, rather than a few greedy, cruel individuals with no conscience or empathy to any other creature other than themselves. Thank you.	Gill
	2021-07-15 15:31:09	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Nicole
	2021-07-15 10:43:04	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Marge
	2021-07-14 16:40:06	Gauteng	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Human kind are supposed to be the CARETAKERS of the earth and everything in it! However, all that human kind does is to continually take over habitats and destroy everything in their paths to achieve this goal and human kind does this for their own very misguided and very selfish reasons and completely regardless of the wild animals, domesticated animals and every other living thing here on earth. All the species of wild animals and domesticated animals and every living thing most definitely needs to be so very well protected from man and man's bad attitude towards the natural world here on earth, otherwise man stands to lose the species of wild animals, domesticated animals and every other living thing here on earth, which will without a doubt culminate in the destruction of human kind here in the near future. The real emphasis and focus nowadays much rather needs to be on curtailing the human population explosions taking place here on earth, rather than just making the wild animals and so on sustainable for human consumption, when so many species of wild animals and so on are already extinct and many other species of wild animals and so on are already highly endangered regarding extinction because once these species are extinct, they will be gone for good! It is called great awareness of HUMAN FAMILY PLANNING that the governments of the world needs to focus on and emphasize now, to help reduce the human populations throughout the world because all of the earth's natural resources are under such extreme pressure from the ever increasing human populations. All adults everywhere must be made very well aware of needing to practice Family Planning. The very numerous and expensive costs-of-living involved for parents to raise one child today is really astronomical throughout the child's complete dependency upon his/her parents and this definitely will need to be very well spelt-out with all the many costs involved from the birth of the child all the way through to the end of the child's mandatory tertiary education these days, until the child becomes completely independent of his/her parents. Won't it be so much more conducive and so much better when married couples these days do limit the number of children that they have, so that they as parents of these children will be able to provide well enough for these children throughout their dependent lives on their parents, rather than have 4/5 children and the parents or single parent lives in a shack somewhere and can hardly support and look after him/herself, never mind the 4/5 children in tow, who will most definitely and without any doubt be deprived of so many necessary and required things during their dependent lives on their parent. As the saying goes :- If you cannot support and look after yourself, you will not be able to support and look after anyone else either, so these poor 4/5 children will be doomed! Therefore, the biggest emphasis and focus now needs to be on the best ways to curtail the population explosions taking place here on earth and it is high time that South Africa needs to start getting the South African population to negative growth figures, as is the case in other international countries. Let's not place South Africa's focus on sustainable wild animals, domesticated animals and other living things for human consumption, it's not the right and not the best way forward here in South Africa and it will really not solve the ever increasing human population problems experienced here in South Africa. CONSERVATION AND ALL THE PROTECTION REQUIRED in whatever forms, means or ways of the South African wild animals, domesticated animals and every other living thing in South Africa's nature, is what is so desperately required and very necessary here in South Africa and all the people in South Africa must be involved in and very aware of this extremely important task and whatever it will take to undertake the conservation and all the protection required, so let's not just carry-on with the bad attitude of destroying South Africa's most important and biggest heritage that South Africa has for everyone here!	Carrien

	2021-07-14 14:26:46	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	1. Shut down the Captive Breeding Lion Industry. 2. Stop the intensive breeding of rhinos by individuals and protect the wild rhino populations. 3. Ban the hunting of leopards. 4. Burn ivory and rhino horn stockpiles. 5. End trophy hunting, because it is not part of true African heritage and culture. 6. Ban the trade in lions, rhinos and leopards into captivity. Unless conservation benefits can be proven, these species must not be traded	Gisele
	2021-07-14 10:17:47	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Elana
	2021-07-14 06:39:57	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Tristan
	2021-07-13 16:20:54	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Annie
▼ KwaZulu-Natal		3						

					<p>It should also be noted that the issues I raise are a mere sample of the long list of deficiencies that make this Draft Policy Position unconstitutional, unworkable dishonest, and irrational.</p> <p>I was specifically invited to make representations to the HLP in terms of an email sent to me on 30 April 202. This e-mail included what purported to be the HLP terms of reference.</p> <p>I say that it purported to be the terms of reference because this was not in fact so. It seems that the Chairman of the HLP chose only to disclose a redacted version of the terms of reference to members of the public such as myself. The chairman also failed to disclose the Charter of the HLP despite it also being highly relevant to the nature of the HLP's work.</p> <p>The real terms of reference were only disclosed to the public when the HLP report was made publicly available. This was also when the charter was disclosed to the public.</p> <p>This conduct is incompatible with the transparent participatory process that one expects from the government or its advisors.</p> <p>This lack of transparency is also evident in the characterization of the panel as being comprised of experts. The HLP charter, for example, says that the panel must comprise members who when viewed collectively were appointed because of their qualifications, expertise, and experience in the field of conservation management and the implementation of biodiversity policies and legislation. Hence the characterization of the HLP as one of the experts in the terms of reference.</p> <p>This all suggests that the work of the HLP would be a fact-based exercise guided by science and law. But sadly, it seems that this was not the case. As it turned out the HLP was not the promised panel of experts and did not conduct itself adopting the sort of evidence-based approach that one expects from experts.</p> <p>It turned out to be more a gathering of different political constituencies, convened to try and find a consensus position in terms of a CODESA like process of wheeling and dealing. The result was a process where facts were ignored in favour of opinion, especially where these opinions suited the agenda of those who commanded the support of the officially sanctioned majority of the HLP.</p> <p>Thus, the consensus-seeking that the HLP Report was not the sort of consensus-seeking scientists refer to when using consensus-seeking research methods such as the Delphic method or problem analysis. It was more akin to a political process, designed and implemented to deliver the wishes of the minister rather than inform a fact driven process of policy making.</p> <p>This may be why the input of the scientific authority SANBI is nowhere to be found in this process.</p> <p>This lack of objectivity is bad enough in and of itself, but it is made worse still by the lack of proper public participation.</p> <p>The claim in the resultant policy that the HLP Report was the product of an extensive public participation process is untrue.</p> <p>It must also be said that meaningful participation requires that the public is given sufficient information to interact meaningfully. This was not the case with the formulation of either the HLP or the subsequent draft policy position. This is not only for the reasons I have set out above. It is also because no policy on biodiversity management can be used to give a proper perspective to what should have been a more detailed process of policy formulation that exists within and is compatible with a broader overarching policy.</p> <p>The HLP tried to address this major obstacle to their work by using the 1997 Draft Biodiversity Policy as a guide. They were wrong to do so. That draft policy was not adopted for a reason. The most obvious being that it was developed before NEMA and is incompatible with the NEMA principles. This difficulty is no doubt why the HLP recommended the formulation of a national biodiversity policy as a priority.</p> <p>This recommendation has been ignored by the minister who has chosen to push ahead with the Draft Policy Position despite the lack of an overarching policy. The inability of the public to participate meaningfully in this policy-making process due to the lack of an overarching biodiversity policy is one of the many issues that renders this whole process unconstitutional, unworkable, dishonest, irrational and ultimately harmful to South Africans and the environment necessary to sustain human health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Other major fatal defects are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The failure to apply the National Policy Development Framework 2020 (NPDF 2020). 2. The failure to carry out a SEIAS. <p>The NPDF was put in place to avoid the kind of bad policymaking that is exemplified in the Draft Policy Position. It is in this context I quote the following passage from page 6 of NPDF 2020:</p> <p>Currently, each department formulates public policies on the basis of its own standards, procedures and principles, without reference to any standardised framework on best practices on policy-making. In addition to the problems pertaining to policy-making and implementation identified above, this framework identifies key problems as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Lack of data driven policy decision-making and a slow transition from opinion-based policy making into evidence-based policy making; (ii) A tendency to separate initial impact assessment (SEIAS) from the policy making process meaning that there is a lack of critical due-diligence in devising alternative policy options during the impact assessment phase; (iii) Insufficient and ineffective stakeholder involvement in the policy-making process; (iv) Fragile monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems coupled with less viable implementation plans; (v) Lack of competence to complete the policy-making cycle resulting in poor practice of ex-post impact assessment (inadequate utilization of evaluation findings to improve policy processes, programmes and inform new policies and plans); (vi) Policy development is not properly planned, often being a rushed process that compromises the quality and consultations with stakeholders; (vii) The evident lack of knowledge as demonstrated by the constant requests received by the SEIAS Unit from departments seeking guidance on how to develop policies; (viii) The lack of a standardised format for policy development as well as a national framework to guide and provide practices on policy development. <p>The Draft Policy Position ticks most of these boxes. Indeed, it cannot be called a policy position at all. It is in truth something else disguised to look like a policy position.</p> <p>It should come as no surprise, given this underhand purpose to find that the so-called SEIAS is not in fact a SEIAS at all. The most basic comparison of this fake SEIAS with the real SEIAS described in the SEIAS Guidelines and its applicable templates shows that this must be so.</p> <p>A real SEIAS is intended to complement the policymaking process by putting numbers and other resource requirements to what should be a detailed step-by-step draft position that joins the dots between a perceived problem and the proposed solution. The fake SEIAS, which I had to obtain elsewhere because my requests for this and other information were ignored is in truth an example of the minister corrupting the SEIS process to achieve something else.</p> <p>So, what is the real agenda behind the Draft Policy Position and the HLP Report? It is certainly not conservation or even sustainable environmental management. One can say this as a matter of absolute certainty.</p> <p>It is in truth a blueprint for the nationalisation of privately owned elephants, leopards, lions, and rhinoceros. Doubtless, once this position has been consolidated, it will also form the bridgehead from which government will move to do away with the private ownership of wildlife altogether.</p> <p>It is an early indication of how the government will use environmental laws to expropriate property in what seems the increasingly unlikely event that the Constitution will be amended to permit this.</p> <p>This is evident in the fake SEIAS Report which argues for nationalisation based on the crude racially prejudicial construct that this is necessary both to enable benefit sharing in respect of existing protected areas and to develop the extensive wild system parks in African communal areas. In the simplest of terms, it is suggested that one can only encourage hunting and ecotourism in these areas if one outlaws wildlife ownership on the mainly smaller more intensively managed privately white-owned wildlife ranches.</p>
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	2021-07-24 08:50:06	KwaZulu -Natal		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	I do not think it is right to hunt animals. It is cruel. Not what nature is about.	Tracy
	2021-07-14 11:06:19	KwaZulu -Natal		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Stop the killing of ALL species. Let nature take its course.	Frank
▼ Limpopo								
	2021-07-27 19:04:43	Limpopo		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	I think it should be taken back to the drawing board. Give the actual people involved in the business & the actual experts a chance to come up with something proper, well thought through & sustainable.	Heillie
	2021-07-22 06:55:15	Limpopo		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Marko
▼ Outside SA								
	2021-07-26 19:58:44	Outside SA	Canada	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	<p>1. Shut down the Captive Breeding Lion Industry.</p> <p>2. Stop the intensive breeding of rhinos by individuals and protect the wild rhino populations.</p> <p>3. Ban the hunting of leopards.</p> <p>4. Burn ivory and rhino horn stockpiles.</p> <p>5. End trophy hunting, because it is not part of true African heritage and culture.</p> <p>6. Ban the trade in lions, rhinos and leopards into captivity. Unless conservation benefits can be proven, these species must not be traded.</p> <p>Brigitte</p> <p>Yes I do</p> <p>Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade</p> <p>As a human being, I am a guardian of all the voiceless species on this planet, I'd like to ask you as a fellow 'human being' what gives you the right to impact the lives of so many sentient beings on Earth? You and all others NOT involved in helping to devise ways of leaving these creatures alone to live their lives as nature intended should be beyond ashamed of yourselves. Dollar signs rule your existence, so you'll be able to afford a beautiful coffin some day. Right now, when it matters, what good, productive use are you making of those dollars? Save these precious animals. Use your money for life, not torture, tears & death. PLEASE!</p>	Gwendolyn Gail

						<p>There are many pragmatic alternatives to trophy hunting, captive breeding of lions, live trade of wildlife and trade in animal body parts</p> <p>There are many Pragmatic Alternatives to Trophy Hunting that will -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * help to solve the causes of poaching and deforestation - by tackling rural poverty, increasing food security and ensuring steady incomes. * solve the causes of poaching by ending wildlife farming, trophy hunting and trade of wild animals - or their body parts - while launching global campaigns to eliminate demand for meat and body parts of wild animals - or derivatives - for use in traditional medicine. * allow natural dispersal of wildlife between protected areas - along safe migration corridors - set aside to connect protected areas * protect all wildlife and ecosystems, year round - both within and on the boundaries of National Parks and Reserves * prevent human wildlife conflict * improve livelihoods of struggling rural communities - living alongside National Parks and Reserves - and beyond - ensuring both steady incomes and food security * stop deforestation, regenerate soils, prevent overfishing, reduce pollution - to protect the environment and help reverse climate change <p>.....</p> <p>Examples of Effective, Long Term Solutions Recommended In Human Wildlife Conflict Hot-Spots -</p> <p>1) To Protect And Connect All National Parks and Reserves - And Prevent Encroachment and Poaching - train members of communities as Guardians to prevent human wildlife conflict and alert rangers to the presence of poachers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Surround all National Parks and Reserves with protective Buffer Zones * Stop all farming, trophy hunting, trade and consumptive use of wild animals or their body parts - while launching global campaigns to eliminate demand. * Call for all Governments to work together - with help from many International Wildlife Crime Fighting Agencies - to close down known trafficking syndicates and prevent poaching, smuggling and illegal trade of wildlife. * Train and Equip Anti Poaching Units - including K9 Units - to patrol, night and day, between observation towers and ranger bases - set up in buffer zones- surrounding National Parks and Reserves - to detect poachers and prevent encroachment. Lease with Community Guardians via mobile phones. * Offer skills training in rural areas- to enable the unemployed to find jobs, set up small businesses or eco ventures * Increase security of National Parks - by monitoring protective buffer zones using smart technology - collecting data with smart phones. * Ensure a higher percentage of photo tourism revenue, from high end operators, is donated to fund ranger protection and to support communities who help to protect wildlife - once international travel restrictions are lifted. * Establish good land use planning and set aside wildlife migration corridors - with the gainful involvement of local communities - to connect protected areas and ensure healthy balance, and biodiversity of natural ecosystems. * Install effective human wildlife mitigation solutions eg. Solar powered electric fencing, bee fences, chilly fences / chilly bricks, lion lights - living walls around fields, bomas and homesteads. * Train Community Guardians/Rangers to maintain fences and raise awareness about the importance of predators. * Establish insurance schemes to compensate for loss of domestic livestock due to predator attack * Establish community insurance herds of hardy breeds to replace lost stock due to predator attack * Create protective Community Conservancies - with various eco ventures and market connections - on the boundaries of National Parks, Reserves - and alongside Migration Corridors - with support and funding from Governments - eg. through affordable loans and incentives, a percentage of Tourism Revenue, initial funding from the UN, the World Bank, major Conservation NGOs, Nature Foundations, Wildlife Trusts, Philanthropists, Big Business, Carbon Credit and Biodiversity Reward schemes - other Green Bond funding, International Agencies, Post Code Lotteries etc. <p>Examples of eco-ventures that could be set up on protective Community Conservancies - in buffer zones surrounding National Parks and Reserves - with initial support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Provide affordable accommodation - lodges or self catering eco camps - for local tourism or schools visits * Introduce bird watching camps with safaris organised by trained guides from the local community * Set up eco ventures such as craft making, bee keeping, cultivation of chillies, herbs, aloe vera, citronella, moringa trees, sisal, mushrooms etc. - in homesteads protected by wire mesh enforced living walls - with solar powered electric fencing and flashing LEDs * Establish various market connections for the sale of crafts, (including biodegradable sisal shopping bags), and produce such as organic honey, mosquito repellent wax candles, soaps, mushrooms, chilli products, moringa products etc. - to visitors from neighbouring safari camps, online sales or through market connections in towns and cities. (Eco ventures will help to ensure steady incomes since reliance on revenue from international tourism, alone, is risky.) * Build model traditional villages for tourists to visit to learn about local culture * Set up tenBoma arrangements - with elected Community Guardians - to ensure mutual support and security between Community Conservancies. <p>https://kwakenya.com/conservancies/ https://www.syngentafoundation.org/.../farmers-hub-kenya https://www.awf.org/.../ wildlife-conservancies-are-reducing-i-... https://africanconservation.org/kenya-kitenden-corridor-co-.../ https://loisaba.com/loisaba/ http://maasaiwilderness.org/programs/carbonproject/ https://www.wildlifeworks.com/ https://www.awf.org/proje-.../ amboseli-chyulu-wildlife-corridor https://www.ifaw.org/.../pro-.../ tenboma-wildlife-security-africa https://youtu.be/1yWN7aoQhNY https://www.freundevonfreunden.com/.../the-healing-power-and-.../ https://m.facebook.com/story.php? story_fbid=3355542917797264&id=704281876256728 https://news.mongabay.com/.../tracking-elephant-movements-re-.../ https://phys.org/.../2017-11-dozens-wildlife-corridors-africa-.../ https://m.facebook.com/story.php? story_fbid=3070390046305990&substory_index=0&id=154399394571751&sfnsn=scwshmo&extid=ZrWeCh7AmltVQrL8 https://www.nationalgeographic.com/.../141202-bomas-lions-af-.../ https://elephantsandbees.com/bee-hive-fence/ https://theconversation.com/burning-chillies-and-dung-could-... https://www.smartconservationtools.org/smartmobile/ https://www.ft.com/.../47edbf58-0c6f-11ea-bb52-34c8d9dc6d84</p> <p>.....</p> <p>2) To Improve Livelihoods Of Struggling Rural Communities Living Beyond protective buffer zones that surround National Parks - and in areas alongside migration corridors -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Again - set up effective human wildlife conflict deterrents - build living walls around homesteads, bomas and fields - enforced with solar powered electric fence solutions and lion lights where necessary. * Train herders to protect livestock effectively and practice holistic management of livestock. * Set up self-sustaining community insurance schemes such as insurance herds to compensate loss of livestock to attacks by predators * Adopt regenerative farming, agroforestry, permaculture practices - to enrich soils and ensure food security and steady incomes
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	2021-07-24 15:41:21	Outside SA	Netherlands	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		mireille
							<p>All of the so-called solutions identified are appalling.</p> <p>"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated... I hold that, the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man" MAHATMA GHANDI</p> <p>It is positively cruel to breed animals for hunting and/or export to a similar fate. The whole draft is skewed towards making money out of wild animals lives in a completely unnatural and barbaric way! These animals are sentient creatures who belong in the wild, they do not deserve to be "farmed" just to be released for cowardly hunting practices for 'profit'. Eco tourism is the only way to go, so that all people can enjoy seeing these animals in their natural habitat living their natural lives for generations to come!</p> <p>These animals are sentient beings, not "commercial commodities". The suffering and abuse must stop!</p> <p>Ban the trade and trafficking of live wild animals from SA to other countries.</p> <p>Ban trophy hunting. It does not form part of the African culture and heritage. No legal trade in ivory, rhino horn and lion bones - encourages poaching and illegal trade and threatens animals in the wild.</p> <p>Stop intensive rhino breeding for commercial value - rhino should be protected in the wild.</p> <p>As our planet faces detrimental challenges due to climate change and loss of biodiversity, every country needs to play its part in protecting our wildlife. Not simply protecting it but cherishing it for the uniqueness of species specific to regions all over the world. We need to recognise that we are intrinsically connected to nature, to all wildlife and we need each other to survive!</p> <p>"...Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty." — ALBERT EINSTEIN</p> <p>Any form of cruelty to animals is horrendous. Wild animals should be as described, wild, free to roam, to live without interference from mankind. We cannot continue to cage, poach, kill and trade in animal parts such as elephant tusks and rhino, lions, leopards and tigers, etc etc.</p> <p>I plead with South Africa to recognise the value of your wild life, not in how it can be abused, tormented, killed for its body parts but as a living, breathing and rich diversity which alive and well, stabilise your ecosystems and contribute to the Earth not just surviving but thriving.</p>	
	2021-07-16 10:35:29	Outside SA		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Karen
							<p>As our planet faces detrimental challenges due to climate change and loss of biodiversity, every country needs to play its part in protecting our wildlife. Not alone protecting it but cherishing it for the uniqueness of species specific to regions all over the world. We need to recognise that we are intrinsically connected to nature, to all wildlife and we need each other to survive.</p> <p>Any form of cruelty to animals is horrendous. Wild animals should be as described, wild, free to roam, to live without interference from mankind. We cannot continue to cage, poach, kill and trade in animal parts such as elephant tusks and rhino, lions, leopards and tigers, etc etc.</p> <p>I plead with South Africa to recognise the value of your wild life, not in how it can be abused, tormented, killed for its body parts but as a living, breathing and rich diversity which alive and well, stabilises your eco system and contributes to this planet not just surviving but thriving.</p>	
	2021-07-15 22:59:17	Outside SA	Ireland	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Bridget
							<p>This policy does not take into account the fragile state of all species of wild animals in South Africa and the planet. There is no such thing as sustainable hunting of wild species, control of populations should be adopted, but by transferring animals to areas, countries where their species are in decline.</p> <p>Hunting only continues to kill species that are already in danger of extinction and is not the only mechanism to improve income, encouraging wildlife tourism, and breeding programs can help to provide income and support species in decline. I would like to encourage all the populations in your beautiful counties to look after your wildlife, that is all precious. Look after your waters and soils. Those are the jobs that will help you thrive instead of die in the most horrible ways. I would ask to have a law that bans from all medias pictures of the cowards sitting on top of beautiful animals just killed, instead of selling them as ads.</p>	
	2021-07-14 10:29:29	Outside SA	United Kingdom	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Daniela
	2021-07-13 22:45:07	Outside SA	United Kingdom	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Michelle
	2021-07-13 16:55:53	Outside SA	Ireland	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Stop all animal cruelty. Hunting and live export included. Thank you.	Maria
	2021-07-13 15:09:21	Outside SA		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Lorraine
	2021-07-13 14:49:57	Outside SA	United Kingdom	No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Lorna
▼ Western Cape		7						
							<p>The whole draft is skewed towards making money out of wild animals lives in a completely unnatural way. They are sentient creatures who belong in the wild, they do not deserve to be "farmed" just to be released for cowardly hunting practices just to make money. Eco tourism is the only way to go, so that all people can enjoy seeing these animals in their natural habitat living their natural lives, not from farm to target board.</p> <p>It is criminal that our heritage, yes, for that is what these animals represent, and if you do not allow them to live at peace in their natural environments, they will cease to be in the very short term and will no longer be there for the future generations to appreciate as lessons in nature, not just pictures of overweight humans holding guns.</p> <p>All these people engaging in these practices should be ashamed of themselves! PERIOD.</p>	
	2021-07-16 02:25:10	Western Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Claire
	2021-07-15 17:17:38	Western Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Claire
							<p>No hunting tourism period - this is a management tool for controlling populations in limited reserves only! Endangered species need to be bred in a protected environment to ensure they are returned to the wild. Leopards are not to 'used sustainably' humans must be! Generally this government is untrustworthy so am sceptical of anything it legislates because there will be space for manoeuvring for their benefit not the animals concerned</p>	
	2021-07-14 16:25:52	Western Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety		Lesley
	2021-07-14 09:28:23	Western Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	I don't trust this government to run anything honestly or competently. They've proved to be corrupt in every sphere. Our wild life is far too important and precious for their well-being to be left in the hands of politicians whose only interest is greed and financial gain.	Jacqueline
	2021-07-14 08:13:44	Western Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Don't trust the government to properly control any legislation especially when it comes to our most threatened and vulnerable animals who just represent a revenue stream that they can exploit	Sharon
	2021-07-13 21:52:34	Western Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	These animals should be running freely in the wild, not kept captive, nor used for trade, or for shooting.	Linda

	2021-07-13 19:40:16	Western Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	Animals are not commodities to be used for profit and harmed in the pursuit of it. They should be allowed to live in their natural environment in a natural way, not in captivity where they will be treated badly and killed for profit. This is not nature conservation it's nature exploitation.	nadene
▼ Free State	1							
	2021-07-14 20:37:46	Free State		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	All we need to do is look at all African States that turn Green and stopped hunting and breeding. Where are their lions and other wildlife game? If there is no value on any product it is lost. Thus when you breed and hunt there is monetary value on the products. The wildlife animals excel, Government receive taxes, and people have work. The only two countries that have more wildlife animals now than at 1980 is the USA and South Africa. Why because we bred and cared for them and payed them with our own funds, did not get any money through donations.	Francoais
▼ North West	1							
	2021-07-14 09:18:30	North West		No I do not	All species mentioned	The policy in its entirety	This policy does not take into account the fragile state of all species of wild animals in South Africa and the planet. There is no such thing as sustainable hunting of wild species, control of populations should be adopted, but by transferring animals to areas, countries where their species are in decline. Hunting only continues to kill species that are already in danger of extinction and is not the only mechanism to improve income, encouraging wildlife tourism, and breeding programs can help to provide income and support species in decline.	David
▼ Keeping Animals in the wild	5							
province:	Count:							
▼ Eastern Cape	1							
	2021-07-28 19:52:52	Eastern Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	Wild Animals belong in the wild.	Colleen
▼ Gauteng	3							
	2021-07-28 07:51:32	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		Karen
	2021-07-15 15:34:01	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	Why are we no longer protective of our wild life? There is more to be earned in tourism, plus the money is spread further. What is proposed only benefits an elite few !	Cleona
	2021-07-14 02:31:02	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild	Wild animals do not belong on breeding farms, this just leads to hunting animals in cages. Wildlife numbers in Africa as a whole are dropping all the time , captive breeding farms must be stopped. Marketing animals like elephants lions and leopards and rhino will just promote more poaching. I do not agree with this new policy by Minister Greecy .	Richard
▼ Outside SA	1							
	2021-07-13 15:10:49	Outside SA	Italia	No I do not	All species mentioned	Keeping Animals in the wild		MariaGrazia
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	3							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	1							
	2021-07-26 16:42:30	Outside SA	Canada	No I do not	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Brigitte
▼ KwaZulu-Natal	1							
	2021-07-20 05:12:40	KwaZulu-Natal		No I do not	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Liz
▼ Gauteng	1							
	2021-07-15 15:52:54	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Antoinette
▼ Live Animal Trade	2							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	1							
	2021-07-26 08:30:23	Outside SA	Australia	No I do not	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade		Gabrielle
▼ Eastern Cape	1							
	2021-07-22 12:15:31	Eastern Cape		No I do not	All species mentioned	Live Animal Trade	Inhumane to put it mildly. People can still be controlled, but nature! Really now!	Yolanda
▼ Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	2							
province:	Count:							
▼ Gauteng	2							
	2021-07-25 22:09:27	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments		Wiehann
	2021-07-13 17:25:40	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	Wildlife should be free that is why they are called "wild". Do not enclose, enslave or breed for the financial gain of man. They are not to be owned.	Henry
▼ Other	1							
province:	Count:							
▼ Gauteng	1							
	2021-07-15 04:37:23	Gauteng		No I do not	All species mentioned	Other		Alani
▼ Elephants	1							
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	1							
province:	Count:							
▼ Eastern Cape	1							
	2021-07-29 06:19:29	Eastern Cape		No I do not	Elephants	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Marion
▼ Lions	6							
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ Other	1							
province:	Count:							
▼ Eastern Cape	1							
	2021-07-26 15:37:16	Eastern Cape		No I do not	Lions	Other		Marion
▼ The policy in its entirety	2							
province:	Count:							
▼ Outside SA	1							
	2021-07-26 15:24:07	Outside SA		No I do not	Lions	The policy in its entirety		Guy
▼ North West	1							
	2021-07-14 18:13:37	North West		No I do not	Lions	The policy in its entirety	The Department of DFFE is suppose to be establishing Conservation and Environmental legislation that is conducive to a clean and healthy environment. Issuing a policy that terminates a legal wildlife industry does not make sense.	Carla
▼ Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	2							
province:	Count:							
▼ Western Cape	2							

	2021-07-21 11:31:53	Western Cape		No I do not	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	<p>Dear Sir With regards to the above proposed legislation I would like to draw your attention to a few points: I have been a State Licensed Animal Trainer for the past 30 plus years in addition to owning several apex predators for which I am licensed to do so by Cape Nature. I have spent many millions purchasing a farm, building enclosures way beyond mandated size, a custom Film Studio, animals, trained staff etc etc . There is no explanation in the Proposed Bill on how you plan to deal with me? There is no clear explanation on who will actually be allowed to retain their lions and who will not? Then I ask who will be the judge on this and what criteria will be levelled? What "high level panel" will decide who is actually a bona fide sanctuary or who has a private collection of big cats ? What is a Bona Fide Sanctuary?</p> <p>For all intensive purposes I cannot agree with you more that the commercial breeding farms are shut down as I have been to many of them and the condition and welfare of the animals is shocking to say the least. However it would seem the great emotional headline "BLOOD LIONS VICTORY" smacks of a predetermined outcome disregarding many facets of the captive animal category.</p> <p>My facility has introduced wild animals to 1000's of children that would otherwise never have had the chance to see or learn about these species. I have serviced 1000's of TV Commercials , 100's of Foreign D=feature Films bringing millions of rands into this country.</p> <p>Should the "HLP" decide to euthanize my lions and cheetahs who will be remunerating me for my financial and emotional loss ?</p> <p>One thing I do find strange is that not one member of the "HLP" has ever owned a predator in their lives.</p> <p>I would think too that 10000 odd dead lions would perhaps call for a headline "Blood on your hands lions" .</p> <p>I respect the thinking behind much of the Proposed Bill , however I certainly think that it has been overtly influenced by the animal rights faction who do not have a clear understanding of any form of animal management.</p> <p>Si, I hereby lodge my objection to this Bill and require answers to the questions I have posed.</p> <p>Yours Truly Luke Cornell</p>	Luke
	2021-07-15 09:50:37	Western Cape		No I do not	Lions	Captive Lions & Rhino Environments	<p>Geen dier,leeus , renosters, olifante, tiere of enige ander op aarde mag deur wrede geldbehepte jagters geskiet word, somer net vir die lekkerte. Ons wild moet bewaar word vir ons nageslag, en geplaas word waar huulle veilig is en deur die mens besigtig kan word</p>	Eljo
▼ Keeping Animals in the wild	1							
province:	Count:							
▼ Northern Cape	1							
	2021-07-14 17:29:18	Norther n Cape		No I do not	Lions	Keeping Animals in the wild		NEAL
▼ Rhinos	1							
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	1							
province:	Count:							
▼ Gauteng	1							
	2021-07-13 22:52:20	Gauteng		No I do not	Rhinos	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		Masego
▼ All	24							
top-concern:	Count:							
▼ The policy in its entirety	22							
province:	Count:							
▼ Gauteng	8							
	2021-07-13 14:00:15	Gauteng		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	I agree with Louise. All the animals listed are under severe threat from a multitude of causes, including but not limited to poaching, trophy hunting, habitat destruction, encroachment of humans into animal habitats, capture of wild animals for human entertainment, etc. Their ecosystems and habitats are also under threat. The animals and their ecosystems developed over millions of years to be in perfect balance with each other. The policy does not go far enough to protect the animals and their habitats and may even serve to cause further disruption and decline.	Keith
	2021-07-13 13:39:16	Gauteng		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety		Michael
	2021-07-13 13:30:56	Gauteng		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety		Ignatius
	2021-07-13 13:24:03	Gauteng		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	Govt must realize that this is the future of our children's children. Steps must be taken now to protect these beautiful animals so our grandchildren can benefit in years to come.	Dave
	2021-07-13 13:07:25	Gauteng		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety		Gareth
	2021-07-13 12:55:13	Gauteng		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	This will create more opportunities for the criminal element to continue their destruction and plundering and walk away scot free.	AM
	2021-07-10 10:02:03	Gauteng		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	Hunting these animals should be banned completely. Only hunting buck that will be eaten should be allowed	Tammy
	2021-07-08 17:13:10	Gauteng		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	I think this policy as a whole will have a very negative effect on conservation. This will reduce incentives of farmers and land owners to breed and keep these species.	Pieter
▼ Western Cape	4							
	2021-07-13 13:51:53	Western Cape		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety		Mark
	2021-07-13 13:51:19	Western Cape		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety		edith
	2021-07-11 12:15:40	Western Cape		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	If you want to increase the numbers and conserve rare animals, especially dangerous game such as lions, rhino and leopards. Making the animals economically viable through hunting is one of the best ways to increase and sustain numbers. Please refer to work done by Blood Origins in this regard : https://bloodorigins.org/ NOTHING IS EVER PROPERLY ENFORCED. This will create more opportunities for the criminal element to continue their destruction and plundering and walk away scot free.	Luke
	2021-07-09 08:48:58	Western Cape		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	I think this policy as a whole will have a very negative effect on conservation. This will reduce incentives of farmers and land owners to breed and keep these species.	Ron
▼ Outside SA	5							
	2021-07-13 13:48:31	Outside SA	United States	No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	All wildlife must be protected from trophy hunters, poachers, and people who are destroying their habitat and food sources. They are being wiped out. When the animals are gone, they are gone for good. Strong, consistent action must be taken to protect these animals and their habitat.	Mary
	2021-07-13 13:34:24	Outside SA	Canada	No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety		Patrizia

	2021-07-13 13:22:29	Outside SA	United Kingdom	No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	Hunting of these animals must be legally banned outright. This includes Giraffe etc (there is a list). People with no conscience kill these innocent animals who just want to live their lives. Hunting does not help the economy or environment, people who think it does, do not understand basic macro economics. You will have a better and more stable and reliable economy by banning hunting these animals. A better option is to ban hunting of these animals and encourage eco tourism instead. Hunting will destroy your ecosystem and the natural balance, this includes "canned" hunting. I trust there is still someone with a brain left in SA.	Andrew
	2021-07-13 13:18:24	Outside SA		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety		Lise
	2021-07-13 13:18:21	Outside SA		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	There is no such thing as 'sustainable' use of these animals. They are already at the brink of extinction and all efforts should be put into protecting them and their environment. The revenue from tourism coming to see live animals will surely satisfy any economic concerns, but most importantly, it is the only ethical position.	Sophie
▼ Eastern Cape		2						
	2021-07-13 13:12:59	Eastern Cape		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	The history of corruption and looting by the ANC/government means they cannot do anything without getting their hands dirty. (Covid 19 scandals- SIC). Why would this be any different. The only laws that are enforced by the government in this country are laws that bring them financial gain.	Anton
	2021-07-10 11:32:11	Eastern Cape		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	We have more laws than action in this country. It is time to act not enact!!!	Denise
▼ KwaZulu-Natal		1						
	2021-07-11 09:02:10	KwaZulu-Natal		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	NOTHING IS EVER PROPERLY ENFORCED. This will create more opportunities for the criminal element to continue their destruction and plundering and walk away scot free.	H
▼ Limpopo		1						
	2021-07-08 19:10:40	Limpopo		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	The policy is confusing, it will be difficult to enforce and increase illegal trade. I don't think people will abide by it either way.	Werner
▼ Mpumalanga		1						
	2021-07-08 16:05:27	Mpumalanga		No I do not	All	The policy in its entirety	I do not agree with the policy wanting to take place because animals in captivity or otherwise should be treated with the respect due to them...	Isabelle
▼ Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade		1						
province:		Count:						
▼ Gauteng		1						
	2021-07-08 17:37:31	Gauteng		No I do not	All	Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade	There are how many people poaching our wildlife already. These laws will make it even worse.	Noeline
▼ Other		1						
province:		Count:						
▼ Gauteng		1						
	2021-07-08 15:30:29	Gauteng		No I do not	All	Other	The moment trade is allowed in these animal parts, we will see a huge increase in poaching. This will result in unforeseen and even unexpected circumstances taking place, which will totally overwhelm the dedicated groups and people who are doing their best to maintain these existence of these animals for the future and our children. More than enough has been lost, destroyed and made extinct because of the greed of people.	Conrad