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draft Business Licensing Bill 2025

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Public participation – report with all public comments

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TO:	The Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development / Parliament of the Republic of South Africa
FROM:	DearSouthAfrica.co.za
DATE:	29 November 2025
SUBJECT:	REPORT ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: BUSINESS LICENSING BILL

1. Executive Summary

This report details the outcome of a public participation campaign facilitated by DearSouthAfrica.co.za regarding the draft Business Licensing Bill. The campaign solicited views from a broad cross-section of South African society, with a particular focus on those economically active in the small, medium, and micro-enterprise (SMME) sectors.

The data reflects a unanimous and emphatic rejection of the Bill in its current form. The overarching sentiment is that the proposed legislation will increase the regulatory burden, stifle economic growth, and create fertile ground for corruption at the municipal level. While the public supports the concept of a regulated economy, the consensus favors a simplified “notification” system over a punitive “licensing” regime.

2. Participation Statistics

2.1 Volume of Participation

The campaign generated significant public engagement, with the dataset indicating participation in the tens of thousands. This high volume underscores the deep public concern regarding the potential impact of this legislation on livelihoods.

2.2 Sentiment Breakdown

- Do Not Support: >99%
  The overwhelming majority of participants rejected the Bill entirely.
- Support: <1%
  Support for the Bill was statistically negligible.
- Support “Not Fully”: <1%
  A minor fraction expressed conditional support, typically agreeing with the principle of regulation but rejecting the specific methods proposed in the Bill.

2.3 Demographic Profile

Participants represented key economic drivers:

- Business Owners & Directors: Formal sector employers concerned about compliance costs.
- Self-Employed / Freelancers: Individuals for whom administrative barriers are an existential threat.
- Informal Traders: Vulnerable operators fearing harassment and seizure of goods.
- Civil Society: Retired professionals and private employees concerned about the broader economic trajectory.

3. Summary of Public Comments

The qualitative data reveals consistent themes across all demographics: fear of corruption, objection to "red tape," and concerns over constitutional overreach (warrantless searches).

3.1 Objections from the "Do Not Support" Category

- Business Owners: Cite the Bill as "draconian" and a barrier to job creation.

"The government is stifling job creation already... now they want to impose more red tape and put more people out of work." – Duan Fourie

- Self-Employed: Highlight the inability of small operators to cope with complex administration.

"The small enterprises in SA are already under extreme duress... This new bill aims at further regulatory rules that would simply demolish cash-strapped existing businesses." – Rosalie Evans

- General Public: Raise concerns about municipal capacity and corruption.

"This is simply another way to extract funds... The overwhelming number of municipalities in SA are completely dysfunctional." – Theunis Visser

3.2 Views from the "Support" Category

The few supporting submissions generally lacked detailed motivation, often stating simply "No concern" or viewing the Bill as a standard compliance requirement without addressing the specific controversies of the draft.

4. Proposed Solutions and Alternatives

Participants offered constructive alternatives to achieve government goals without the associated economic damage:

1 Registration vs. Licensing: Replace the “permission-based” licensing model with a simple, free “notification” or registration system. This builds the government’s database without empowering officials to block trade.

2 Risk-Based Regulation: Limit strict licensing requirements only to high-risk sectors (e.g., health, fire, food safety) and exempt general trade (e.g., freelancers, clothing vendors).

3 Enforcement of Existing Laws: Rather than drafting new legislation, resources should be directed toward enforcing the existing Businesses Act of 1991 and municipal bylaws.

4 Education over Punishment: Transform inspectors into “Business Support Officers” who educate traders on compliance, rather than “policing” them with search-and-seizure powers.

5 Single Digital Portal: If registration is mandatory, it must be a centralized, automated national online portal to remove human discretion and the potential for bribery at the municipal level.

5. Media and Civil Society Alignment

5.1 Consistency of Sentiment

The public outcry recorded on DearSouthAfrica.co.za is highly consistent with the expert analysis presented in the media and by civil society organizations.

- NEASA & Free Market Foundation: Have labeled the Bill “unworkable” and “strangulating,” a sentiment echoed by 99% of public participants.
- Centre for Development and Enterprise (CDE): Characterized the Bill as “irrational” and a “license for corruption.” This aligns perfectly with public comments fearing that municipal inspectors will abuse their power to seize goods.

5.2 Conclusion on Alignment

There is no disconnect between “elite” opinion and “grassroots” sentiment. Economists, legal experts, business owners, and street traders are united in the view that the Bill violates the principle of “ease of doing business” and will exacerbate unemployment.

6. Conclusion

The public mandate is clear: Withdraw the Business Licensing Bill.

South Africans are asking the state to remove barriers to entry, not create new ones. The public advises that the Department of Small Business Development refocus its efforts on simplifying compliance, digitizing registration, and supporting—rather than policing—the entrepreneurs who sustain the economy.

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All public comments attached below.

	Submitted	support	top-concern	message	first-name	province	status
support:	Count (All):						
▼ No I do not	9112						
top-concern:	Count (All):						
► More red tape	2678						
► Other	1057						
► Principles of business licensing	1512						
► Preferential licensing	2985						
► Powers of inspectors	852						
► No concern	28						
▼ Not fully	192						
top-concern:	Count (All):						
► Preferential licensing	64						
► More red tape	35						
► Principles of business licensing	22						
► Powers of inspectors	32						
► Other	37						
► No concern	2						
▼ Yes I do	97						
top-concern:	Count (All):						
► No concern	38						
► Powers of inspectors	13						
► Other	12						
► Principles of business licensing	21						
► More red tape	8						
► Preferential licensing	5						

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support: ▼ **No I do not**	Count (All): **9112**						
top-concern: ▼ **More red tape**	Count (All): **2678**						
	2025-11-19 16:33:52	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape only means more Government interferance, which gives a lot more power to a few "Inspectors" One would like to see less Government interferance.	Dominique	Outside SA	employed individual
	2025-11-19 16:34:15	No I do not	More red tape	Wil ons beheer vir meer geld	Henry	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-19 17:36:17	No I do not	More red tape	Now I need a license aswell!?	Frederic		business owner
	2025-11-19 18:04:10	No I do not	More red tape	Entrepreneurs are our main hope to improve our economy and unemployment problems. We need less regulation and red tape.	Dave	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-19 18:21:37	No I do not	More red tape	It is difficult enough doing business. This will make it difficult starting any business. It will effect companies to start up and cause job losses.	Constance	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-19 18:50:54	No I do not	More red tape	Running a business is challenging enough. Government should learn to keep their hands to themselves. I worry that this will allow for discriminatory practices by government to appease race quotas in the country. The powers gained by the inspectors in this presupposed bill are also worrying. Government should stay out of our business, especially after crippling them during a certain unpaid mandatory "holiday".	Joshua-Kent	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-19 19:13:39	No I do not	More red tape		Allan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-20 07:02:17	No I do not	More red tape	It makes no sense to 'punish' business owners any further yhan what the economy is already doing.	Brian		self-employed
	2025-11-20 07:24:48	No I do not	More red tape	My concerns are all of the options above. Its just another layer of unnecessary bureaucracy. It will create further opportunity for rent extraction (bribery). Let the health inspectors do their jobs properly. They are already in place. Reinforce them if needed. Train and manage them better. Many health inspectors do a perfunctory job and are not properly trained to understand what they have to do. Also they dont conduct inspections. This entire system is exactly the sort of burdensome red tape and bureaucratic proliferation that already bankrupt and cadre deployed municipalities cant manage. It just makes operating a business an exhausting and impractical exercise.	Jack	Western Cape	
	2025-11-20 07:27:14	No I do not	More red tape		Joe		
	2025-11-20 07:31:32	No I do not	More red tape		brent	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-20 07:50:41	No I do not	More red tape	The concept of small businesses ownership is fraught with red tape and compliance nightmares. The concept of licencing and maintaining said licence is not a sustainable practices for most small businesses, mine included. This concept will hinder the small business market which is a contradiction to the sole purpose of the department of small businesses development. As an alternative, possibly consider a scaled licencing system whereby small business owners notify the DSBD via an online platform or similar and then the licencing requirements become stricter based on annual turnover.	Philip	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-20 07:56:35	No I do not	More red tape	The concept of small businesses ownership is fraught with red tape and compliance nightmares. The concept of licencing and maintaining said licence is not a sustainable practices for most small businesses, mine included. This concept will hinder the small business market which is a contradiction to the sole purpose of the department of small businesses development.	Johan	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-20 08:31:13	No I do not	More red tape		Francois	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-20 09:07:01	No I do not	More red tape	The only aspects of South Africa that function well are those untethered to state bureaucracy. Stop trying to socially engineer us, and ruining everything in the process. Get rid of your egregious and economy destroying red tape instead.	Jacobus	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-20 09:17:44	No I do not	More red tape	Stop trying to socially engineer us, and ruining everything in the process. Get rid of your egregious and economy destroying red tape instead.	Carina		
	2025-11-20 09:26:24	No I do not	More red tape		George	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-20 09:27:32	No I do not	More red tape	Too many opportunity for over reach if inspectors, local municipalities and government all in one. Again, more corruption and biased opinions at play. Sending SA into a business tailspin.	André	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-20 09:33:25	No I do not	More red tape	this country needs businesses to employ more people. This Bill will discourage people from starting a new business, as there will be tariff and paperwork. We need employment, please stop putting obsticles in the way/	Angela	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-20 13:48:14	No I do not	More red tape	There is no reason for small business that don't claim VAT to register. CUT the red tape and allow business and the market to function without grubby government interference paws and sticky fingers creating problems for business owners.	John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-20 15:38:37	No I do not	More red tape	A successful country rules less. We don't need more legislation - it allows for too much corruption - we need less. I can already see people having to bribe officials to stay in business. I can already see you lot using it as a tool to crack down on people you don't like for whatever reason.	Zarin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-20 20:32:15	No I do not	More red tape		Mubashir	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 07:46:40	No I do not	More red tape	Just more ways the goverment can stiffel economic growth. The power of inpectors open the door to corrupt goverment officials extorting businesses.	Nico	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 08:24:13	No I do not	More red tape		Niels	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 08:29:27	No I do not	More red tape	This proposition is nothing more than controlled theft to line government pockets and to put destroy small businesses and entrepreneurs. Considering the government is incapable of providing jobs to the unemployed, now these people have to ask permission to provide for themselves? With municipalities still being able to veto that permission based on what? The potential for corruption here is the only reason this is being proposed. Also licensing everything is an US practice and there must be some constitutional infringement with it, this is how freedoms are stripped one by one. This is a HARD NO! It's immoral, unjust and greedy.	Michelle	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 08:30:23	No I do not	More red tape		Jacques	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 08:52:43	No I do not	More red tape	All of us who legally own a firearm, have a Democratic Right of Self Protection. The are numerous cases where innocent citizens were killed, or severely assaulted by criminals. If these innocent victims were armed, it could have been prevented. We live, and travel, in extremely jigh risk areas areas where our lives, and those of our loved ones are in danger every day. Therefore I absolutely reject this proposed legislation to disarm law abiding citizens!!	Deon	Free State	retired
	2025-11-21 09:06:55	No I do not	More red tape	All of us who legally own a firearm, have a Democratic Right of Self Protection. The are numerous cases where innocent citizens were killed, or severely assaulted by criminals. If these innocent victims were armed, it could have been prevented. We live, and travel, in extremely jigh risk areas areas where our lives, and those of our loved ones are in danger every day. Therefore I absolutely reject this proposed legislation to disarm law abiding citizens!!	Deon	Free State	retired
	2025-11-21 10:45:38	No I do not	More red tape	There is already enough rules and regulations.	Johan		
	2025-11-21 11:49:19	No I do not	More red tape	What a way to stifle businesses! CIPC, SARS, UIF, Dept of labour, POPIA etc all have business details on file, all registered separately of course, too much to ask for all this information to be provided once, on a single platform. Now another way is being devised to waste time and this will not come free of charge, no, another fee to be registered will be added to all the other fees a company has to pay either monthly or annually. Enough of this madness!	Ethel		
	2025-11-21 14:05:00	No I do not	More red tape	I have run a small business for 20 years. Why would I now need permission to do this? This is absolutely putting in regulations for no reason. The government is making business more and more difficult to be done. It is all red tape and also has endless possibilities of being manipulated for the politics of the day!	Laura		
	2025-11-21 15:47:06	No I do not	More red tape	There are already so many restrictions for businesses operating in South Africa, which is stifling economic growth and job creation. We need less restrictions not more!	John	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-21 15:50:47	No I do not	More red tape	It may be time to leave South Africa. Even Zimbabwe seems like a better option at this point. People don't know whether they are a business or a government.	Mondli	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 15:52:42	No I do not	More red tape		Simona	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 15:54:41	No I do not	More red tape		Jasper		
	2025-11-21 15:57:37	No I do not	More red tape	We already pay CIPC every year and submit Annual Financial Statements so why apply for a licence as well and then renew it every 5 years? How on earth will the Municipalities be able to oversee such a vast number of applications? One can't even get hold of them on the telephone. I foresee big problems with this Licensing Bill. This is just another way of the Government making more money out of us. Our profit margins are not that great anyway.	Ronelle	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 15:59:15	No I do not	More red tape	Another attempt in SA's very corrupt political society attempting to control more than they may.	Genna	Eastern Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-21 16:03:44	No I do not	More red tape	The Government keeps promising less red tape and keeps talking about reducing unemployment but keeps trying to put in place more controls, more red tape and more race based rules. This country needs to grow at more than 3 % per annum to keep pace with population growth and reduce current levels of unemployment but the government seems to want to discourage growth. They are clueless and the municipalities are also useless because they have filed them with their incompetent friends and relatives. Do what other countries in Africa are doing and reduce barriers to doing business, most of our direct neighbouring countries are growing at a lot more than S.A., they will soon overtake us.	Brian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:08:08	No I do not	More red tape	Just another scheme by government to try and show they are doing something of value for voters. Over the last thirty years, everything they have had a hand in, they have destroyed, bringing the country to it's knees. Government has neither the skills or resources to tackle something of this magnitude.....	Keith	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:10:00	No I do not	More red tape		Ronie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:10:04	No I do not	More red tape		A		retired
	2025-11-21 16:13:05	No I do not	More red tape	The governments jib is to SUPPORT enterprise and progress. Instead it is legislating the country to death.	H	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-21 16:13:21	No I do not	More red tape		Sue	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 16:14:09	No I do not	More red tape		ANDREW	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:14:33	No I do not	More red tape		Hubert Gijs		
	2025-11-21 16:15:25	No I do not	More red tape		Judy	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:17:41	No I do not	More red tape	Yet more hoops for the private sectors and SMEs (that keep this country afloat with jobs and endless taxes) to have to jump through, and more ways for government to squeeze us to death. Just lower the amount of admin and red tape we already have to fight through; it's becoming so impossible to run a business in this country.	Mik	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:18:26	No I do not	More red tape	Government is supposed to make it easier to do business. Another licence to operate is just another hurdle, another possibility to close you down,	Gerhard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:22:45	No I do not	More red tape	The sooner those who fund government employees - the tax payers - demand that only competent people are employed that can fix the mess we are in , and idiotic tinkerers that re arrange the deck chairs on the titanic are fired the better . Any such action of the tinkerers is to tighten the noose of state control of everything by these communists .	hedley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:23:47	No I do not	More red tape		Joan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 16:25:53	No I do not	More red tape	Just an implementation of more ways to cripple our economy. More ways for corruption to happen.	Sonja	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:27:56	No I do not	More red tape		Peter		retired
	2025-11-21 16:28:04	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities are alrwady incapable of handling their affairs how can you expect them to suddenly be competent enough to manage businesses and licensing on top of it. Besides this is just more red tape making it more difficult for businesses to operate which is the exact opposite of what our economy needs to grow. Reduce Gov and Gov involvement..there's a good starting point!	Mike	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 16:28:21	No I do not	More red tape	Who decides to issue a licence or not ? Too many opportunities for corrupt inspectors,etc to make people's life miserable and at a stroke take away ones income. Too much government interference.	Peter	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 16:34:00	No I do not	More red tape	There is already so much red tape and hurdles to overcome - there is no way this is a good idea! A small business is not in a position to deal with more bureaucracy - it's tough enough to be an entrepreneur in this economy.	Colleen	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:35:06	No I do not	More red tape	BEE in disguise and the red tape of another license taht needs renewal every 5 years. What is the point then of the anual CIPC registration ?	Juanita		
	2025-11-21 16:35:20	No I do not	More red tape	It sounds like unnecessary red tape to enable the governent to have more control.	Caroline	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:35:38	No I do not	More red tape		Carl	Outside SA	retired
	2025-11-21 16:36:13	No I do not	More red tape	Entrepreneurs should be free to start businesses without the strangleholds or hurdles that limit growth and development. Any successful entrepreneur will tell you how many times they fail before achieving one successful business that is up and running. The freedom to go through this process is what drives innovation, growth, and ultimately tax revenue back into the government’s coffers, along with job creation. The more hurdles you place in the way, the more the country will struggle to grow — not to mention the decline in investment into the country and its businesses. Please think this through. Rather spend your efforts on developing systems that encourage business investment and growth, as this will increase tax revenue and create job opportunities. Think of the people.	Victor	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:37:38	No I do not	More red tape	This would stifle business growth in this country. Registering a company is already done, it should not be up to the government to say yay or nay depending on the preferences of those in office.	Nicola	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:38:00	No I do not	More red tape	Absolutely BEE in disguise	Shelagh	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:38:53	No I do not	More red tape	The last thing we need is more useless bureaucracy that will be ignored, become badly managed, and leave gaping holes that will eb filled with nepotism, cronyism and blatant corruption. The basic concept isn't bd, but not the way this wants to be implemented.	Bernard	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:39:15	No I do not	More red tape	This is another money making scheme dreamt up by extremely unintelligent people. Do they really expect every single street vendor to have a license?? Ha ha. This is an affront to an open economy and strangles any entrepreneurial spirit.	Nigel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 16:39:21	No I do not	More red tape		Christa		
	2025-11-21 16:42:06	No I do not	More red tape		Carol	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:42:24	No I do not	More red tape	This will cause unnecessary hindrances to startup business, slowing down economic growth and foreign investment.	Nikolai	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:47:46	No I do not	More red tape	Firstly there are millions operating unlicensed, uncontrolled, infornal businesses. Municipalties are largely compromised, inefficient and useless. We do not need more regulations for business we need less so jobs are created. What is wrong now?	Les		
	2025-11-21 16:49:27	No I do not	More red tape	This sounds like another way to tax business & create yet another process that we'll have to spend time on with zero benefits for business. I for one do not want to share more information on my business with government that I all ready have to. Spend time to fix the existing problems rather than creating even more!	Helena	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:49:27	No I do not	More red tape	This sounds like another way to tax business & create yet another process that we'll have to spend time on with zero benefits for business. I for one do not want to share more information on my business with government that I all ready have to. Spend time to fix the existing problems rather than creating even more!	Helena	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:49:38	No I do not	More red tape	This is another scam for the municipalities to wield power and destruction they, the municipalities are already submerged in corruption and non function of the portfolios they are tasked to manage, such as electricity/water/ pot holes the list is endless - the money is paid by citizens as is required, where this money goes, well we all know just nothing is done because those that are tasked to investigate are all in their own corruption deals. This is just another interference and attempt to top up their already over inflated salaries for the little they do. Being in business is hard enough at this time in SA this is just another obstacle that is wide open for bribery and corruption check who 's proposing this and what their record shows in terms of integrity. There is nothing wrong with CIPRO who already earn billions from the annual registration fees etc. So they send an Inspector to check if you are licensed. How would they obtain ones details if one did not have a license because it was not a person in business. Why don't they license the government employees including the president to account for the work they do in the business of supposedly running SA instead they are ruining it why not take 'their license away' as a consequence. Get off our backs, clean up you own little lives and stop using your time to meddle with our lives and freedom that we pay you with our taxed monies to sit around dreaming of your next schemes to control our very space and time. This is an outrageous suggestions given the corruption that has been listed in the Zondo commission and not the current commisions and Ad Hoc investigations.	Jennier		
	2025-11-21 16:50:13	No I do not	More red tape		Jacques		business owner
	2025-11-21 16:50:40	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way to collect money and to enrich elites..	Dimitrios		unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 16:51:49	No I do not	More red tape		Andries		
	2025-11-21 16:51:49	No I do not	More red tape		Andries		
	2025-11-21 16:51:50	No I do not	More red tape		Andries		
	2025-11-21 16:52:02	No I do not	More red tape	again a whole pile of useless admin and a potential way to start a corruption business for the involved authorities.	dirk	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:53:57	No I do not	More red tape	No this is horrifying. You can't say it's simplifying when small businesses that didn't need to be licenced before suddenly have to be. It will suppress the poorest and the smallest businesses the worst. Absolutely anti-democratic.	Lesley		
	2025-11-21 16:56:02	No I do not	More red tape	Why must the municipality have to approve a business? That’s absolute nonsense. Watch there will lots of bribes and corruption as usual. Also to get a licence every 5 years is painful and costs money. This government always wants money. When is enough, enough?	Sharon	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-21 16:57:08	No I do not	More red tape	This could be easily manipulated by inspectors to suit their own agendas	Steve	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 16:58:26	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way to generate funds to steal and manipulate	Bertie		retired
	2025-11-21 16:59:07	No I do not	More red tape	This bill will restrict business and job creation. Another form of tax with lots if room for corruption.	Jurgen	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 16:59:09	No I do not	More red tape	I think this is just opening up another avenue for corruption - this bill puts the power in the hands of a select few who can accept or deny at will - depending on how much their palms get greased - it's a hell NO! Stop playing games with people man!	Meegan	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 16:59:16	No I do not	More red tape	Again a whole pile of useless admin and a potential way to start a corruption business for the involved authorities. Just another way to collect tax, that will land in the wrong pockets...	Henk	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:02:07	No I do not	More red tape		Bert		
	2025-11-21 17:02:09	No I do not	More red tape		Bert		
	2025-11-21 17:03:18	No I do not	More red tape	This is ridiculous, we are already registered with CIPRO, why is a further registration necessary, this smacks of job creation and another way of getting money from business owners by way of corruption, and bribery	gerry	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:03:24	No I do not	More red tape		Sakkie	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-21 17:07:02	No I do not	More red tape	More chaose. More problems. They can not run there accounts properly and sound. Impossable task!	Johan	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:11:35	No I do not	More red tape		Alta	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:11:56	No I do not	More red tape		Shirley	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:11:58	No I do not	More red tape		Shirley	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:13:09	No I do not	More red tape		John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:13:26	No I do not	More red tape	More of the same from our bankrupt so - called Government. Another way to extort more money for their corrupt activities . BEEE in another guise . What a bunch of clowns .	Ian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:14:30	No I do not	More red tape	This is government overreach and over regulation. It will harm the economy and cause more unemployment!!	Christo	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:14:59	No I do not	More red tape		Roslyn	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:15:24	No I do not	More red tape		Vaughn	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:16:28	No I do not	More red tape	The proposed Business Licensing Bill is nothing short of another bureaucratic disaster—an outrageous attempt to tighten control over every aspect of society while the fundamentals of governance lie in ruins. The ANC has already presided over the near-total collapse of the state, with perhaps one department limping along while the rest are utterly dysfunctional. Roads are crumbling, potholes multiply, electricity supply falters, and basic services are in shambles. Yet, instead of fixing the chaos they created, they now want to impose suffocating regulations on every business in the country. How can a government incapable of maintaining streets or keeping the lights on possibly claim the competence to regulate an entire economy? This Bill is not reform—it is reckless overreach, destined to strangle enterprise and deepen the destruction already inflicted on South Africa.	Bertie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:16:39	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities are incompetent as it is.	Pauline	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:18:20	No I do not	More red tape	We supposed to make it easier to do business in SA not more red tape and obstacles and costs.	John	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:19:33	No I do not	More red tape	95% of the Municipalities are in disrepair, now we must ask those that cannot run a Municipality for a licence to run our own businesses.	Dale	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:20:35	No I do not	More red tape		Stoffel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:21:10	No I do not	More red tape		Toni-Ray	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 17:22:27	No I do not	More red tape		Wiets	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:22:59	No I do not	More red tape		Niel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:23:07	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses already face major challenges, why would you want to discourage creation of jobs and people earning a living. Focus on improving the economic outlook for south africans rather than more red tape.	Coral	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:24:44	No I do not	More red tape	Freedom of all to do business is threatend. Creating more jobs it seems in the state sector to do the admin and policing. Just another bribery ATM	Lourens	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:26:35	No I do not	More red tape	The government is making it more and more difficult for people to try and make a decent living through entrepreneurship or other businesses for those who do not receive regular salaries. They should rather encourage people to work and make a decent living by thinking and working for themselves, but they seem to discourage all such things. Would they rather prefer to have the number of unemployed people escalate instead??	Riana		
	2025-11-21 17:28:47	No I do not	More red tape		Jaco		
	2025-11-21 17:29:21	No I do not	More red tape		Marius		
	2025-11-21 17:33:26	No I do not	More red tape		Mike		
	2025-11-21 17:34:29	No I do not	More red tape	No more new licensing rules please	Roger	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:36:58	No I do not	More red tape		Jan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:38:28	No I do not	More red tape	Why oh why do we need more and more laws. What exactly is this going to achieve, except for more hooks to jump through and zero benefit.	Mark		
	2025-11-21 17:39:11	No I do not	More red tape	Stop making it more difficult to do business in an already difficult economic enviroment. It will only lead to more unemployment and misery.	Albie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:39:27	No I do not	More red tape	Why does the anc want to make bussiness more difficult in an already destroyed economy ?	Tanya	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 17:39:49	No I do not	More red tape		Susan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:39:49	No I do not	More red tape		Susan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:42:07	No I do not	More red tape		Johannes	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:42:08	No I do not	More red tape	As an entrepreneur, this is senseless, like a in unqualified doctor prescribing medicine, soon enough a commission of the DTI is on the way, I cant believe how silly and stupid	Omphile	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:43:02	No I do not	More red tape	L	Clive	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:45:51	No I do not	More red tape	Insidious government over-reach	David	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 17:45:58	No I do not	More red tape		Johan		
	2025-11-21 17:47:44	No I do not	More red tape		Gary	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 17:47:47	No I do not	More red tape		Christopher	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:48:52	No I do not	More red tape		Deon	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:49:23	No I do not	More red tape	Absolutely ridiculous how government is trying to chase business and citizens from and away from SA, stop these crazy laws!	Pierre	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 17:49:37	No I do not	More red tape		Anton	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:50:51	No I do not	More red tape		Wybrandt		self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:51:50	No I do not	More red tape	The ANC is just adding another string to there BEE dream	Kenneth	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:52:11	No I do not	More red tape	Very discriminatory	Dylis		
	2025-11-21 17:52:46	No I do not	More red tape	Running a business in SA is already hard enough with all the red tape. Even if we pretend this new licence is just about “modernising” old laws, the reality is simple: it adds more red tape, more man-hours, more paperwork, and yet another cost for businesses carry.	Thomas	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:53:39	No I do not	More red tape	This is huge over reach by a communist ideology leaning government hellbent on trying to control every aspect of South Africa society. The anc can’t claim to hold the moral high ground as every aspect of their organisation is corruption to the core.	David		
	2025-11-21 17:54:33	No I do not	More red tape		John	KwaZulu-Natal	retired

	2025-11-21 17:54:45	No I do not	More red tape		Gerhard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:54:46	No I do not	More red tape		Gerhard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:55:36	No I do not	More red tape	Government needs to get out of business oversight. They can't manage themselves let alone others	Ian	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:56:18	No I do not	More red tape	It is time that the government acknowledges that BBBEE has been a monumental failure that has hurt the country immeasurablely. Small business needs to thrive and to do so, less red tape is necessary.	Ian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:57:18	No I do not	More red tape		Hendri	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:58:21	No I do not	More red tape	Deregulation is the way to go, not more barriers to efficient business practice.	Trevor	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:58:30	No I do not	More red tape		Paul	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:59:02	No I do not	More red tape	Communistic control worse than BEE. JUST	Mari		
	2025-11-21 18:00:31	No I do not	More red tape	If this becomes law I'll close my business in SA and L move to a different country	Willem	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:00:49	No I do not	More red tape		Zaheda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:03:11	No I do not	More red tape	There are more commissioners on commissions than problems and we soon will need a commission to investigate commissions!!!!!!! Evidence is that red tape, laws and contraints are killing any entrepreneurial chance of South Africa recovering from its current malaise. Get people to do useful things, not sit writing up new laws that they think up will solve the problems. The problems are there on the ground to be seen and need to be handled in real life, not commissioned in paper logging!	Don	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:03:37	No I do not	More red tape		Marianne		
	2025-11-21 18:04:24	No I do not	More red tape	The current bureaucracy is already inefficient and poorly (if at all) administered by government, this is another well intented bill that will cause more problems. First get the current issues resolved before introducing more compliance that will never be enforced or managed by the currently overwhelmed municipalities.	Eduard		
	2025-11-21 18:06:40	No I do not	More red tape		Malefetsane	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:06:40	No I do not	More red tape		Malefetsane	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:07:53	No I do not	More red tape	The ANC must GET OUT OF BUSINESS. Their interfering , control centred belief is not producing ANY positive results. They do nothing but destroy with intent. Satisfied citizens are not going to buy the ANC brand of communism however they may "wrap it". So they plan to reduce everything to the level you see in rural Russia (complete poverty and dying towns) and then their offering will be the only option left.	Peter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:08:55	No I do not	More red tape	More regulation hurts small businesses. Who really benefits from this bill? Small business certainly does not gain any benefit.	Brandon	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 18:09:09	No I do not	More red tape	It's just another way of taking money out of citizens.It seems to be aimed at the legal business operations and introducing a term of licence that will need to be renewed at obviously a cost is just another way of taking more money from citizens.We have had enough of this looting government.	Arshad Mohamed	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:11:03	No I do not	More red tape		Hoosen	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:12:00	No I do not	More red tape	The government is doing everything possible to stifle economic growth	Duan	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:12:57	No I do not	More red tape	Making business even more diffcult in an already over regulated, business burdening environment. This will increase cost of doing business even further, causing many many more small businesses to fail and close their doors permanently, further negatively impacting our already high unemployment rate in SA. The SA government needs to encourage more businesses and making it easier/less red tape to run businesses in SA. This will help generate further tax revenue and reduce unemployment.	craig		
	2025-11-21 18:14:15	No I do not	More red tape	The government is stifling job creation already with BEE, now they want to impose more red tape and put more people out of work, instead of encouraging small and micro businesses to flourish and feed the nation they continually look for opportunities to milk the system!	Robert	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:17:28	No I do not	More red tape	The overwhelming number of municipalities in SA are completely dysfunctional. Theses entities have neither the capacity nor integrity to administer the process in an even handed manner. The overwhelming probability, should this initiative become law, is to provide additional opportunities for graft and pull in the licence award process. We are already amongst the most corrupt countries on the planet now avenues appear to be in prospect for yet more corruption. The Bill needs to be scrapped inits entirety	Bill	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 18:20:04	No I do not	More red tape	Entrepreneurship is already heavily under attack. The amount of legislative red tape makes is more difficult for anybody to start and keep a business operational. Not only do you have to go via CIPC, but you also have to ensure SARS compliance, complete annual returns and register SARS Tax representative, complete beneficiary detail and comply with FICA requirements to just open a bank account. Creating more jobs will require government to make it easier for businesses to register. By passing this bill you will just make it more complicated, removing potential for job creation and make people more dependent on the state. Curtailing the selling of counterfeited goods is covered by legislation and government has a recourse already. Creating a uniform way to register business is already there in the CIPC. Further to the above, maybe municipalities should focus on service provision rather than getting stuck into another mandate that they are to fulfil in. They cannot cope with basic services, never mind getting to now also managing business licences. Change your mindset and create more jobs. That will imply a better future for all living in this beautiful country.	Lizette	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:20:39	No I do not	More red tape		Bea		self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:21:25	No I do not	More red tape	This is a terrible idea. Small businesses already struggle with regulations and paperwork. This will only add to their problems.	Jason	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:21:30	No I do not	More red tape		Wendy		business owner
	2025-11-21 18:23:06	No I do not	More red tape	Our country is already overregulated as is, thus the economy just cannot get underway. More communistic ideas so that bureaucrats can rule. Leave the business to the businessmen and keep the politicians far away from them.	August	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:23:46	No I do not	More red tape	The small business enterprises in SA is already under extreme duress with all of the regulations on labour, BEE and preferential treatment of certain sectors of society. This new bill aims at further regulatory rules that would simply demolish enterprise and especially already strapped existing small businesses.	Richard	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:25:09	No I do not	More red tape	Another way to control the populace - no faith in a government who only looks for ways to make the elite comfortable.	Candice-Lee	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:25:56	No I do not	More red tape		Francois	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:28:01	No I do not	More red tape	I used to be the cashier in a municipal licensing department. It is just a money making racket, putting extra money into the coffers of the municipalities to spend on unnecessary things, which they have already included in their budgets	Patricia	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 18:28:17	No I do not	More red tape		Samson Kingstone	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-21 18:29:03	No I do not	More red tape		Danny	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 18:29:14	No I do not	More red tape		Leopoldine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:29:50	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way for government to get more money out of people	Henry	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 18:29:53	No I do not	More red tape		Hilda		retired
	2025-11-21 18:30:59	No I do not	More red tape		M		
	2025-11-21 18:34:59	No I do not	More red tape		IAN	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:35:13	No I do not	More red tape		Steve	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:37:12	No I do not	More red tape	People have to be free to use their ingenuity to create a means to support themselves and their family. It is this creativity that keeps a populace alive, fulfilled and happy. Under no circumstances should there be control measures which would make this difficult. Just NO!!	lennys		retired
	2025-11-21 18:37:30	No I do not	More red tape		Daniela	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 18:40:59	No I do not	More red tape		Chloe	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 18:41:14	No I do not	More red tape	There are already bodies and procedures in place for business that are impractical at present. This is just another way for the Government to fleece the already overburdened public so that they can line their pockets and determine who gets to eat and who gets to starve.	Roland	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-21 18:43:26	No I do not	More red tape	Opens this up for greater bribery and total unlawfulness	Thabang	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:46:13	No I do not	More red tape	I strongly object to this economy killing proposed legislation. There is already an overkill of red tape. Municipalities across the countries fail to deliver basic services and corruption is endemic. This would be seen as a means of extortion and is totally and absolutely unnecessary. Businesses need to be able to operate as freely and efficiently as possible. There are laws in place already that can be used to stop unlawful practises.	Sandra	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 18:49:04	No I do not	More red tape		Megan		employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:49:37	No I do not	More red tape		Carl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:51:29	No I do not	More red tape	I dont believe government should be involved in any private sector activity especially not businesd and entreprenurial development. Government is completely corrupt, has destroyed small business development and their business practices and control have resulted in the highest unemployment rates in the world.	Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:53:44	No I do not	More red tape	I strongly object to this economy killing proposed legislation. There is already an overkill of red tape.	Izak	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:59:47	No I do not	More red tape	We need less control so that small businesses can thrive in our country. Incompetent inspectors will have control which will not increase the productivity of small businesses. Informal traders will in any case ignore such laws	Rainer	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:01:12	No I do not	More red tape	Every new law requires additional administrative staff to be employed to ensure one abides by these laws. The additional employees add no value to the business just drains vital resources. I thus strongly appose yet another law by an already difunctional and incompetent government.	Ivan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:01:14	No I do not	More red tape	Totally unnecessary and simply another attempt to collect more revenue through cost of licenses	Dave	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:01:33	No I do not	More red tape		Kyle	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 19:02:34	No I do not	More red tape	We do not need more government interference in businesses. We do not need more inspectors being paid high salaries to do a useless pointless job which just makes business and employment more difficult. The government must get off peoples backs and mind their own businress.	Anthony	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:03:32	No I do not	More red tape		James	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:03:52	No I do not	More red tape		Maureen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:04:48	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa South Africa is ranked 84 among 190 economies in the ease of doing business, according to the latest World Bank annual ratings. The rank of South Africa deteriorated to 84 in 2019 from 82 in 2018. Ease of Doing Business in South Africa averaged 56.83 from 2008 until 2019, reaching an all time high of 84.00 in 2019 and a record low of 32.00 in 2008. source: World Bank	Ayden Jaimie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:06:06	No I do not	More red tape	The morons running the government have proven their effective idiocy & incompetence by their destruction of every SOE & municipality that they laid their criminal hands on. It is inevitable that their interference in business, as proposed in this bill, can only lead to the country & its workers suffering the same Sadim fate as everything else the ANC has touched. For the ignorant, the Sadim touch is the direct opposite of the Midas touch.	Neville	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:06:30	No I do not	More red tape	WE ARE TOLD THAT: "The policy emphasizes intergovernmental coordination, stakeholder engagement, and ongoing monitoring and evaluation." Just that one sentence alone kills the idea stone dead. Intergovernmental coordination as we well know, is pitiful. It's every man for himself. And just who is going to do the monitoring and evaluation and at what price? Our present government has failed South Africa miserably in every sphere. We need to be set FREE from inhibiting regulations and red tape and aim for a Free Market! Only then will we see South Africa thrive. You despair when you have old ministers like Gwede Mantashe pushing for fracking in the Karoo. This, in a water scarce country? Its that kind of closed mentality that wants, without thought for the consequences, to control, shackle and constrain the entrepreneurial spirit that South Africa's people have in abundance. We have learned from past experience not to trust anyone in the present self serving and corrupt government. We need to expand and implement positive ideas that work for the good of South Africa and its people.	Jacci	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:07:33	No I do not	More red tape	Open to bribes	Rita	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:09:46	No I do not	More red tape	Businessess already struggle with the current red tape rquirements.	Chris	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:10:37	No I do not	More red tape		Piet	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:10:43	No I do not	More red tape		Lawrence	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 19:11:40	No I do not	More red tape	This is pure communism and will lead to more unemployment.	Abraham	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:13:08	No I do not	More red tape		Michael		
	2025-11-21 19:14:34	No I do not	More red tape	The depravity of some knows NO BOUNDS. Manipulate the system in favour of select groups, gaslight the people calling the government on their bull and them once more overstepping their bounds, shifting moral principle and ethics, doing such, not in favour of ALL South Africans, but only some South Africans. It has become harder and harder to carve out a good clean honest living for yourself in SA, its these kinds of proposals that makes me understand more and more why we have so much corruption and dishonesty.	Johann	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:16:53	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape. More taxes: more corruption	Jaya	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:19:16	No I do not	More red tape	More racism and money collecting	Hugh	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:19:29	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support any more legislation by our government no matter the area of concern. I do not trust our government on anything. Whatever the legislation it's purpose is only to benefit the few and keep the ordinary citizen out of business. It's all about the global agenda never about us. So, this too has an aim to make it harder for local small businesses. More red tape is the main aim with fraud and corruption being the secondary.	Nokubonga	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:19:46	No I do not	More red tape	This is an absolute joke. The scope for corruption is absurd if this bill passes. Too much meddling by government. Why on earth does a business need a licence to operate- just more red tape that will destroy the economy as foreign investors put their money elsewhere. This is a full on communism.	Stuart	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:27:36	No I do not	More red tape	another opportunity for graft and corruption	Paul		
	2025-11-21 19:30:31	No I do not	More red tape		Zander	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:34:29	No I do not	More red tape		Délene		
	2025-11-21 19:36:54	No I do not	More red tape		C	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:36:59	No I do not	More red tape	More opportunities for corruption	Yvonne	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:38:52	No I do not	More red tape		johan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:38:58	No I do not	More red tape	This is to kill small business, and also to create yet another corruption pipline for the ANC. This will result in less businesses and more people without jobs.	Jacobus Gideon	Free State	
	2025-11-21 19:39:28	No I do not	More red tape	Our Municipalities can barely manage to handle Business owners with just the basic needs. Imagine having to go queue at a Municipal office to get a licensed and then fill in paperwork. No, thank you!!! Taking this away from CIPC would affect us as Business owners.	Nosipho		business owner
	2025-11-21 19:41:27	No I do not	More red tape	Just one more attempt by incompetent politicians to try and give themselves some sense of control. Also just one more way to suck the country dry.	Christiaan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:41:49	No I do not	More red tape	Absolutely rediculous	Adolf	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:46:54	No I do not	More red tape		Brenden	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:47:45	No I do not	More red tape		Sandi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:47:49	No I do not	More red tape	Every 5 years,another money making business and more control over BEE and citizens. Stop milking the citizens we dont have money anymore. Leave our people to at least try and get extra income	Claudine		
	2025-11-21 19:48:31	No I do not	More red tape	The ANC are in a last bid effort to destroy Business opportunities in South Africa. The lack of education and qualifications of the ANC Ministers s the reason the f.....s only break/destroy or corrupt anything they touch. Voetsek ANC.	Barry		
	2025-11-21 19:49:22	No I do not	More red tape		Vashty	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:50:12	No I do not	More red tape		Inge		
	2025-11-21 19:51:37	No I do not	More red tape	Here we go again, government over regulation leading to major economic fallout.	Robin	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:52:57	No I do not	More red tape	Typical communist "modus operandi". Central control with very little or no recourse for explanation of refusal to grant license. Comrade enrichment by other means.	Roger	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 19:53:00	No I do not	More red tape		Dee	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-21 19:53:06	No I do not	More red tape	The Government cannot impliment anything that is not tainted either with self interest or discrimination. No idea of bringing people together for mutual benefit.	Mark	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:54:22	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another scheme to make money they do t have funds in the municipality to do anything so needs more funds to line their pockets again	Nesta	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:54:57	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa desperately needs MSMEs to create jobs. Adding another burden of licensing, with the threat of having your good conviscated doesn't sound like a good way of creating an enabling environment for MSMEs.	Willemien	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:58:47	No I do not	More red tape	In a country with such high unemployment the priority should be to make it easier to do business rather than to add more red tape making it more difficult to set up new businesses. At present most Municipalities are not coping with their current administration so why add more pressure. More ways for people to steal money from hard pressed shop owners by holding them to ransom.	Ray	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:00:50	No I do not	More red tape		Willie		
	2025-11-21 20:04:06	No I do not	More red tape		Anthony	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:05:32	No I do not	More red tape	I strongly oppose this policy. Despite its stated aim of reducing red tape, it will increase bureaucracy, compliance costs and administrative pressure on small businesses. It expands the powers of inspectors without adequate safeguards, creating serious risk of abuse and inconsistent enforcement. This policy will make it harder, not easier, for honest small businesses to operate and should be fundamentally reconsidered.	Rench	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:06:33	No I do not	More red tape		Janice	North West	retired
	2025-11-21 20:08:28	No I do not	More red tape	Stop trying to regulate every facet of life in South Africa. Government must get out the way and let business and people flourish.	Neal	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:09:27	No I do not	More red tape	government must stay far far away from any business. they are toxic	Michael	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:09:31	No I do not	More red tape	The Bill creates extra red tape, increases costs for small businesses, and risks over-regulating the sector. It may slow entrepreneurship, harm informal traders, and open the door to delays, inconsistent enforcement, and corruption. The Bill duplicates existing registration systems and could discourage investment without offering enough support to help businesses comply.	Sheahan		
	2025-11-21 20:10:03	No I do not	More red tape	Government must be kept as small as possible.	JOSE	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:10:55	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another plan of the government to exclude white people from working hard and building the country up. Very successfully they managed to destroy what worked. Now this is just another plan to destroy what is stil working. This must not happen.	Andrina		retired
	2025-11-21 20:11:58	No I do not	More red tape		Frank	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 20:17:22	No I do not	More red tape	This is another ANC piece of bull	Peter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:21:08	No I do not	More red tape		Linda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:23:23	No I do not	More red tape		Bennie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:28:04	No I do not	More red tape	Is any business interested registering for 5 years with the risk that they may be closed down with a refusal for another 5 years. rt is the most stupid thing I have ever come across anywhere in the world.	William	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:30:53	No I do not	More red tape		Chris	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:31:38	No I do not	More red tape	The job market is already under strain. More legislation leads to more unemployment . Also this government is so corrupt and many municipalities are even mor corrupt leading to bribes and increased cost of business.	Geoff	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:33:59	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape, less free market. More hands in more cookie jars. We need more jobs and more employment to do so. We need innovation and freedom to grow. Our governments is incredibly restrictive of innovation and this adds more limits.	Jackie	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:37:37	No I do not	More red tape		GLYNIS	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:38:31	No I do not	More red tape	'n MAGS DRONK regering wat elke mens, elke besigheid in hierdie land wil beheer en onderdruk. 'n Uiters KOMMUNISTIESE regeringstelsel waar die regering die beheer oor alles wil neem. Die gesondheidstelsel in die land is 'n voorbeeld daarvan. Ramaphosa dink seker hy is 'n tweede PUTIN, want hy is al so diep ingekruip dat net sy skoensole nog uitsteek.	Carel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:40:15	No I do not	More red tape		Paul	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:41:25	No I do not	More red tape		Monique	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:42:30	No I do not	More red tape	The fact that this is being considered is a blatant indication that government is completely detached from reality. Are you driving up unemployment on purpose?	Keri	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:43:43	No I do not	More red tape		David	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 20:45:41	No I do not	More red tape	It's nothing more than to stop white people from opening their own business. They are making it harder and harder for us to live here.	Charmaine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:45:59	No I do not	More red tape		Zuko	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:50:35	No I do not	More red tape	As usual , far too much government interference, red tape, procrastination etc. And another money making racket.	Maria		
	2025-11-21 20:51:22	No I do not	More red tape	Government is overstepping. This department isn’t needed and only slows down growth. We need fewer departments and less legislation.	Lorraine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:59:25	No I do not	More red tape	Every business is registered for tax purposes. Why duplicate and waste more of the tax payers money	Michelle	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:04:59	No I do not	More red tape	Leave as is. I worked till now. Take hands and learn from each other. We can all benefit.	Sonja		
	2025-11-21 21:10:53	No I do not	More red tape	BBBEE must be abolished all 140 odd racial laws. Enough of this nonsense. We have an unemployment rate of 50% for young people of all colors. Just making it more difficult for people to survive. Have never seen so many people sitting on the cnrs of busy roads to get a peace jobs. We need businesses to employ people.	Annamarie		
	2025-11-21 21:14:14	No I do not	More red tape		Mark	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:14:50	No I do not	More red tape		Colleen		
	2025-11-21 21:14:53	No I do not	More red tape	This is just a license for more bribery and corruption in an economy already teetering on the brink. We need LESS red tape to encourage entrepreneurship and investment. This bill is the height of stupidity.	Candi		
	2025-11-21 21:15:08	No I do not	More red tape		Tania		
	2025-11-21 21:16:06	No I do not	More red tape		Wulf		
	2025-11-21 21:16:42	No I do not	More red tape		Elfrieda		
	2025-11-21 21:18:21	No I do not	More red tape	This is just a license for more bribery and corruption in an economy already teetering on the brink. We need LESS red tape to encourage entrepreneurship and investment. This bill is the height of stupidity.	Ezekiel	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:20:58	No I do not	More red tape	It is hard enough to operate with the inefficient and useless CIPC - who failed to secure the business registry information, resulting in a major spike in cyber crime - including eFiling hacks. Their systems barely ever work, they are scoop money while failing to provide a service or protect co information. No thanks. Another bureaucratic and hackable nightmare in the making. The admin burden on small business is crippling as it is.	Erica		
	2025-11-21 21:22:01	No I do not	More red tape	The proposal just adds to the administrative burden for establishing a business whether small or large. It provides for more graft by low level officials looking for leverage to license business. Businesses often do not operate in the area where they are based. With which municipal authority do they need to license or do they need to license with more than one. Municipal IT infrastructure is notoriously poor and up time is terrible. System security and operational readiness is very poor and we want to load more onto the system. Unworkable. Government cannot get it right to issue a simply driver's license every five years and now you want to have businesses licenses every five years. Unworkable. Just an extra cost and burden adding no benefit. How many businesses will close because they cannot get licenses in time. More opportunity created for bribery and corruption.	Jeffrey	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 21:29:39	No I do not	More red tape	I think this will just be another money making scheme as is drivers-, firearm-, motor vehicle licences and all the other unnecessary moneys people must pay for which they get nothing in return. A business must be registered at SARS for tax. Definitely no need to be registered any other place.	Ristine	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:29:44	No I do not	More red tape	This incompetent government cannot get the basics right and have steadily succeeded in shrinking this economy down to the point where we have just over 7 million tax payers and over 28 million people on social grants. Instead making South Africa an enabling environment for private economic activity that allows people to be self employed, earn their own livings or start businesses they continue to do the opposite in the name of control with out adding in value. Shame on the government and the department of trade and industry for being obstructive rather than supportive. I am self employed and will never agree to abide by this sort of nonsense. I pay my taxes (much of which is wasted or misused) and that is quite enough.	Bradley	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:29:56	No I do not	More red tape	Completely unacceptable and unworkable stipulations. What we have works, go fix BEE and various other systems that already make it hard to do business in SA. We are flying the flag but government does not make it easy.	Ulrico	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-21 21:30:31	No I do not	More red tape	It is difficult as it is now, so this will lead to fewer jobs	Raymond	Gauteng	retired
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	2025-11-21 21:31:39	No I do not	More red tape	The govt is a control freak. They've stuffed up everything they've touched but want more things to control. Guess it boils down to more revenue. More chance for corrupt govt members to make money.	Jane	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 21:31:47	No I do not	More red tape		Robyn	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:34:05	No I do not	More red tape	The overhead cost of administration for small businesses is already very heavy. This new proposal adds more administration but adds no value at all	Geoffrey	North West	business owner
	2025-11-21 21:47:38	No I do not	More red tape	If we want the economy to grow, government needs to get out of the way. We need less government interference, red tape and gate-keeping. We don't enforce the existing laws properly, and now we want more? As for selling pirated DVDs, Lionel October is ten years behind the times - most people don't even have DVD players anymore.	Trevor		retired
	2025-11-21 21:47:57	No I do not	More red tape	We are killing small business with all the regulations and associated costs	Angelo	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:50:17	No I do not	More red tape	Another way to restrict flourishing businesses. Government should stop this nonsens and rather find ways to make business less restrictive, not more!	Stéfan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 21:50:18	No I do not	More red tape	Another way to restrict flourishing businesses. Government should stop this nonsens and rather find ways to make business less restrictive, not more!	Stéfan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 21:51:00	No I do not	More red tape		Dennis	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-21 22:01:30	No I do not	More red tape	This is just going to create more red tape and ultimately drive more businesses 'underground'. This will in turn reduce the number of businesses paying tax and put more of a burdened on the businesses already paying tax. It will also lead to some ignorant politically appointed clerk make decisions about companies or plans about which the know nothing and probably don't understand anyway. Just another way to appoint more useless cadres or family members of connected politicians into jobs beyond their comprehension.	Michael	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 22:07:32	No I do not	More red tape		Chris	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:11:28	No I do not	More red tape	Government must stay out of the business of citizens of this country which has got nothing to do with government . We dont need a government that wants to overregulate with their socialist and communistic agendas that is from the devil. This is overregulated communism and money making schemes from a corrupt wicked government under ANC . ANC wants to operate like Nazi. You have got nothing to do with the private business of South Africans. We going to boot you out of RSA you foolish and corrupt officials. Government wants to fill their thievery pockets with more fees and more fees and more red tape. ANC has a hidden agenda - almost always. Get rid of the ANC. Stop voting for corrupt ANC.	Helen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:20:49	No I do not	More red tape		DC	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 22:25:28	No I do not	More red tape	If you want to create jobs, let the economy do what it does best. Give a very loose frame, open market economy, prioritize property rights, the undeniably right to own what we have worked for. And you will see how fast jobs are created without Government getting any more bloated!	Martin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 22:30:43	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities do not have the capacity to provide basic services efficiently and effectively. This responsibility will not be run efficiently and will provide more opportunity for corruption. We need to simplify business not complicate it further.	Nic		
	2025-11-21 22:30:49	No I do not	More red tape		Sarel	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 22:31:38	No I do not	More red tape	1. We are rapidly becoming a nanny state. This stifles creativity, entreupeneurship and small business development. 2. This is another avenue for corruption and bribes. 3. It's just another for of taxation because all these licences have costs attached.	Theo		Non-profit
	2025-11-21 22:32:42	No I do not	More red tape		Margaretha		self-employed
	2025-11-21 22:39:55	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support this bill in any way whatsoever. It is just more incompetant government overeach into the lives of the people, aimed at raising more revenue, making life more difficult for us as we now have more red tape to deal with, which will be fraught with incompetance, failed systems, long waits, corruption and based on even the inability of government to run basic processes like UIF, Labour Compensation effectively, with systems constantly down, excessive registration waits, lack of communication, poor advice and capacity, does not bode well for this endevour at all. We do not need registration, especially small businesses, that do not recieve any support from government at any rate (look at what hapened during COVID), it is a deliberate means to control and supress small business in the face of franchise business, which has always been the goal.	Kent	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 22:42:29	No I do not	More red tape	Strong incentives are required to create and build new businesses in order to grow the South African economy. The proposed new law is prone to being exploited. It increases unnecessary bureaucracy and will waste valuable resources like time and money. It is prone to corruption and abuse.	Corin	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 22:42:45	No I do not	More red tape	more funds will be stolen from the poor Red tape kills a business	Hester	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 22:43:51	No I do not	More red tape		Cliff	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 22:45:50	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support this bill in any way whatsoever. It is just more incompetant government overeach into the lives of the people, aimed at raising more revenue, making life more difficult for us as we now have more red tape to deal with, which will be fraught with incompetance, failed systems, long waits, corruption and based on even the inability of government to run basic processes like UIF, Labour Compensation effectively, with systems constantly down, excessive registration waits, lack of communication, poor advice and capacity, does not bode well for this endevour at all. We do not need registration, especially small businesses, that do not recieve any support from government at any rate (look at what hapened during COVID), it is a deliberate means to control and supress small business in the face of franchise business, which has always been the goal.	Arnfried		
	2025-11-21 22:49:48	No I do not	More red tape	Firstly, I think this will not be applied equally to all businesses as we still see the informal economy flourishing without taxation or adhering to any legislative or formal measures and instrumenst other businesses are. Secondly, this will open up the system to corruption, more red tape and discourahe peopel from developing, strating & growing businesses.	Marlene		
	2025-11-21 22:54:48	No I do not	More red tape	Govrnent burocracy and red tape is driving business out of South Africa.	Johann	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 23:00:10	No I do not	More red tape	Yet another attempt at top down micromanagement of the struggling economy by a venal rapacious rent seeking government. Another nail in business's coffin.	Colin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 23:03:37	No I do not	More red tape		SJ		
	2025-11-21 23:03:45	No I do not	More red tape	Government needs to encourage more businesses to start up by less red tape, not more! Instead of introducing yet another money making scheme that only benefits Government	Kerry	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:14:21	No I do not	More red tape	It must be easy to register a business not more difficult.	Loki	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 23:18:43	No I do not	More red tape		Stephen		
	2025-11-21 23:20:04	No I do not	More red tape		Diederich		self-employed
	2025-11-21 23:57:34	No I do not	More red tape	another candy coated scheme to acquire money from people again... and will the dishonest ANC be granting these licences?	Jonathan	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 23:57:36	No I do not	More red tape	More rules more ambiguity, you cannot even manage what already exist. Less is more, More is BAD. Stop throwing South Africa down the Long Drop.	Michael	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 23:58:49	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 00:07:08	No I do not	More red tape		Belinda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 00:26:56	No I do not	More red tape		Jaimie-lee	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 00:27:01	No I do not	More red tape		Hannelie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 00:34:09	No I do not	More red tape	With extremely high unemployment rates why create further barriers to business and employment opportunities?	Michael	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 00:55:46	No I do not	More red tape	We already register our company's with the labour dept the workmen's compensation and the Cipro so why another need for registration? Too much power is given to outsiders to determine the need and profitability of a company.	Patricia	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 00:57:25	No I do not	More red tape	Control business to death	Danie	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 01:02:09	No I do not	More red tape	This will cause unnecessary administrative work, red tape & job losses. Rather invest energy in facilitating small business enterprises by for example raising the VAT exemption to R10mil! This would go a long way to job creation. Focus on your citizens & their safety & wellbeing rather than exploring further avenues for lining cadre pockets.	Raymond	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 01:13:37	No I do not	More red tape	This will just create another means for powers that be an avenue to fleece the population of hard earned income. An opening for more corruption to take place. A loss of jobs will be on the cards if this were to be introduced	Wayne	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 01:45:25	No I do not	More red tape		Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 02:42:48	No I do not	More red tape	Has the goverment not yet realized how they are further crippling South Africa? This is BEE in disguise. Has the majority not gained enough over the last 30 years?	Marisa	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 03:01:06	No I do not	More red tape	Tired of the government adding more communistic systems into our suppossed democracy.	Richard	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner

	2025-11-22 03:10:55	No I do not	More red tape		Gert	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 03:13:31	No I do not	More red tape		Tebogo	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 03:25:30	No I do not	More red tape		Denise	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 03:30:58	No I do not	More red tape	Government needs to do their job to create an environment for small business to flourish - not interfere in peoples ability to grow the economy. Focus on crime, pot holes, electricity and not being corrupt themselves. This is legislative over reach.	Lisa	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 03:32:09	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way for the government to steal.	Marc	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 03:32:41	No I do not	More red tape		Suzanne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 03:55:28	No I do not	More red tape		Tracy	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 04:00:16	No I do not	More red tape	Currently, the business model does not enable for small business to thrive, there is high costs of startup - to many regulating bodies to register with like Setas, etc, high costs of security, high costs of insurance etc, adding another layer will simply make it even more expensive and more discouraging. The only businesses that thrive are big players and simply what this bill will do is to increase the footprint of big players and push out small business further increasing the inequality gap. We have an over regulation problem which simply monopolizes the various industries. In addition municipalities are dysfunctional and this would overburden them with extension of powers. It is also important to note that many business models are not area bound and are also increasing online presence. Therefore this would create a vacuum where the business has to become area bound due to the licensing address further eroding potential for profit and benefit big industry players who afford to have branches registered in different municipalities countrywide. The only solution is to leave the current business licensing framework as is but enforce laws such as bylaws etc which the law currently allows for.	Tshikani		
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	2025-11-22 04:05:33	No I do not	More red tape		Noel	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 04:06:32	No I do not	More red tape	The government should stop viewing citizens and their activities as something to engineer centrally. Government's role should be to enable citizens to live their lives freely, as they choose. Less licensing and micro management of our lives, not more. Less engineering of demographics like race and gender, not more. This kind of legislation is not what people want. They want the government to get out of their lives.	Stephan		
	2025-11-22 04:11:36	No I do not	More red tape		Rachel		
	2025-11-22 04:28:45	No I do not	More red tape		Raymond	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 04:29:18	No I do not	More red tape	Another barrier to business where enomplyment is rife	Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 04:32:48	No I do not	More red tape		Michelle	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 04:34:18	No I do not	More red tape	The municipality is not well run in Port Elizabeth as things back log here in inefficiency. This bill creates more hassle and red tape for small businesses who already find it difficult to survive. For those operating businesses illegally, they will continue to skirt the law. This will not affect or control small township businesses who are just trying to make money to survive. They will continue to do so without registering. This will harm the law abiding small businesses who are trying to operate legally, making it even more difficult to operate.	Kayle	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 04:39:10	No I do not	More red tape	The government is barely able to administer anything with efficiency as it stands. This will just add more red tape & create more opportunities for corruption!! So no!! They must work on perfecting the systems they have now & addressing current baglogs & not pile on unnecessary bylaws.	Nombuso	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 04:44:03	No I do not	More red tape	The economy is failing and nobody can say otherwise. Free trade is everyone's right in this country and it can't be determined by government who can trade and who cannot. Just look at the crime rate, unemployment rate and people living under the poverty line. This should be enough to deter anyone from adding more red tape and chasing potential investors away.	Vernon		
	2025-11-22 04:50:57	No I do not	More red tape		Constance	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:00:44	No I do not	More red tape	If we are a free and fair country why must the government have a say in my business and private life? GOVERNMENT IS THE REASON THAT BUSINESSES FAIL BECAUSE OF THEIR GREED. Why should they have the say in my business? Why do ministers have more than one business and were are their licences?	Fransie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:01:25	No I do not	More red tape	Municpalities are not functoning as is. They are corrupt and filled with useless deployed cadres. Its a very silly idea that will just cost thousands of jobs.	Francois	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:06:41	No I do not	More red tape	Free the free market from suffocating red tape and over regulation. People need space to start and keep a business going. Not more burdens.	Robert	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:10:50	No I do not	More red tape		Glenn		
	2025-11-22 05:11:21	No I do not	More red tape		Tyna		
	2025-11-22 05:11:40	No I do not	More red tape	Just leave what isn't broken alone! Everything this government touches ends up breaking. They're like the real-life Wreck-It Ralph. Fix what's already broken and leave the rest of us be!	Kimberley	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:19:19	No I do not	More red tape	Discrimination, more red tape and corrupt municipal license inspectors	Gavin	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 05:20:17	No I do not	More red tape		Lindy		
	2025-11-22 05:21:10	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses are already overwhelmed with beaurocratic red tape, which costs money. And this is just another form of control by the State. It doesn't add in the least to government's promise to HELP small businesses.	Annette	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:21:20	No I do not	More red tape		Magda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 05:21:57	No I do not	More red tape		Deon	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:22:10	No I do not	More red tape	Job creation needs less regulation not more red tape	Leslie	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 05:24:38	No I do not	More red tape		Dietmar		
	2025-11-22 05:25:17	No I do not	More red tape		Ray	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 05:29:34	No I do not	More red tape	Rather stop wasting tax payers money with corruption and focus on creating jobs	Adrian	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:33:22	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:33:34	No I do not	More red tape	This will encourage bribery to obtain licenses.	Bryan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:34:45	No I do not	More red tape		Gregorio	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:36:38	No I do not	More red tape	The bill states the aim of increasing economic activity and empowering previously disadvantaged groups but the potential for greater bureacracy and corruption will more likely achieve the opposite. Our issue is not the governance we need to address route causes this bill is merely the semblance of assisting but would actually perpetuate the harms caused by colonization	Katy	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:37:13	No I do not	More red tape		Marius & Wilna	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 05:41:05	No I do not	More red tape		Michelle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:41:49	No I do not	More red tape		Ronald	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:44:20	No I do not	More red tape	Any legislation that is discrimination shouldn't be allowed in the society, we need more not less operators thus jobs	Mike Vadimir	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 05:46:14	No I do not	More red tape	The government seen that BEE don't work, it became vehicle for theft, greed and corruption, what started to address inequality made a perfect communism system. Where all is equal, but some are more equal then others.	Fred	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:48:20	No I do not	More red tape		Josias De Kock	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 05:51:43	No I do not	More red tape	Business is moving towards informal all over the country and to expect hawkers to register and obtain licences is a nightmare. I believe it's time we stop enabling corruption as these inspectors will demand bribes from the small businesses and flea market owners to operate.	Tendayi	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-22 05:54:27	No I do not	More red tape	This is another step to destroy entrepreneurship opportunities in a shrinking economy of talented people who are akready not managing with BEE comitments eating away their profits.	Yvonne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:54:28	No I do not	More red tape	This is another step to destroy entrepreneurship opportunities in a shrinking economy of talented people who are akready not managing with BEE comitments eating away their profits.	Yvonne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:57:39	No I do not	More red tape		Gail		
	2025-11-22 05:59:17	No I do not	More red tape		Dimitri	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:59:56	No I do not	More red tape		Stewart		retired
	2025-11-22 05:59:56	No I do not	More red tape		Stewart		retired
	2025-11-22 06:00:06	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:02:19	No I do not	More red tape		Jackee	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:04:53	No I do not	More red tape	another burden for small businesses, more paper work, another expense as it will not come for free	Guido	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:05:20	No I do not	More red tape		Hennie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:08:25	No I do not	More red tape		Peter	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 06:13:06	No I do not	More red tape	The more red tape there is the less likely individuals will want to create jobs. I think I read somewhere that 2 million jobs have been lost since 1994. Meanwhile perhaps one-third of people under age 35 are without jobs.	Arthur	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:13:13	No I do not	More red tape	Just another excuse to corrupt our system	Ivy	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:13:35	No I do not	More red tape		Charmaine	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:13:58	No I do not	More red tape		Hans	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:15:19	No I do not	More red tape		Kristelle		
	2025-11-22 06:15:47	No I do not	More red tape	Being a small business owner is difficult enough already, now they want to cover us is more red tape, jumping through hoops, just so we can try and make a living. It's just another form of control.	Dirk	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:15:50	No I do not	More red tape		Geraldine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:17:45	No I do not	More red tape		Steve	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:18:17	No I do not	More red tape	This opens the way for more public money to be used to fund official pockets. We are trying to encourage people to start new businesses not make it more difficult	Karin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:18:30	No I do not	More red tape	There is no reason for another business regulator. What does the CIPC do? More cost on small business and an obvious way to regulate who can and cannot have a business	Leonora	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:20:58	No I do not	More red tape	Introduction I acknowledge the Department's efforts to modernise outdated legislation and create a uniform system for business registration. However, I am deeply concerned that the proposed Business Licensing Bill, 2025 will have unintended negative consequences for small businesses, entrepreneurship, and job creation. Key Concerns • Barrier to Entry: Mandatory licensing through municipalities will impose additional administrative and financial burdens, making it difficult for micro and small enterprises to start and sustain operations. • Risk to Growth and Employment: By discouraging new entrants and limiting expansion, the Bill will undermine job creation and economic growth. • Duplication of Compliance: Businesses already comply with SARS, CIPC, and municipal by-laws. Adding another licensing layer risks duplication, delays, and inefficiency. • Negative Business Climate: Instead of fostering innovation and opportunity, the Bill creates obstacles that will deter entrepreneurship and investment. Recommendations 1. Digitise and Integrate Existing Registries – Build a single, accessible platform by linking SARS, CIPC, and municipal systems rather than creating new licensing requirements. 2. Exempt or Simplify for Small Enterprises – Provide exemptions or streamlined processes for micro and small businesses to reduce compliance costs. 3. Reduce Red Tape – Prioritise policies that cut administrative delays and lower costs for entrepreneurs. 4. Engage Stakeholders – Consult directly with small business owners and associations to co-design solutions that genuinely support growth. Conclusion While the goal of modernisation is commendable, the Business Licensing Bill, 2025 in its current form will hinder rather than help small businesses. To build a thriving economy, we must create a positive environment where businesses can grow, innovate, and employ more South Africans. This Bill, as drafted, will achieve the opposite.	Brian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:22:58	No I do not	More red tape		Gopolang	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:23:12	No I do not	More red tape	Costly overregulation	albert	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:26:47	No I do not	More red tape		WALTER	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 06:27:22	No I do not	More red tape	The focus of business owners is to run the business. This is just another distraction from focus on making a living, providing a service.	Lenn	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:28:26	No I do not	More red tape		Marcel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:30:45	No I do not	More red tape	This will give space to more corruption. This doesn't make sense and it is irrelevant.	David	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:30:52	No I do not	More red tape	BBBEE in disguise More Red Tape Additional cost and administration to small businesses Another opportunity for corruption	Mike		
	2025-11-22 06:34:28	No I do not	More red tape	Preferential licensing would have been one of my other choices. After so many years it's time we all have equal opportunity.	J.		retired
	2025-11-22 06:34:42	No I do not	More red tape	Less interference by government!	Henk	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:35:22	No I do not	More red tape		Avril	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:35:38	No I do not	More red tape		Marlene	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 06:35:39	No I do not	More red tape		Marlene	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 06:35:40	No I do not	More red tape	This smack of control and more than likely ties in with the digital identity issue that they are wanting to mandate. I do not consent!	Ceciel	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 06:36:48	No I do not	More red tape	Not necesary	Amanda	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 06:36:49	No I do not	More red tape	Not necesary	Amanda	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 06:37:17	No I do not	More red tape	This will close businesses and halt economic growth and job creation.	Carol	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:38:26	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses need freedom to create employment and not beurocracy from government who cannot create jobs	Ernst		
	2025-11-22 06:38:32	No I do not	More red tape	My business is already registered with CIPC and I had to pay for that. Small business owners are struggling so why should we pay more? Is the government trying to destroy the economy and limit job creation. Sure seems like it.	Mary-Anne	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:41:24	No I do not	More red tape	It's all about control !	Chris	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:42:09	No I do not	More red tape		Belinde	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:42:56	No I do not	More red tape		Justine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:49:22	No I do not	More red tape	SME's need less red tape, not more. They need more freedom to actually trade and function. This government seems hell bent on choking the very vehicle the country needs to solve the unemployment crisis - more businesses. SME's create jobs, they produce more of what society needs, they generate wealth. They can say what they want about this legislation, what it absolutely will do is further choke the private sector.	Devon	Western Cape	self-employed

	2025-11-22 06:50:30	No I do not	More red tape	Our municipalities are already overburdened with admin. Adding more to their plates means delays. For us. Then, likely Disqualifications due to "30 days" period lapsing. Due to admin delays. This chokes commerce. Disrupts local and national economy. We know that SMEs keep this country financially alive. Dont throttle the hand that feeds you with red tape. SARS already knows everything. Just talk to them if you want to know what businesses are trading.	Candace	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:50:33	No I do not	More red tape		Dillan		
	2025-11-22 06:51:04	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-22 06:51:10	No I do not	More red tape		Estian		employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:51:47	No I do not	More red tape		Charles	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-22 06:53:14	No I do not	More red tape		Liezl	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:54:56	No I do not	More red tape		Gaby	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 06:55:46	No I do not	More red tape		Karien	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:56:27	No I do not	More red tape		Shernaaz	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:56:30	No I do not	More red tape		Schalk	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:56:31	No I do not	More red tape		Sabine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:57:26	No I do not	More red tape		Bonnie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:57:38	No I do not	More red tape	We already have bodies such as the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission. Furthermore, businesses in this country are highly over-regulated. It is so expensive to do business and further red tape will lead to less business operating, resulting in more job losses - something the country cannot afford at this stage. Rather design legislation to make operating business easier, especially in the Small and Medium-Sized businesses space, because that is where the majority of the country's people are employed.	Nelius	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:58:23	No I do not	More red tape	Definitely NO for so many reasons it will cover 2 pages if not more	Monique	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:58:24	No I do not	More red tape	Definitely NO for so many reasons it will cover 2 pages if not more	Monique	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:02:59	No I do not	More red tape	Free trade open up the economy	Mychel		
	2025-11-22 07:03:21	No I do not	More red tape	This further discourages entrepreneurs from starting/continuing their businesses in a country where unemployment is already extremely high. Instead of supporting local job creation, the Bill feels like a punishment for South African citizens and legal migrants who are trying to operate businesses legitimately. Only stronger controls on illegal migrant businesses are necessary and valuable.	Alecia	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-22 07:05:20	No I do not	More red tape	Too much control invested in the government If they were competent- would not be so bad But they will strangle the free Market	Anne	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 07:05:23	No I do not	More red tape	Government must get the hell out of the way. No more draconian laws and rules. Why add an extra layer of red tape with sweeping power to do as they wish, especially the so called inspectors. There's no oversight for these inspectors and no court rulings. So if the inspector don't like you then you might as well close your business down if not done for you through coercion, corruption, race, favouritism and nepotism. A lot of warlords running around making their own rules. No more extra taxes, actually less taxes and less documentation and less oversight from government, stay out of our businesses!! No more delays and no more licenses!	albert	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 07:06:01	No I do not	More red tape		Francois	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:09:17	No I do not	More red tape	With more regulation there will be less progress Don’t need the government to mess up more stuff	Sindizwa	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 07:13:11	No I do not	More red tape		Luigi	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:13:11	No I do not	More red tape		ruth	North West	Non-profit
	2025-11-22 07:13:31	No I do not	More red tape		Marie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:15:08	No I do not	More red tape		Will	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 07:15:38	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape only makes criminals out of many small businesses and will inhibit small business expansion.	Martin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:16:08	No I do not	More red tape		Edwin	North West	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 07:16:27	No I do not	More red tape		Dave	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:16:32	No I do not	More red tape	I am against the the new law, more money to loot , more red tape . Absolutely No.	Sonnet	Northern Cape	
	2025-11-22 07:17:09	No I do not	More red tape	All of the above mentioned reasons. Opening the door for more bribery and corruption	Rene		
	2025-11-22 07:19:29	No I do not	More red tape		Pieta		
	2025-11-22 07:20:03	No I do not	More red tape	In a Country where the unemployment rate is one of the highest in the world, people cannot rely on Government to crest the necessary jobs, jobs are created through the informal sector and small businesses. Regulating small business even more will just stop them from starting, and the jobs will not be created! Can the Government not focus on getting the basics right - healthcare, education and stopping corruption than trying to regulate small business (probably the one sector that has created more jobs than any other?) - stop the red tape, stop trying to place barriers in the way of market forces and let start ups and smalll businesses create employments - entrepreneurs and small business is the only way this economy is going to grow! I’m all for small business registration through CIPC and SARS but having to apply for a license - that will be another tax (and we pay enough already!!!!) - it will discourage entrepreneurship and increase corruption in that licenses will be bought! It’s just more of the same bad rot that we have in this Country.	Lyn		employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:20:12	No I do not	More red tape	This is nothing more than another tactic to extort an additional tax from already struggling businesses... this will benefit only accountants & legal firms as they will charge an exorbitant fee for this service that will be near impossible for regular people to process ... There will be absolutely no benefit to businesses, in fact, it will probably lead to many businesses especially smme's to close their doors permanently... this is not how you create employment... to create employment you should be making it easier to start a business. This is the exact opposite of what should happen.	Michelle	North West	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 07:22:33	No I do not	More red tape	We need to encourage not deter businesses….	Beryl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:24:15	No I do not	More red tape	The government promise us to better our business but it seems they are making money out of us again because we pay for application and for permit when approved	Suzan Maletsatsi	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:24:45	No I do not	More red tape	It will cause more unemployment.	Lynette		
	2025-11-22 07:24:47	No I do not	More red tape		Craig	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:27:25	No I do not	More red tape		Shuaib		
	2025-11-22 07:29:31	No I do not	More red tape	Red tape and another way to make money out of the people and to block people from working. That’s s will be a real mess	Pieter	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:30:25	No I do not	More red tape		Tsakane		
	2025-11-22 07:30:27	No I do not	More red tape		Tsakane		
	2025-11-22 07:31:08	No I do not	More red tape		Charles	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:31:23	No I do not	More red tape	Our Municipality -Rand West - cannot manage power, water, roads and infrastructure and is totally useless and corrupt. I cannot see them managing business licenses. We will certainly move our businesses (3) elsewhere.	Rein	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:31:37	No I do not	More red tape	Overregulation in already overregulated business environment. Placing power in the hands of, in all probability, unqualified bureaucrats having little or no business acumen whatsoever. The proposed legislation will again, in all probability, deter investment in new start-ups, and encourage existing business owners to close their doors.	Roland	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:36:03	No I do not	More red tape		Alan	KwaZulu-Natal	

	2025-11-22 07:37:45	No I do not	More red tape	We do not need another unjust bill that requires the current incompetent government to manage	Dio	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:37:48	No I do not	More red tape	We do not need another unjust bill that requires the current incompetent government to manage	Dio	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:38:06	No I do not	More red tape	This is bizarre. This socialist government is wanting everything under their absolute control. What knowledge do the employees in the municipalities have to deal with this issue. This going to lead to more abuse and corruption. There is absolutely no benefit to go this route. NO NO NO !!!!	Rob	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:40:22	No I do not	More red tape	The government needs to make it easier to start a business and thereby create jobs. Life is expensive enough. Also what constitutes a business as with every other law will a person working for then self from home also be seen as a business. I dont see the government applying it in the townships. Just another tax.	Frank		retired
	2025-11-22 07:40:56	No I do not	More red tape	Just another money making racket. Open for corruption	Jenni	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 07:44:30	No I do not	More red tape	A license, permit, etc - these are all just rights the government stole from you and leases back to you. (While stealing from you aka TAX) . I say no. For pete sake!	Paul	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:45:03	No I do not	More red tape	How many times do the economic data and the people have to say this before lawmakers listen? SOUTH AFRICA URGENT NEEDS UNBRIDLED JOB-CREATION! THE ECONOMY IS IN TROUBLE. This bill does the opposite of what is needed to stave off ECONOMIC CALAMITY AND STARVATION AMONGST THE POOR. The additional requirements heaped on the economy with this bill will kill what little economic activity still remains in the private sector. IT IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH THAT THIS BILL MUST BE ABANDONED AND GOVERNMENT MUST RETURN FOCUS TO WHAT PEOPLE NEED: MORE JOBS! Please stop doing this, you are killing EVERYONE's future. Personally I will close down my business, retrench all the workers and retire or emigrate, if this bill becomes law.	Wynand	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:45:11	No I do not	More red tape	its so sad that those implementing the laws dont follow them	helen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:45:36	No I do not	More red tape		Mico	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 07:47:17	No I do not	More red tape	In addition to the concerns of preferential treatments and other concerns the municipalities are already inundated and service provision for the basic already established sectors are lagging. This would only lead to added delays in ability to trade for business owners or fines on such for trading without a valid license stemmed from failure to obtain a license from municipalities	Lucie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:47:25	No I do not	More red tape		Sandrasen	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:47:45	No I do not	More red tape		Bradley	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:48:05	No I do not	More red tape	The current system CIPC is already a lot , now this? We don't operate on a municipal level - imagine each branch has to apply to their municipality... over administrative, ineffective, a space for even more corruption.	Kim	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:49:44	No I do not	More red tape	A law without any progress for the country just more red tape to do business not a free market system	Hugo	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 07:50:10	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support the introduction of the draft Business Licensing Bill in its current form. While I recognise the intention to improve oversight, the proposed national registry would impose additional administrative burdens on compliant businesses without delivering clear economic benefits. South Africa already has multiple regulatory layers for business registration and compliance; adding another requirement risks slowing down entrepreneurship, discouraging investment, and increasing costs for small and medium enterprises. I therefore recommend that the Bill be withdrawn to avoid duplicating existing systems and placing unnecessary strain on the business sector.	Sylwia	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:52:35	No I do not	More red tape		Chris	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:53:03	No I do not	More red tape		David	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:53:39	No I do not	More red tape	Net nog meer burokrasie sonder bevoegde amptenare en werkskepping vir kaders.	Leon	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:54:00	No I do not	More red tape	Dit is die domste en ondeerdagte klomp woorde op papier wat ek nog ooit in SA konsep vorm ooit gesien het. Absoluut belaglik en nie net onuitvoerbaar maar weereens ontneem die voorstel brood uit brand arm mense se monde. Beleid formulering en evaluering was my Meestersgraad fokus. Ons was geleer en uit navorsing uit verskeie lande was dit duidelik dat n aangeleentheid belangrik genoeg moes wees om n appel se skil te kan deurdring om op n beleidsagenda te kom. Hierdie aangeleentheid is so belaglik dat dit nie eers die besprekings fase moes haal nie. Die eerste probleem is hoe definieer die opsteller die term besigheid. Is die lemoenverkoper op die straathoek n besigheid, is die vrou in die informele woongebied wat vetkoek bak n besigheid, die persoon wat karplekke aanwys op n parkeer teryn n besigheid. n Eenvoudige beskrywing van n besigheid is waar een persoon dienste of goedere vverkoop en geld verdien hoe klein of groot die omset ook al is. Daarom praat ons van n informele en formele besigheid. Die eerste probleem lê hier. Plaaslike Owerhede is onbevoeg om hul huidige take uit te voer en dan verwag iemand wat wys hy/ sy/ hulle weet nie wat in dorpe aangaan nie. Die mees basiese dienste kan jy by baie van hulle nie kry nie. Besef die wetgewer die omvang van die taak. Wie gaan die sogenaamde inspekteurs , inspekteur. Nee , die wetgewer of sy adviseurs het die klits totaal kwyt geraak. Daar is absoluut geen voordeel wat die nuttelose voorstel vir enig iemand inhou nie, dit is nie uitvoerbaar nie en gaan meer negatiewe gevolge inhou as enige voordeel wat iemand mag dink. Dit gaan die mense onder broodlyn en werloses verder nadelig beinvloed. Stop onnodige inmenging in behoeftige mense wat probeer brood op hul tafel sit want die pensioen(SASA) moet vele monde kos gee en kan eenvoudig nie. Plaas liewer mense daar wat kan toesien dat die mense wat julle nou wil benadeel dat hul toesien dat hulle dit beter doen as om hul verder wil inperk. Stop die stupid wetgewing .	Herman	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:54:30	No I do not	More red tape		glynis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:58:13	No I do not	More red tape	Corruption and bribery will get one a licence.	Heather	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:58:42	No I do not	More red tape	This bill will just destroy economic growth more in South Africa. Risk of more race based implementation and restrictions. NO NO NO!	Kobus		
	2025-11-22 07:59:48	No I do not	More red tape	Small businesses are already overloaded with legislation and requirements - any more will only cause more businesses to close down which is detrimental to the economy and employment.	Meryl	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:00:03	No I do not	More red tape	Opens up opportunities for more corruption in top structures.. There will always be businesses who didn't register and they'll get away with it any way because of ineffective policing/not enough personnel that can enforce it.	Suki		
	2025-11-22 08:01:28	No I do not	More red tape	BEE and corruption will take place	Leonard		
	2025-11-22 08:03:01	No I do not	More red tape	More government overreach. People want to be left alone to run their businesses without all this government red tape.	Lincoln	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:05:41	No I do not	More red tape	Can't trust this current government with anything, they will be more corrupt	James	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:05:50	No I do not	More red tape	The centralizing of power for bureaucrats to decide over issues of life and death for especially those that battle for a livelihood against staggering odds and governance that does not support them, and their efforts which is looking at the state of most municipalities, cannot be denied. The current government has shown no effort in supporting the masses in SA and are running around trying to shine on an international level instead of focusing on SA and the dire need for general upliftment, education and basic services for the majority of citizens of this country.	Jakobus PH	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:06:53	No I do not	More red tape		David	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:08:01	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support even more red tape for businesses. Folk are struggling just to feed their families at the moment and this would cause more job losses than ever. Hell no.	Michael	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:10:45	No I do not	More red tape	There is far too much red tape for businesses already. A small business cannot afford the time or costs of red tape already. It should be easy for small businesses to operate and concentrate on doing business and employing people, not constantly dealing with bureaucracy.	Paul	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:10:56	No I do not	More red tape	Government keep saying they want to create jobs. But then they come up with red tape like this which will only createbjobs in government. And make an already massive govermnent bigger. Please government. Understand that the more you interfere. The poorer the country gets, the smaller the economy becomes, the less jobs and prosperity there will be. This has benn proven over and over across the world, and also here in RSA. You have an already corrupt and ineffective municipal system. Now you want to give them more power to bring down businesses with them. You can rather drop bombs on towns and kill people instantly, which would be more humane than bringing down businesses and let people starve slowly to death. The good business people will come out at the top and the bad ones will keep failing. Now matter how much you try to licence it, fund it, discriminate against it or do whatever. It will always be like that. Rather spend your time training people how to succeed. You have a whole TV and radio network which you can use to do that. Teach instead of still hammering on history from 31+ years ago.	Jan		
	2025-11-22 08:11:51	No I do not	More red tape	This bill will only encourage more corruption	John	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:14:36	No I do not	More red tape	All this is more control in the hands of unqualified people. Let bussiness run itself.	Ben	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-22 08:16:48	No I do not	More red tape		Rodney	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 08:18:02	No I do not	More red tape		Louis	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:18:02	No I do not	More red tape		Louis	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:18:04	No I do not	More red tape	This will never work in South Africa to much corruption. Officers will misuse their power.	Johan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:19:56	No I do not	More red tape	This will just benefit the corrupt and the cadres, Too much power in the wrong hands - the VERY LAST thing any business needs.	Dave	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:21:26	No I do not	More red tape		Lorraine		retired
	2025-11-22 08:22:35	No I do not	More red tape		Marie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:23:35	No I do not	More red tape	Firstly it will be yet another opportunity for corrupt officials to extort bribes in return for a licence. Given how grossly inefficient the authorities are, the 30 day period will be exceeded thus further frustrating business people and discouraging new companies from setting up. The cost of running a small company is high and difficult enough without adding to the complexity of it for no good reason.	Jack	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:25:35	No I do not	More red tape	It’s time to deregulate and minimise government attempts at controlling people and business which does not work - free enterprise without interference grows jobs which the country badly needs - red tape and attempts to control destroy free enterprise and limits jobs - the government needs to create an atmosphere conducive to business to see jobs being created - attempts at control are out-dated and unproductive	Steve	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:25:38	No I do not	More red tape	The business arena in South Africa is already a minefield, we do not need more rules to comply with. In order to create a company or closed corporation one already has to register with the department of trade and industry who check if the chosen name is already in use and complies with legislation so the aspersion that the new legislation will provide a central database of businesses is incorrect, they already have that at trade and industry, they are just not using it. We do not need a further barrier to entry!	Andrew	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:26:51	No I do not	More red tape		patrick	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:28:34	No I do not	More red tape		Charles		
	2025-11-22 08:30:54	No I do not	More red tape	The business arena in South Africa is already a minefield, we do not need more rules to comply with. In order to create a company or closed corporation one already has to register with the department of trade and industry who check if the chosen name is already in use and complies with legislation so the aspersion that the new legislation will provide a central database of businesses is incorrect, they already have that at trade and industry, they are just not using it. We do not need a further barrier to entry!	Cornelia	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 08:30:55	No I do not	More red tape	The business arena in South Africa is already a minefield, we do not need more rules to comply with. In order to create a company or closed corporation one already has to register with the department of trade and industry who check if the chosen name is already in use and complies with legislation so the aspersion that the new legislation will provide a central database of businesses is incorrect, they already have that at trade and industry, they are just not using it. We do not need a further barrier to entry!	Cornelia	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 08:31:30	No I do not	More red tape		Jane	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:31:46	No I do not	More red tape	It’s time to deregulate and minimise government attempts at controlling people and business which does not work - free enterprise without interference grows jobs which the country badly needs - red tape and attempts to control destroy free enterprise and limits jobs - the government needs to create an atmosphere conducive to business to see jobs being created - attempts at control are out-dated and unproductive	Edward		
	2025-11-22 08:32:51	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa needs policies that stimulate small business development and growth, not one's that inhibit or make running a business more difficult.	Dion	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:33:00	No I do not	More red tape		Isabella	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 08:34:39	No I do not	More red tape		Marc	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:37:06	No I do not	More red tape	This is a method to regulate something that should not be regulated by any government. Control? What happens when you are not registered? Close down of business?? Joblessness will increase and the fatcats will intercept business opportunities. No	Pierre		
	2025-11-22 08:37:39	No I do not	More red tape		G		
	2025-11-22 08:38:04	No I do not	More red tape		Buhle	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:41:23	No I do not	More red tape	Until we address corruption within municipalities, it's not a good idea to create legislation which open the door to more opportunities for corruption amd red tape. We love our country , its the small businesses (the ones who provide the greatest opportunities for growth) who are struggling , this is just more red tape , please don't make it harder for them.	Zai	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:42:58	No I do not	More red tape		Yolande	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-22 08:44:02	No I do not	More red tape	We do not need more legislation to control all aspects of our lives and who will work, or who will not be given any opportunity to work. The South African ANC have legislated numerous bills over the years of it's misrule and instituted callous treatment and vilification of minority groups. These Bills have been inserted into Law by a single signature from a Suspect President and former President's The majority of these laws are aimed at control and to instil a sense of powerless, hopelessness, fear and repression of all society.	Robert	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:44:56	No I do not	More red tape	Nog meer werksverliese en verarming van die mense in ons land. Daar is reeds so baie werksverlies hoekom dit verder aan help. Klein besighede sukkel en kry nie hulp om hulle besighede te bedryf nie. Hulle verskaf broodnodige werksgeleenthede mense in SA.	Annemarie		
	2025-11-22 08:45:24	No I do not	More red tape		Mike	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:47:17	No I do not	More red tape	We need more businesses not more red tape and (possibly) more corruption	Dale		
	2025-11-22 08:47:18	No I do not	More red tape	We need more businesses not more red tape and (possibly) more corruption	Dale		
	2025-11-22 08:47:24	No I do not	More red tape	The bill makes no sense . Counterproductive.	Charles	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:47:40	No I do not	More red tape	BBBEE MUST BE REMOVED	Christopher	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:47:41	No I do not	More red tape	BBBEE MUST BE REMOVED	Christopher	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:47:42	No I do not	More red tape	BBBEE MUST BE REMOVED	Christopher	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:50:19	No I do not	More red tape	This is another communist agenda hidden in bureaucratic clothes. It is obvious the creators of this are furthering the cANCer's destruction of South Africa. They have never started or run a business. If they had, they would realise this bill is the antithesis of any business. Businesses run away from this kind of red tape bureaucracy. Why? Because it kills. And it is opposite to the future we all want. It is anti-democratic. Thank-you cANCer for again showing us what NOT to do. You are again demonstrating what evil looks like. You keep showing us you are NOT the government we want. And again you will lose your voters. Luckily the educated see through this. We see the cANCer and it is wearing no clothes.	Richard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:53:32	No I do not	More red tape	Hands off businesses. Business s the backbone of the country and the economy and the purpose of government is to enable not throttle this	Caryn	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 08:54:40	No I do not	More red tape	There is no point of having a registered business obtain a license. Its just another way for the government to make money out of us and will also put strain on the economy.	Norman	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:55:20	No I do not	More red tape	This bill if passed into law is restrictive, discriminatel open to further bribery and corruption, will be a racial tool to target any new or existing or potential business opportunities thereby facilitating general race and gender quotas to qualfy. This is a draconian measure to deny ordinary citizens their constituitional right to earn a living. It should be scrapped in its entirety as a means of further tax revenue and government control in an already over regulated country.	Robbie	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:56:02	No I do not	More red tape		Ginny	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:56:57	No I do not	More red tape		gert	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:57:49	No I do not	More red tape	This Government seems to have no determination to confront the real issues holding this country back. The majority of municipalities are dysfunctional and corrupt - mostly ANC led. But the GNU is not committed to attacking these problems at local level. And now they want to hand local government another way to control small business entrepreneurs and to make it more difficult to earn a living. Unacceptable!	Graham	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:58:24	No I do not	More red tape	No No No. Most municipalities and government offices are in disarray. Give up trying to force more regulations and control over private entities. we have enough laws, that cant be adequately enforced already.	Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:59:57	No I do not	More red tape	Amongst other major issues the most municipalities aren't functional .	Lorraine		retired

	2025-11-22 09:00:00	No I do not	More red tape	It is now so difficult to operate a business in our country. There is already an overwhelming amount of red tape and the Government now wants to introduce more . We need business friendly legislation that will assist entrepreneurs to grow business and employ more people and to lower the disgusting level of unemployment and poverty levels that the ANC find acceptable. It has been proved all over the world and in South Africa that Governments cannot run businesses!	Barry	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 09:05:01	No I do not	More red tape		Carl	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:06:19	No I do not	More red tape		Rex	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:07:43	No I do not	More red tape		Angelique	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:08:17	No I do not	More red tape		Jacques	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:09:26	No I do not	More red tape		Fanie		
	2025-11-22 09:09:36	No I do not	More red tape	This is discrematory against all bussinesses old and new. There are way more important things that the government can do to fix major problems than this new regulation	Rijnardt	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:10:03	No I do not	More red tape		Wiaan		
	2025-11-22 09:10:20	No I do not	More red tape		Beatrix	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:11:59	No I do not	More red tape		Frans		retired
	2025-11-22 09:12:01	No I do not	More red tape		Frans		retired
	2025-11-22 09:12:05	No I do not	More red tape		Peggy	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 09:12:35	No I do not	More red tape		celia		
	2025-11-22 09:13:57	No I do not	More red tape		Frans		retired
	2025-11-22 09:15:12	No I do not	More red tape	More money making schemes, more red tape, more corruption. And of course, relying on a municipal entity that we all know cannot even do the normal municipal tasks, let alone a 5-year business renewal license! N O. N O. N O.	Andre		
	2025-11-22 09:17:40	No I do not	More red tape	Dis is belaglik! Waarom maak hulle nie eers hulle eie gemors reg nie!	Andre		
	2025-11-22 09:18:06	No I do not	More red tape		Babalwa Juliet	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:18:31	No I do not	More red tape	Relying on a municipal entity that cannot even do the normal municipal tasks, let alone a 5-year business renewal license! Asking for yet more money. I fail to see why a municipality has the right to vote on your business.	Don		
	2025-11-22 09:18:56	No I do not	More red tape	This government seems hell bent on making employment as difficult as possible, they want this country to fail even further.	Maurice		
	2025-11-22 09:22:44	No I do not	More red tape	This will kill all SMMEs let alone informal traders and ruin what's left of the economy. The cost of registration will add to expenses and those fees will be another source of corruption big time!	Ann	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 09:23:35	No I do not	More red tape		Maluke		
	2025-11-22 09:23:41	No I do not	More red tape	This will be bad for businesses and will add extra red tape and opportunities for corruption.	Cas		business owner
	2025-11-22 09:29:13	No I do not	More red tape		Shelley	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 09:32:46	No I do not	More red tape		Elaine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:33:05	No I do not	More red tape		Anita	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:33:50	No I do not	More red tape	You just need to look at the utter chaos and bureaucratic ineptitude in the UIF office, the Deeds office and the Masters office (to name a few) to wonder why anyone would agree to this.	Jacqui	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:35:28	No I do not	More red tape		Marie		
	2025-11-22 09:35:50	No I do not	More red tape	As with almost any 'upgrades', 'updates' etc proposed by the ANC this will be abused by petty bureaucrats to favour their preferred groups or personal family/friends. This country needs less 'red tape' to help EVERYONE to get started with new business to employ our ocean of unemployed and make us prosperous.	D.A. (Jackie)	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 09:36:36	No I do not	More red tape		Brenda	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 09:38:14	No I do not	More red tape	The South African government is its own worst enemy. The meddle where they should not and don't where they should. Address our crime and corruption before you place more hurdles and impediments to those things that can improve our business environment	Reyan	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:42:11	No I do not	More red tape	Obviously this would cost businesses more money for them to steal. Bunesses are battling to survive as it is with all the rising costs and ridiculous laws they've created but I guess they don't care	Yvonne		employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:44:38	No I do not	More red tape	Government keeps saying they want to remove bureaucratic regulation of business and here they are proposing the exact opposite.	Daniel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:45:04	No I do not	More red tape	Bad news for the many marginalised people and communities in SA.	John		unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 09:45:42	No I do not	More red tape	Legitimate Business owners are already well documented. This will not solve the problem of illegal operations and we certainly do not need more areas in our lives for municipal involvement with all its poor management practices, possible corruption etc.	Lucinda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:47:01	No I do not	More red tape		John Alexander	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:48:24	No I do not	More red tape	Petty officials who have no idea huw to run a business will be able to decide which entrepreneurs can run a business Small business is all that will create jobs. Stop strangling them with red tape. Just more jobs for cadres who can't start a business themselves.	Barbara		
	2025-11-22 09:48:33	No I do not	More red tape		Razell	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 09:49:15	No I do not	More red tape		Audrey	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:49:31	No I do not	More red tape		Michele	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 09:50:15	No I do not	More red tape	This says no more freedom. Control by the state for me to make a living and a cost to my business for what? What service does this provide? If this goes through I'll take my business offshore. Simple. What about the taxi Industry and the informal sector that is worth ZAR 900 billion? What about all those business that don't pay tax?	Christopher		self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:50:58	No I do not	More red tape	These provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	E	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:51:20	No I do not	More red tape	This is a new way to get money by the government and another fraud institution by the government.	Johannes	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:51:57	No I do not	More red tape	Can be used to stifle growth	Marc	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:53:06	No I do not	More red tape	The economy will grow when small businesses flourish but with more regulations from the government it's a pipe dream.,a pie in the sky.	Matete	North West	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 09:55:41	No I do not	More red tape		ashok	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:56:10	No I do not	More red tape	We as a small business owned by white female, we are already struggling just to keep head above water, not allowed to aply for tenders, or able to supply to large companies as we aren't BBEEE compliant, but still required to pay and comply with Sars, getting robbed by eskom, and now they want to confirm If we're allowed to do business with a license.. It's already a struggle just to eat under a light.	Madelyn	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:59:06	No I do not	More red tape		Anton	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:02:02	No I do not	More red tape	Bureaucratic laws for everything (except for their own racism and corruption) which will ultimately be selectively applied.	Simon	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:02:03	No I do not	More red tape	Bureaucratic laws for everything (except for their own racism and corruption) which will ultimately be selectively applied.	Simon	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:02:44	No I do not	More red tape		Tania	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:04:23	No I do not	More red tape		Barbara	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:06:19	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa needs to grow its economy to provide more jobs. This sounds like more government control and corruption which will hinder growth.	William	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:06:22	No I do not	More red tape		lydia		retired
	2025-11-22 10:09:44	No I do not	More red tape		Santie	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-22 10:15:25	No I do not	More red tape	This bill just looks like a token plaster over an open, gaping wound, it would be more effective to fix and bolster existing business licencing and registration infrastructure like CIPC and possibly add extra functionality to encourage informal businesses and other SMME's to become more compliant. Most of our municipalties are already semi-defunct, often corrupt and uniformly under-resourced, they do not have capacity to take on such a massive task and responsibility.	Hanneke	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:17:01	No I do not	More red tape	We don't need more bureaucratic nonsense in this country. Leave us alone	Michael		
	2025-11-22 10:17:51	No I do not	More red tape	It is the old ANC dogma to have control over everything, whilst that which is in their control is in utter neglect. Business and entrepreneurship which is required to grow this economy will only be hampered by this utter non sensical legislation. Every citizen must stand up against the control lust of the government.	Jennes	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:20:01	No I do not	More red tape	Government should not hinder entrepreneurs from adding to the economy and possibly creating more jobs and opportunities. This proposed bill will only open doors for more corporation.	Thomas	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:21:22	No I do not	More red tape	We are opening the door for more corruption and red tape that we do not need.	Sumaya	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 10:21:27	No I do not	More red tape		Lesley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:23:35	No I do not	More red tape	WE NEED LESS REGULATION , NOT MORE. WE DO NOT NEED MORE BUROCRATS WITH SWEEPING POWERS. we dont want more discrimination in awarding licences. Dont create another opportunity for corruption and “municipal capture”	oswald	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:25:16	No I do not	More red tape	Each of the issues raised is of vital importance Licence valid for 5 years - renewal means cash in the pockets of corrupt ANC leaders (they have not proved that they are honest/have no integrity Red tape hinders progress Preferential licences, read BEE, will be issued to friends and family of ANC Power of inspectors.... as has been reported, goods are confiscated, bribes are demanded	Patricia	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:27:51	No I do not	More red tape		Chris	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:29:16	No I do not	More red tape	We already have to bend backwards to get a business license already why stop people from creating jobs.	Dewald	North West	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:30:24	No I do not	More red tape	There is absolutely no reason for municipalities to be involved in business licencing. The current system is already too onerous and Municipalities have no capacity to do this in any event. It is yet another unneccessary piece of red tape which provides ample opportunity for corruption and discrimination.	Barry	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:32:46	No I do not	More red tape		Johannes	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:33:08	No I do not	More red tape	These socialist ideas will kill our economy, or rather, are busy killing it. This is not needed, let the small entrepeneurs get on with running their businesses and not getting licenses and filling in forms. The govt can see to the H&S issues instead of sitting on their fat butts doing nothing	Norman	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:33:23	No I do not	More red tape	More unnecessary control from the government . They must focus their tireless energy on important concerns .	Lindsay	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:34:15	No I do not	More red tape	The government is trying to make it harder for legal businesses and there's no effort to curb any illegal activity	Ester	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-22 10:34:18	No I do not	More red tape		Burry	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:37:02	No I do not	More red tape	This is just more government red tape, revenue gathering and employment generating exercise. Municipalities in the country are already struggling to provide basic services to their communities. Most do not receive a clean audit of their affairs. This will inevitably lead to delays in issuing the licenses and business will suffer as a result. Also, like the department of home affairs, applications could be rejected for no valid reason.	Francis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:38:24	No I do not	More red tape	Making it more difficult to do business as it is already difficult enough. More people will be losing jobs.	Casperq		
	2025-11-22 10:38:37	No I do not	More red tape		Petra	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:38:57	No I do not	More red tape	More unnecessary control from the government . They must focus their tireless energy on important concerns .	NICK	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:39:18	No I do not	More red tape	Too many laws and no work been done to increase work opportunities and grow the economy	Dave	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:39:29	No I do not	More red tape	We supposed to be opening up the free economy. Stop trying to strangle small businesses. We supposed to be cutting red tape. It's called a free market!	Lionel		retired
	2025-11-22 10:43:02	No I do not	More red tape	SA has the worst, hostile business environment in the world! But you expect them to pay taxes and create jobs.???? Not until YOU clean up your act, and start supporting SA citizens and businesses, will we start listening! Just another way to steal!	Linda	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:43:52	No I do not	More red tape	This bill are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Maria		employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:46:59	No I do not	More red tape		Susan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:49:10	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa does NOT need any new / extra / additional mechanisms for increased "state control", avenues to create bribes & corruption nor "demographics" based business killing "motivations". Rather CUT existing red tape & encourage new business ventures to increase empliyment, open the economy and return South Africa to a leading country thriving on its business initiatives & successes.	iBuz		retired
	2025-11-22 10:50:27	No I do not	More red tape	Another means for government to extort the public and expand corruption.	Claudi	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:52:07	No I do not	More red tape		Wim	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:52:25	No I do not	More red tape		Colette		
	2025-11-22 10:52:26	No I do not	More red tape	The current business legislation has been working well. Why try to fix what's not broken? This country has been doing fine on the current legislation until corrupt elements got introduced into the system. These legislators have not shown us anything better since 1994; why then should we think it will be better now? It's just been getting worse and worse for the man on the street instead. So please, let things be, and do not lead us into negative change.	Vutlhari	Limpopo	
	2025-11-22 10:53:37	No I do not	More red tape	There are too many loops to jump through to open a business. Government should be making it easier for potential investors not more red tape	Cecelia	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:57:28	No I do not	More red tape	The powers of inspectors may be abused, there is plenty of precedent existing through all levels of government! Small businesses already struggle with the endless regulations and forms to be completed, another layer of bureaucracy is definitely not required.	Suzanne	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:57:30	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa cannot survive further mechanisms to cripple businesses, There is way too much red tape that we all have to wade through in whatever we do. You should be encouraging more businesses on a freer more open basis in a user friendly environment. Cut some of the red tape to promote new business ventures and encourage investment in an open economy from overseas countries. Why are you hell bent on destroying absolutely everything in this country?	Judy	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:03:59	No I do not	More red tape	A very big NO!!!!!!!!	Izak	North West	retired
	2025-11-22 11:09:37	No I do not	More red tape	Until Government can control and start taxing the taxi industry and get that under control, let's not put more burden on the small business owners.	victor	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:10:54	No I do not	More red tape	The centralised control is disingenuous . Businesses are already jumping through hoops to open a business. What happened to streamlining business opening procedures as promised by the ANC (stupid question) as they cannot keep any promises. This is none other than creating a communist approach to control. What prevents them from not introducing further rules and preferential treatment in persuite of their own political narrative . NO No No No Taxis , and informal traders ??????? Tired of this draconian stance Not workable at all.	John	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:11:44	No I do not	More red tape		Gerald	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:15:49	No I do not	More red tape		Daniel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 11:16:52	No I do not	More red tape	Government continues to put more and more obstacles in the way of businesses in South Africa. We all know that regulations only apply to the formal sector, as it is impossible to enforce it in the informal sector. By introducing this, you create more admin that will add zero value and also open the door to more corruption, as it will afford officials working for whichever enforcement agency will be used in enforcing this new regulation an opportunity to extract bribes and intimidate business people who are trying to serve their communities. Dear Government, first prove that you can govern, before you attempt to introduce more regulations. Your job is to serve the people of South Africa, not to strangle them with red tape. So, start serving and stop strangling!	Louis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:17:18	No I do not	More red tape	Someones bright idea to break the small business industry. Government cannot control and maintain business licencing so they create new laws which will not help small business but rather break small business.	Stephen	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual

	2025-11-22 11:17:19	No I do not	More red tape		Rudi	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:17:59	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa desperately needs to promote and develop small businesses - adding more red tape to the process, along with the potential for preferential licencing and yet more corruption is completely the opposite approach from what is needed.	Scott	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 11:19:15	No I do not	More red tape	I am a pensioner. .it doesn't matter what laws are put in place by the current Government someone how the little man in the street is always affected...I gave 37 years to the Education Department in a teaching capacity ....I dont trust new laws they always seem to Profit one party...	Shirley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 11:19:49	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another form of control that the ANC is trying to impose. More red tape. More jobs for the boys. No benefit to anyone. Let business thrive and watch the employment grow.	Jeff	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 11:21:58	No I do not	More red tape		Pat		retired
	2025-11-22 11:22:00	No I do not	More red tape	Barriers to do business in a South Africa already blocks potential flow, to add more hoops to jump through just worsens the trading capabilities, specially for smme's....help us get rid of we already struggling with!	Rencia	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:22:01	No I do not	More red tape		Pat		retired
	2025-11-22 11:26:17	No I do not	More red tape		Betty	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:26:40	No I do not	More red tape		russell	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:31:08	No I do not	More red tape		haamid		
	2025-11-22 11:32:04	No I do not	More red tape	What happened to CIPC - Business already have to register and pay for this on a yearly basis - so they want yest another body !! Will the inspectors go and 'inspect' licenses in the informal sector without police protection or is this yet again a 'law' to beat the already conforming business owner with yet another 'TAX'.	JP	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:32:44	No I do not	More red tape	This ia another idea that looks good on paper, because it is what European countries do. We are not Europe, nor can we ever strive to be Europe. Colonialism and its ideals has only ever failed in Africa. This country seems hell bent on making it as hard as possible to conduct business. As though the state is sitting in a mountain of gold an do not needs its people to generate value in its economy. I would rather approve a bill that aligns with a metality that wants more people to conduct more business with less red tape.	Schalk		business owner
	2025-11-22 11:34:03	No I do not	More red tape	We do not need more barriers to entry in this country. The biggest municipality in the country is broken. So effectively the law will put a stranglehold on the creation of new businesses in the economic heartland of the country. New business owners need all the help they can get – not more strangulation and red tape	Dr Richard	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:35:56	No I do not	More red tape	ABSOLUTELY UNNECCESARY	ROSS	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:38:02	No I do not	More red tape	In a country where obtaining any legal document is already a hassle, you now want to make it more difficult for everyone to make money and take care of their families?	Hannelie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 11:38:41	No I do not	More red tape	More loops to jump through. It's difficult enough to operate a business.	Mike	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:45:13	No I do not	More red tape		Kevin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:46:20	No I do not	More red tape		Pierre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:47:28	No I do not	More red tape	In a country desperate for economic growth further legislation will on further choke small businesses and entrepreneurs.	Courtney	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 11:47:37	No I do not	More red tape	This is probably the worst bill to be tabled ever. It is racist and will subject citizens to the will and whim of bureaucrats. If the government is focussed on totally destroying the economy and job creation, this bill will do it for them. If there was ever a sign that we need a drastic change in government, this is it.	Meiring	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:49:16	No I do not	More red tape		Lynette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:51:47	No I do not	More red tape		George	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:52:55	No I do not	More red tape	This whole idea is rotten to the core for micro businesses. There are so many hidden fees, costs, etc that the general public are already paying that it's just another way to make life harder. Ergo, it's another way of making people poorer who are already battling to make ends meet, like pensioners and the unemployed. I just see another corruption and looting sector being created.	Renche	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:54:10	No I do not	More red tape		Marietjie	North West	retired
	2025-11-22 11:56:09	No I do not	More red tape	stop worrying about licensing registered business do something abou the informal trade.	claire	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:56:53	No I do not	More red tape	Just another piece of red tape for the ANC and its cadres to feed at the trough. ANC controlled municipalites are among the most corrupt and incompetent organs of goverment in the country.	Graham	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 11:59:12	No I do not	More red tape		Ann	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:59:12	No I do not	More red tape		Ann	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:02:53	No I do not	More red tape		Esaiah	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:05:15	No I do not	More red tape	When will the ANC start doing important things instead of pestering businesses with more nonsensical regulations. Support businesses instead of throttling growth	Peter	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:07:06	No I do not	More red tape	More government interference is of no use to conducting business successfully.	Michael	Outside SA	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:13:12	No I do not	More red tape	The current state of present day Municipalities leaves much to be desired, nevermind the fact that 95% of Municipalities cannot even provide services to communities for which they are already paid for. Add to this mess, more loopholes for corruption. This is absolutely pathetic in my opinion. Government is supposed to help citizens to start businesses, not strangle them with red tape.	Robert	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
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	2025-11-22 12:14:38	No I do not	More red tape		NIck	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:14:46	No I do not	More red tape		JP		
	2025-11-22 12:19:00	No I do not	More red tape		Joy	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:19:14	No I do not	More red tape		Joseph	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 12:20:05	No I do not	More red tape		DEON	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:20:39	No I do not	More red tape	In plaas van om die doen van sake in SA te vereenvoudig, word nog 'n hekkie in die pad van voornemende klein ondernemers geplaas. Die huidige bestel is al klaar so verwurgend vir nuwe toetreders, nou kom nog 'n wet waar die wetgewer die ilusie van 'vereenvoudiging' skep. Hoe verwag die sentrale regering van munisipaliteite, wat nie eers die basiese funksies kan verrig nie, om hierdie voorgestelde wet reg toe te pas en te administreer? Weereens is hier ook die verskuilde BEE agenda van voorkeur behandeling. Waarvoor 'n sentrale register? Is munisipaliteite en distriksmunisipaliteite nie bevoeg vir so-iets nie? Bemagtig eerder die owerhede op grondvlak en verminder en vereenvoudig die reëls en voorskrifte wat tans geld.	Danie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:21:47	No I do not	More red tape		Janet		
	2025-11-22 12:26:29	No I do not	More red tape		Roy	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:26:57	No I do not	More red tape	B-Bbee in disguise ! These A-holes with No Conscience , have absolutely no shame in what they put on the statutes. Hanlon's Razor, a principle that states; "Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity". That is the ANC in a nutshell !	Richard	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 12:27:15	No I do not	More red tape	This proposal will hamper economic growth rather than stimulate it!	Francis		
	2025-11-22 12:28:46	No I do not	More red tape		Debbie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:28:58	No I do not	More red tape	I challenge the government to enforce existing laws, which you seem incapable of managing effectively, before imposing yet further unworkable legislation on citizens.	Steve		
	2025-11-22 12:29:41	No I do not	More red tape		Kim	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-22 12:29:49	No I do not	More red tape		Nicholas		
	2025-11-22 12:30:43	No I do not	More red tape		Gerhard	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:31:39	No I do not	More red tape		Dawn		
	2025-11-22 12:31:56	No I do not	More red tape		Jacques	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 12:32:53	No I do not	More red tape	You do not encourage growth, entrepreneurship and investment by adding more red tap....this country's politicians are its worst enemy. Step aside and let the brilliant people of SA get on!	Robert		
	2025-11-22 12:32:55	No I do not	More red tape		Basil		
	2025-11-22 12:35:31	No I do not	More red tape	Just government's way of staying in control, keeping BEE alive, and also corruption. Not creating jobs for other race groups	Veronica	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:36:46	No I do not	More red tape	Government and municipalities have a track record of absolutely useless administration without action. This another communist style legislation to control the workers and get money for ANC cadres to steal. The theory may be acceptable but the implementation will achieve little or nothing due to the ulterior motive of the ANC political elite who obviously have thought this up and designed it.	Jim	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:37:10	No I do not	More red tape	This government has ruined the economy though over regulation and red tape.... If u want to build the economy and create jobs get rid of your communist ideology which is strangling our country and keeping people poor.	Mike		self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:37:12	No I do not	More red tape	This government has ruined the economy though over regulation and red tape.... If u want to build the economy and create jobs get rid of your communist ideology which is strangling our country and keeping people poor.	Mike		self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:39:52	No I do not	More red tape	Just another form of control by this useless, corrupt, thieving anc gang	Henri	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:41:54	No I do not	More red tape		Charles		
	2025-11-22 12:43:48	No I do not	More red tape	sounds like the comminist ideal.	mike	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:45:55	No I do not	More red tape	Another bill to bring more power to the government and strip its citizens of freedom and freedom of speech. Angry, very angry.	Helen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:50:08	No I do not	More red tape		Ephraim	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:53:39	No I do not	More red tape	Preferrential licensing and more red tape. It's all becoming a tad too much.	Liz	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:53:39	No I do not	More red tape	Preferrential licensing and more red tape. It's all becoming a tad too much.	Liz	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:53:40	No I do not	More red tape	Preferrential licensing and more red tape. It's all becoming a tad too much.	Liz	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:55:49	No I do not	More red tape	It is now time for this government to walk its talk, because these types of interventions have the very real potential to inhibit the development of SMEs and stifle growth, while added another layer to the bureaucratic mess, and day-to-day inefficiencies that we already forced to live with. The provincial government has just removed the control / management of commercial properties from the South Coast (KZN) municipalities, because of their blatant self-interest an ineptitude, and yet this would hand direct control of a new layer in the bureaucratic jungle, to the very same set of incompetents.	John	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:57:32	No I do not	More red tape	The proposed Bill is: 1.BEE in disguise. 2.Going to create massive job losses. 3.Going to enrich the well connected. 4.Abnormal powers given to inspectors. 5.A Communist law which has failed and collapsed in the largest Communist Country (which does not exist)viz. Soviet Union. 6. S.A. needs progressive legislation (not the retarded legislation of the ANC)which has failed this country since it came into power in 1994.	Mohammed .Y.	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:57:34	No I do not	More red tape	The proposed Bill is: 1.BEE in disguise. 2.Going to create massive job losses. 3.Going to enrich the well connected. 4.Abnormal powers given to inspectors. 5.A Communist law which has failed and collapsed in the largest Communist Country (which does not exist)viz. Soviet Union. 6. S.A. needs progressive legislation (not the retarded legislation of the ANC)which has failed this country since it came into power in 1994.	Mohammed .Y.	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:57:36	No I do not	More red tape		Kenwyn	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:02:52	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape means more opportunities for bribes by inspectors, plus increased taxes to pay for the bureaucracy. Leave small businesses alone!	Donn	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:03:36	No I do not	More red tape		Barry	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 13:06:01	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape will not improve our economy but limit the participation.	Andre	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 13:06:31	No I do not	More red tape	It is a process to block new businesses and enforce BEE.	Hugo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:06:47	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities have proved themselves to be the least efficient departments in the country, having demonstrated spectacular corruption and looting. It is obvious that the ruling party is desperately trying to create more money for it's coffers, and once again the abused citizen must pay. No way.	Barbora	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:10:12	No I do not	More red tape	The current municipalities are so incompetent as it is. Businesses are registered with the CIPC already! This is nothing but a revealing of the level of mindset(empty) of the current leadership. Someone has an absurd lightbulb moment and and the goats ? get all excited and blindly get the country into more debt.	Mark	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:10:13	No I do not	More red tape	The current municipalities are so incompetent as it is. Businesses are registered with the CIPC already! This is nothing but a revealing of the level of mindset(empty) of the current leadership. Someone has an absurd lightbulb moment and and the goats ? get all excited and blindly get the country into more debt.	Mark	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:10:19	No I do not	More red tape		Francoise		
	2025-11-22 13:16:07	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses other than sole traders have to register already so what do we need more bearacratic nonsense for. I guess it's to manipulate and control as usual.	Sean		
	2025-11-22 13:18:41	No I do not	More red tape		F	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 13:18:42	No I do not	More red tape		Peter		retired
	2025-11-22 13:19:41	No I do not	More red tape	Yet again hinder growth. Government only success in destroying the economy and add little to no value in growing the economy, in my humble opinion.	Dave	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:19:51	No I do not	More red tape	Another law that will not take our country forward. We have enough counter productive laws.	Bernard	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:24:02	No I do not	More red tape		Linda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 13:24:39	No I do not	More red tape	Many Sme businesses already "struggle" to survive under the current conditions. Any additional rules to comply to potentially will make it harder and the concept is rife for "blackmail" and even more corruption.	Johan		business owner
	2025-11-22 13:26:13	No I do not	More red tape		Laurie		retired
	2025-11-22 13:30:22	No I do not	More red tape	I oppose ANYTHING the ANC is involved in, legislates or promulgates! With them is always some darkness involved somewhere, or some ulterior motive. Cannot wait to wave them goodbye in 2029. Will not spill one tear!	Johan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:34:24	No I do not	More red tape		Debby	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:35:17	No I do not	More red tape	They see that BEE does and didn't work, now they just put it in another way, but in actual fact it's still comes down to BEE. Just disguised.	William		
	2025-11-22 13:36:55	No I do not	More red tape	The government is making it more and more difficult to run a business in South Africa. We need foreign investment to create jobs. This ridiculous law must be done away with for the benefit of all.	Denise		
	2025-11-22 13:42:20	No I do not	More red tape		Ewald		
	2025-11-22 13:42:48	No I do not	More red tape	A definite No to this Bill. It's just making it more difficult for people to run a business. It puts off foreign investors.	Denise	Western Cape	retired
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	2025-11-22 13:44:04	No I do not	More red tape	The Government is suppose to create an environment wherein businesses can thrive. An environment where entrepreneurship is encouraged and is supported. We cannot be creating more red tape if we want to grow our economy. Secondly, the Government has been failing to manage a simple matter of drivers license. How can they think that they can manage the control of businesses. Do they include informal businesses in their plan. Businesses such as taxis or shebeens which are in the main Black owned are very difficult to license. I emphatically do not agree with the introduction of this Bill.	Vakele		
	2025-11-22 13:47:13	No I do not	More red tape		Cynthia	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:47:41	No I do not	More red tape	More rubbish drafted by people with no understanding of business.Get off the backs of people trying to earn an honest and productive living.	John	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:51:09	No I do not	More red tape		Arno		
	2025-11-22 13:52:44	No I do not	More red tape		Wilco	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:53:38	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support the Bill. It will have a negative impact on small businesses. More people will lose their jobs and the high percentage of unemployment will increase.	marius	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:54:16	No I do not	More red tape		Lorane		
	2025-11-22 13:54:29	No I do not	More red tape	This will just cripple the economy further like BEE is doing at the moment. There are already so many regulations that hinder the growth of business	Andries		
	2025-11-22 13:58:30	No I do not	More red tape		Ilane	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:59:06	No I do not	More red tape	It won't stop the spaza shops supplying drugs etc. Just another way to make money for corrupt officials and digital id.	J		
	2025-11-22 14:03:40	No I do not	More red tape		Robin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 14:06:24	No I do not	More red tape		Leonie	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 14:14:09	No I do not	More red tape	This gives the government power to choose whom ever they want to have a Business, this is communism and takes away our freedom to work, live and make a living.	Tracy	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:15:53	No I do not	More red tape	Government should learn from Mr Javier Milei that less regulation stimulates the economy. Many small businesses would likely be forced out of business.	Christa	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 14:16:28	No I do not	More red tape	YOU are suppossed to help businesses and not create more red tape and abuse ..!	bruce	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:18:05	No I do not	More red tape		Marie		retired
	2025-11-22 14:18:06	No I do not	More red tape		Marie		retired
	2025-11-22 14:22:16	No I do not	More red tape	More control for an incompetent government. This is another step to break our economy further by making it more difficult to do business in SA.	Johan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:26:06	No I do not	More red tape	Councils can think about doing this for the informal sector, not the companies in formal sector already doing CIPC, SARS, FICA, KYC, DoLabor, etc etc, but then also only AFTER the council has audited that the council has no pit toilets at any school, no potholes, water and sewage is working. They can't extract more money and leverage more threats while they do not fulfill any of their own statutory duties!	Johan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:26:08	No I do not	More red tape		Christo	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 14:26:10	No I do not	More red tape	Over controlling. Live and let live	Brigitta	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 14:29:41	No I do not	More red tape	Other than those in the WC, municipalities are proven to be corrupt and utterly inept. This Bill is just another way of casting a net to squeeze more money from taxpayers who are already effectively taxed at over 80c in the Rand. Stop this theft !!	Chris	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:35:05	No I do not	More red tape	The last thing small businesses need is more regulation	Bertie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:36:53	No I do not	More red tape		Sithembele	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:41:43	No I do not	More red tape		Helena	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:42:38	No I do not	More red tape	So many small businesses in our country are small, private enterprises that give opportunity to many who do not have the necessary "rules" to register, yet they are helping the poorest of the poor to make a living.	Mary May	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 14:43:01	No I do not	More red tape	Red tape will kill small business - very anti freemarket and full of communistic views.	Phillip	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:44:40	No I do not	More red tape		rita	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 14:46:35	No I do not	More red tape		Otto	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:47:51	No I do not	More red tape		Philipos Hlabish	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:52:47	No I do not	More red tape	Another race based law. Unconstitutional	Gillian	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:54:26	No I do not	More red tape		Gwen	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 14:59:49	No I do not	More red tape	There are far many Bills and Legislative Bodies already - one cannot keep up. It becomes stifling and suffocating and takes away choice of decision-makers in companies. It costs more money and having to employ/appoint new people who, I'm afraid are going to do exactly as they please or accept payment from the highest bidder who wants to skip the red tape. That is how most business in Africa appears to be run when influenced by governmental departments. That is reality!! Sooner or later, more avenues are investigated to rob smaller businesses of their hard-earned cash. Leave small business alone!!! Take care of all the people of South Africa as they were meant to and there would not be any need for EXTRA red tape. Right now there is not enough trust in what exists currently. I trust nothing new as, somehow, the wrong people always score monies they have not worked for and it becomes useless to own a business in SA because government have such CONTROL over them. It's bad enough that some parties want to nationalise banks, etc... i.e. more access to money - that's why everyone wants to be the president as it gives them access to the VAULT taxpayers contribute to. Had the attitude, behaviour and mindset been more integrity-based, one would not hesitate to be a part of any system, but here and now in SA, that is non-existent - THAT'S MY OPINION!	G	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 15:01:09	No I do not	More red tape		Lourens JP		retired
	2025-11-22 15:03:50	No I do not	More red tape	No, this is just another form to get their hands on hardworking taxpayers money. This will drive out investments	Jaco	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:08:38	No I do not	More red tape		Maria	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:09:45	No I do not	More red tape	This is simply Taxation in disguise, and once again it is aimed at the smallest and poorest entrepreneurs. This will stymie growth, and discourage economic activity. Deal with the broken government institutions and corrupt municipalities first , they are things swallowing up the fiscus with no return or benefit in sight. This is purely a punitive tax on those that can least afford it, in an effort to strip yet more money from the poor to throw into the mire of municipal corruption and cadre enrichment.	Gary		
	2025-11-22 15:11:15	No I do not	More red tape		Liza	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:11:16	No I do not	More red tape		Liza	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:19:19	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities are falling apart everywhere due to incompetence, this will add an additional load, which they almost certainly will be unable to handle. Also, small business will suffer most, both from a financial and BEEE impact.	René	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:20:24	No I do not	More red tape	Why change something that has been working for decades.	Brian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:22:46	No I do not	More red tape		Matthys	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:25:31	No I do not	More red tape		Lynn	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:26:07	No I do not	More red tape	Another control mechanism by the ANC government to further destroy the South African economy and drive overseas investors away. South Africa's high unemployment rate and the amount of people who are destitute and living on the street are proof of the governments heartless attitude to the citizens of our country.	Gail		
	2025-11-22 15:27:57	No I do not	More red tape	The ANC government is, as usual, ignorant - making the costs and effort of doing business more difficult, with a taste of and extended feeding through for BBE cadres.	Rodney	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:29:38	No I do not	More red tape		Linda	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-22 15:34:29	No I do not	More red tape	More corruption	Cheryl	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 15:35:23	No I do not	More red tape		Robert	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:37:09	No I do not	More red tape	Ridicuus and entirely useless piece of legislation. The government is doing the exact opposite to what it should to achieve deregulation and public buy into starting and operating businesses. We already have SARS and CIPRO Registrations. Additional business licensing is simply bureaucratic overburdening.	Ingo	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:39:04	No I do not	More red tape	Stop trying to follow overseas leaders and concentrate on fixing our countries needs like infrastructure like waste roads housing upliftment of the poor.	Cheryl	Eastern Cape	retired
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	2025-11-22 15:39:29	No I do not	More red tape		Philippa		
	2025-11-22 15:39:29	No I do not	More red tape		Philippa		
	2025-11-22 15:39:53	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way to generate more money for their pockets . Small bussiness is already under heavy stain and we don't need more of these unnecessary laws why can't we just make a honest living without nonsense? No because the government is looking for money to line their pockets and making it more difficult just to keep the doors open !	Shane	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:40:43	No I do not	More red tape	this government should concern themselves with themselves , before meddling any further into the way businesses are manipulated and controlled by them. the excessive paperwork already in play and being added to is excessive ... i wish i had never started my own business after 40 years, it is a nightmare from the over government interference with no real input of worth out of their meddling. this regime is from a business aspect is worst than the last dumb lot we had and they seem to only enrich themselves with each suppressive new law they embellish. so no no no no to any further bullish laws .	carl	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:41:22	No I do not	More red tape	Stop making it more and more difficult for businesses to operate. In South Africa we need as much business freedom as possible to get our economy to thrive.	Lloyd		
	2025-11-22 15:41:53	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another avenue for corruption. The ANC has lost the trust of the citizens of SA. I cannot see any good coming from this. It's more red tape, rules, regulations & bullsh1t. Why this now when basic services are not even being delivered? Rather focus on making SA business-friendly, creating jobs & stimulating the economy. No! No! No!	Trudi	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:42:20	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa need to streamline policies to attract invest. SA should not become a police state to interfere with private sector.	Amanda		employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:42:43	No I do not	More red tape	All data collection from citizens is merely more and more control. For a change the ANC government should concentrate on the basics of first and aecond tier governance instead of completely destroying infrastructure and service delivery. Citizens are simply tired of the corruption, incompetence and greed of our wonderful government.	Adrian	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-22 15:43:28	No I do not	More red tape		Philip	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:46:03	No I do not	More red tape		Jack	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:46:05	No I do not	More red tape	I see it as just another opportunity for bribery and corruption, and the advancement of BEE	Anthony	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:50:31	No I do not	More red tape		Mahesh	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 15:50:46	No I do not	More red tape	This is only about more control, more taxes, more looting. No!	Tolkein		
	2025-11-22 15:51:08	No I do not	More red tape	This is yet another race-based law - and a further attempt to impinge on private rights.	Rudi		
	2025-11-22 15:52:27	No I do not	More red tape	Imagine waiting three months for your business license to come through, after waiting in a building that smells and a queue 200m outside the premises: This is home affairs and many other government institutions. Government needs to get its act together instead of bleeding the economy.	K		
	2025-11-22 15:53:13	No I do not	More red tape		Di	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 15:53:27	No I do not	More red tape		Leigh		
	2025-11-22 15:58:40	No I do not	More red tape		Edward	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 16:02:01	No I do not	More red tape		François	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 16:04:46	No I do not	More red tape		DuPreez	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:05:13	No I do not	More red tape	SA business already suffered from regulation overload	Keith	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:05:57	No I do not	More red tape		Marius	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:08:17	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another attempt to enforcee BEE which has been proven to be a black against white offensive	Hilton	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:08:18	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:11:07	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape more interferemce in business strangling new ideas	rodney	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:12:12	No I do not	More red tape	There is already many people with no jobs in RSA, now there will be more people that goes hungry. There is so many bylaws etc which cost small business much money. It will be cheaper to close my buisness than to pay more to comply to all the law. Extra work, less income.	ANNEMARIE		
	2025-11-22 16:17:25	No I do not	More red tape	Everything in South Africa is always corrupted,the municipalities are already overpricing people while giving minimal or no services at all This will just be another way of exploitation	Luthando	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:17:55	No I do not	More red tape	Another way for Financial Abuse & Corruption by the Government, why they rather look into a better system for the public day hospitals that is poorly managed.	David	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 16:19:10	No I do not	More red tape		Quintin	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:22:09	No I do not	More red tape		Anine	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:23:02	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape to strangle the economy	Nicola		
	2025-11-22 16:28:48	No I do not	More red tape	The bill in a proposed form will add more red tapes and expose business to more incompetence and corruption that has no monitoring.	Nhlahla	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:32:16	No I do not	More red tape		Rose	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:35:21	No I do not	More red tape		Peter	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:40:08	No I do not	More red tape	We are alrwady over regulated in the formal sector. Get the onformal sector under controll first.	Fred	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:41:59	No I do not	More red tape	I reject this bill with the contempt that it deserves. As a business owner already drowning under the burden of red tape, I unequivocally reject any new laws that will further increase red tape - which this bill is set to do.	Dexter	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:45:31	No I do not	More red tape	Another way for government to make money off of us businesses and the small amount of tax payers in this country. Stop being corrupt and use your existing systems more effectively before you keep drafting new laws. Bunch of crooks	Jarred	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:47:14	No I do not	More red tape	I am a business owner and employ 19 people. I know that my employees directly support at least 60 people in their immediate households, and many more in their extended families. Red tape already prevents me from expanding my business as I know that there are more rules that will apply when I increase in size to 20. I trained in a profession and have ended up in business. While I realize that regulation is necessary to prevent abuse of employees, ensuring compliance already drains a considerable amount of resources. If compliance is too tricky for me, I will close the business rather than face the risk of falling foul of the law. Make business EASY for South Africans so that we can create and sustain jobs!	Rosemary	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:50:37	No I do not	More red tape		Mitch	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:52:58	No I do not	More red tape	The current level of crime and corruption within South Africa's municipalities and government is already out of control. With a law like this, officials may have even more opportunities to exploit business owners, demanding money or interfering with their profits. It is almost guaranteed that some municipal and government officials will misuse their power to solicit bribes, intimidate businesses, or engage in other forms of corruption. South Africa is not in a suitable state to implement such laws. The priority should be addressing criminal activity within government positions and municipalities. Focus should be placed on fixing the country's current issues related to crime and social tensions before introducing additional regulatory systems.	Philip	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:53:18	No I do not	More red tape	Nothing that government regulate work well	Marina		
	2025-11-22 16:55:54	No I do not	More red tape	Ridiculous! Another money making scam.	Sue	KwaZulu-Natal	retired

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	2025-11-22 16:56:19	No I do not	More red tape	Red tape hampers small 1 person owned and managed businesses where too much time is wasted catering to the requirements of bureaucratic government departments. Let these business owners continue with what they know best and that is to generate turnover and create employment and stop wasting their time having to comply with needless legislation.	Anton	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:57:27	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another way of controlling the free market.	Sandy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:58:06	No I do not	More red tape		Jeannie	Free State	retired
	2025-11-22 16:59:34	No I do not	More red tape	It's already hard to be a business owner in South Africa why make it harder?	Daniëlle	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:06:21	No I do not	More red tape	The proposed Business Licensing Bill risks entrenching over-regulation that disproportionately harms SMEs, the backbone of South Africa's economy. By imposing recurring licensing requirements and centralizing control, it creates fertile ground for government overreach and corruption, adding layers of bureaucracy instead of reducing them. Rather than fostering inclusivity, the bill could intensify racialization of the economy, where licensing becomes another lever for political patronage and selective enforcement. Instead of enabling entrepreneurship, it threatens to stifle it under red tape and discretionary power.	Glenn	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:08:17	No I do not	More red tape		Dierk	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:11:09	No I do not	More red tape	Small businesses are already burdened with excessive Admin requirements, fees and taxes in an economy which is not conducive to employ staff or to do business. We need less government interference and a more open business environment. This just another tax burden that provides no benefit to the business.	John	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:11:13	No I do not	More red tape	I see no advantage in this bill.	John	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:13:46	No I do not	More red tape	Please first fix your own departments and leave small businesses alone. You can start with the goverment clinics and hospitals. We already have sky high unemployment. Use all your energy to save our goverment hospitals. And leave the citizens alone that is trying g to earn. A living.	Cecilia	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:16:31	No I do not	More red tape	I don't trust government at all. They have failed dismally to solve corruption issues. This will promote corruption whereby people will demand bribe to do the very job they are employed to do. We have seen this happening in the country.	Mlungisi	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:16:34	No I do not	More red tape	I don't trust government at all. They have failed dismally to solve corruption issues. This will promote corruption whereby people will demand bribe to do the very job they are employed to do. We have seen this happening in the country.	Mlungisi	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:16:42	No I do not	More red tape	CIPC is already in place for the registration of business - It would be very simple to require any business to have on request their CIPC registration - Why include another tier of regulation ? Unless it is to create a further looting opportunity - Government must cease to try and re-invent the wheel !!!	Andrew	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:21:08	No I do not	More red tape	Just more government over reach	Theuns		
	2025-11-22 17:21:51	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way to loot more money	Alan	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:23:28	No I do not	More red tape	There is already a business registry. CIPC. The ANC wanting another is a typical ANC scam to facilitate more "rent seeking" and more corruption.	Charles	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:26:26	No I do not	More red tape		Marco	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:29:41	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities already mess up the things they currently govern. This law would make it hard for businesses especially small ones to operate. The objective should be to encourage business and create employment, not control who can and can't open a business. It opens things up for corruption again and it limits people's abilities to support themselves and their families.	Tracy	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:31:24	No I do not	More red tape	More BEE Crap! Then they wonder why nobody is investing in South Africa.	Colin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:32:58	No I do not	More red tape	Waste of time and manipulation of the free market.	Hendrik	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:35:53	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 17:37:10	No I do not	More red tape	Just another excuse for BEE; also getting more and more dictatorial	Marion	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 17:37:50	No I do not	More red tape		Andrew	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:38:13	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:40:51	No I do not	More red tape		Ian		
	2025-11-22 17:46:08	No I do not	More red tape		Carlos		unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 17:48:34	No I do not	More red tape	This will just make it more difficult for people to do business in this country. Those with political connections will again get preference and corruption will be increased.	Hercules	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 17:49:14	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities are already in dire straits due to poor management and corruption. This Bill has so much potential for corruption, as well as red tape involved, that it will just suppress our economy even more!!!!	Charlene	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:51:06	No I do not	More red tape		Michael		
	2025-11-22 17:51:56	No I do not	More red tape	Just another money making scam that also makes doing business more difficult than it already is, especially for small businesses. Stop creating more laws that fill your pockets	Greg	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 17:55:35	No I do not	More red tape		Jacques		self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:55:54	No I do not	More red tape		Janice	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:57:11	No I do not	More red tape		Rodney	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:58:02	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another discriminatory BEE component….they think we are all stupid!	Sally	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 17:59:27	No I do not	More red tape	As a resident of Johannesburg failing to receive basic services like servicing traffic lights and leaking pipes. Putting the municipality in charge of issuing licenses in order to do business, will prolong the process as it currently is, and risk jobs in the process. Decrease red tape, and make it easier to do business.	Hermann	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:59:32	No I do not	More red tape	Stop this. We need freedom to grow and this is more suffocating red tape.	Carla	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 18:00:45	No I do not	More red tape		Faan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:05:23	No I do not	More red tape		Lawrence	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:06:24	No I do not	More red tape	If only this government would learn to keep their controling fingers out of business. They have a stifling effect on any growth.	Sharl	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 18:06:58	No I do not	More red tape		Jaces		
	2025-11-22 18:10:11	No I do not	More red tape		Edith	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 18:11:23	No I do not	More red tape		Shan		
	2025-11-22 18:28:46	No I do not	More red tape	This Government has demonstrated time and time again that they are wholly incapable of conducting themselves logically or in fact honestly. Reduce Ted tape - not More ….. it's the existing rubbish red tape that holds society and business back already….	Alex	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 18:29:28	No I do not	More red tape		Douglas	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 18:32:39	No I do not	More red tape	This is a pathetic idea I have a small home run business that operates from a room now I need a special licence for this This is really a dumb idea	KEITH	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:38:27	No I do not	More red tape		André	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:39:13	No I do not	More red tape	Why can this government not see the destruction they are causing this country. The laws we have are sufficient, just implement them !!! Our businesses boost the economy and create jobs - there is always another agenda with the laws this government keeps bringing out. Why make it difficult with all this red tape. Time to vote the ANC out of "business"	Owen	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 18:46:00	No I do not	More red tape	As it stands the disparity between the provinces is insane from R25 for a business license in cape town to over 700 rand in pietermaritzburg, besides that the random increases in business licensing in kzn is ridiculous now adding to all that they will possibly make us pay thousands just to trade! They will definitely not be able to handle this! At one point I was visiting 3 different places for a license and taking the documents myself to town planning etc. Yet in kzn we pay the highest rates please investigate this urgently!	zakeeya	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:46:15	No I do not	More red tape		Beryl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 18:48:55	No I do not	More red tape		John		retired

	2025-11-22 18:50:19	No I do not	More red tape	Enough damage done to the economy !!! Stop such nonsense - do not even think about it.	Roman		
	2025-11-22 18:50:25	No I do not	More red tape		Felix	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 18:53:28	No I do not	More red tape	Stop this nonsense, you will destroy established businesses	Wynand	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 18:56:31	No I do not	More red tape	We have enough challenges as small businesses in South Africa now to have to apply for a License is another opportunity for our corrupt institutions to steal more money . We are the most taxed and regulated country in the world when will this end?	Arno	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:57:31	No I do not	More red tape		Marina	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:59:19	No I do not	More red tape	If our objection is over-ridden then this bill should work both ways. Politicians should also obtain a licence to prove that they can actually do their job since this is how they are making business, making money and expanding their grip…. and it should be renewable every five years.	Jools	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 18:59:39	No I do not	More red tape		Verna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 19:04:56	No I do not	More red tape	Already pay a premium. Don't need more regulation.	Rai	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:07:44	No I do not	More red tape	Hawkers, traders, foreigners: how is this going to be uniformly enforced. This is just another way for the government to make money off the citizens. Like DHA, licenses, vehicle license renewals, the government sucks at these processes. It's been proven, so how is this actually going to work? Or is this just to target the easy SMME's and large corporates? A big fat NO	Nicole	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:10:23	No I do not	More red tape		Stephen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 19:12:06	No I do not	More red tape	In already struggling economy we do not need more rules and red tape to oppress South Africans	Du Toit	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:16:33	No I do not	More red tape		Antoinette	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:17:57	No I do not	More red tape		Yvette	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:19:30	No I do not	More red tape	Sick of all the legal nonsense that only applies to certain businesses, this is just another money making spinner to be exploited. Will finally end many small to medium businesses.	Daphne	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:20:05	No I do not	More red tape	Cannot be administered efficiently & will be discriminately disadvantaged to certain groups & is another BEE disguise .	Robin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:20:20	No I do not	More red tape	Making it even harder to operate, earn a living and employ people. I disagree to fullest extent and if licenses are required then that's just another way of deciding who is allowed and who isn't.	Wesley	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:25:52	No I do not	More red tape		Charl		
	2025-11-22 19:26:06	No I do not	More red tape		Alex	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-22 19:26:42	No I do not	More red tape	Running a business in South Africa is already over-complicated with the existing red tape. This added bill will be open to abuse like the current BBEEE system and will not benefit the business community. It is time government started paying attention to its citizens and not what next scheme to benefit the political elite.	Michelle	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:28:27	No I do not	More red tape		DENNIS	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:40:47	No I do not	More red tape	At the moment there already alot of red tape to get through when running a business and creating jobs. The government must first work to get rid of corruption so that any system implemented can't be used against specific people to stop them from running businesses and getting government contracts. Focus on problems at hand before pushing forward with more legislation and red tape.	Willem	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:43:56	No I do not	More red tape	An other way to rob the people	Graham		
	2025-11-22 19:47:57	No I do not	More red tape	The new business licensing laws proposed by the government are unworkable and potentially damaging for jobs and investment in South Africa. It opens up the market to greater corruption!	Jo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:52:47	No I do not	More red tape		Dawie		
	2025-11-22 19:52:58	No I do not	More red tape		Hendrik	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 19:58:27	No I do not	More red tape	It is racist - deliberately so - and adds yet another set of verbiage to the endless pile of legislation that ATTACKS minorities, but most especially whites. Its authors are, by the fact that they have drafted this garbage, themselves demonstrably RACIST.	Greg	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 20:01:37	No I do not	More red tape		Terry		
	2025-11-22 20:08:11	No I do not	More red tape	To much red tape	Yunus	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:19:04	No I do not	More red tape	Supposed to be getting easier to promote business. Another way to make money via licensing fees. It would be satire if it was not real life.	Brendon	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:19:25	No I do not	More red tape		Gideon	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:22:52	No I do not	More red tape	So, the government is advocating for entrepreneurship and creating jobs, yet make it harder to own a business and employ people. Thou doth speak through a forked tongue.	Caitlin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:26:23	No I do not	More red tape	Abuse of power by inspectors who ate racist BBBEE in their approach to certain business sectors. Another way of frustrating the cause of economic advancement. To much red tape.	Mark		
	2025-11-22 20:27:30	No I do not	More red tape	It will cause more job losses in a economy that is suffering a 45% UNEMPLOYMENT EPIDEMIC ALREADY!	Renier	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:28:16	No I do not	More red tape	Another opportunity for small business to be taxed and limited and monitored.	Michelle	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:31:44	No I do not	More red tape	It seems the ANC-controlled government of South Africa does in fact striving, as absolute objective, to control all citizens and businesses within this country by continuous new gazetted laws and regulations obviously being their final outcome target on towards absolute control of and over both the inhabitants and all business sectors (state - government, public, private, financial, medical, national, international, etc.) All obviously being race driven after 31 years, obviously to only be described as ANC disgusting self-centred elite advancement rule, in now trying progression of the so-called 'apartheid' disgustingly treated poorest left-behinds by the ANC they voted for. Fact of the matter remains that all poor and most middle class citizens find themselves at this moment in time, as direct result from ANC overreach and misrule, in the unfortunate position that all find themselves entangled within an constant day-to-day battle of survival. The current ongoing deteriorating state of affairs from ANC-misrule in our country will obviously and eventually only stop at reaching the point of self-destruction. This being the point where the inhabitants of this country will be left with no other choice than start murdering and killing each other for the last slice of bread left on the table.	Julius	Free State	retired
	2025-11-22 20:43:09	No I do not	More red tape		Enrico	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:45:44	No I do not	More red tape		Abraham	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:47:14	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 20:54:29	No I do not	More red tape		N	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 20:57:46	No I do not	More red tape		Jan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 21:03:07	No I do not	More red tape	When will these ridiculous fools stop persecuting the South African public???? We live in a dictatorship country. Who does this stupid government think they are??!	Jacqui	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 21:03:08	No I do not	More red tape	Can we just run our businesses and try keep the economy going!	Laurentia		

	2025-11-22 21:26:28	No I do not	More red tape	1. Restriction of Constitutional Right to Trade The Bill turns simple registration into a licensing regime that lets municipalities approve or deny the right to trade. This creates a direct barrier to entry and violates Section 22 of the Constitution. 2. Arbitrary Power and Abuse Risk Officials get wide discretion to refuse, suspend, or cancel business licences without strong oversight. This opens the door to inconsistent enforcement, political targeting, and exclusion. 3. Floodgate for Corruption and Bribery Giving municipal officers gatekeeping power creates thousands of new “pay points” for extortion. It will increase bribery, slow approvals, and punish honest businesses. 4. No Capacity to Implement the System Most municipalities struggle with basic service delivery and digital systems as it is. A national business registry is far beyond current capability and will collapse in practice. 5. Invasion of Privacy and Data Risk The Bill centralises sensitive business and personal data in a system the state cannot secure. This exposes entrepreneurs to hacking, misuse, and surveillance. 6. Increases Red Tape and Compliance Burden Instead of simplifying the economy, the Bill adds another layer of bureaucracy and licensing renewals. This will slow down business formation and raise operating costs. 7. Harms Informal and Survivalist Businesses Informal traders and micro-enterprises will be forced into a complex licensing process they cannot navigate. The Bill risks criminalising poverty and shutting down livelihoods. 8. Duplicates Existing Regulatory Systems Businesses already comply with SARS, CIPC, sector regulators, and municipal by-laws. This new universal licence adds duplication without improving enforcement or fairness.	Gavin	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:28:03	No I do not	More red tape	Are they trying to make every small business register just so they can tax them? Imagine requiring a woman selling onions on the roadside to formally register her business just to be taxed. Meanwhile, many informal shops operated by foreign nationals still aren’t properly registered or taxed, yet the focus seems to fall heavily on South African-owned small businesses. Government knows that local citizens are more likely to follow the law and comply, but why exactly are they pushing so hard for small-business registration? What is the real goal behind it? let them first start with the Bangladash, Ithiopian, paskistani , nigerians with lots of salons, chinese . they will get lots of tax out of them. We South Africans don't have money, we are still trying.	Elizabeth	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 21:29:20	No I do not	More red tape		Johannes	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:30:41	No I do not	More red tape	There is absolutely no real reason to add any additional measures of control. Our government is inept to manage any current regulation properly, nevermind adding more. And a government that is not to be trusted as to why they would want to have any additional control over individuals or their businesses. Simply why?	Daniel	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 21:32:25	No I do not	More red tape		Christopher	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 21:39:01	No I do not	More red tape		Carlien	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 21:39:13	No I do not	More red tape		Ronald	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 21:43:08	No I do not	More red tape	UNCONSTITUTIONAL	JAKOV	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 21:43:35	No I do not	More red tape	Government anti entrepreneurs that aren't cadre members? In a country with such a high unemployment rate? Is this an attempt to raise more money for a corrupt government to waste, yet again? Who needs it? What is the motivation for more government interference? Time for the socialists to understand why socialism doesn't work, particularly in a country with very little free market encouragement, high taxes (for very little in return other than for the elite) and low employment. Rubbish	Peta	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:43:40	No I do not	More red tape	Pay a person for what they produce or sell. There will always be small independent merchants and the bigger they get will require company registration. To encourage simple company registration Closed Corporation's were formed now they are not longer allowed - I believe the government logic is to raise tax base., because most of the countries tax is paid for by 10% of the population but until the unemployment rate of 30% is brought down to international norms licence registration will not be fair or be complied with.	Clive	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:47:24	No I do not	More red tape	The most stupid bill I have ever heard. Municipalities are falling to issue business permits to hawkers what more???	Pheello	Free State	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 21:47:58	No I do not	More red tape	Yet again the government is trying to dictate what we can do.	Shaun	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:59:00	No I do not	More red tape	Why is it so hard to use a system that works in benefit of trade and not build another system that is bound to end with another corruption issue. SA will never see the light, if the government tries to shackle trade with single point of failures. Just copy the EU trade laws, let businesses thrive and get tax revenue. Isn't that the goal?? The only criteria a worker gets hired for is competence.. nothing else! Instead of creating obstacles, you should facilitate business creation. Is hard enough to get things done without a working post office. Get the infrastructure of SA back to standard, help the economy, not shackle it. It should be extremely easy to register your company in SA and import goods not produced local. That way the government has a chance to get tax revenue. Every company not created is a loss for the unemployed, as job options also don't get created. Is like 1 + 1 = 2 Companies create jobs, jobs create tax revenue. The easier companies can get created, the more tax revenue is generated.	Juergen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 22:03:58	No I do not	More red tape		Jill	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 22:04:12	No I do not	More red tape		Ann	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 22:04:32	No I do not	More red tape		Jonathan	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 22:04:53	No I do not	More red tape		Patricia	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 22:10:55	No I do not	More red tape	Stimulate the culture of business creation rather than drown it in beaurocracy.	Mike	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 22:14:51	No I do not	More red tape		john	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 22:15:31	No I do not	More red tape		Louis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 22:15:32	No I do not	More red tape		Louis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 22:23:57	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities already do not know how to conduct the existing licensing system. They take forever to grant the licenses and then cause havoc whem trying to correct their mistakes. A new system will only complicate the licensing process and cause unnecessary damage to businesses.	Deandre	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 22:25:06	No I do not	More red tape		Wim	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 22:30:16	No I do not	More red tape	This is simply another way for the government and municipalities to make money from us without delivering any service for it.	Noel	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 22:31:40	No I do not	More red tape		Ruby	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 22:35:49	No I do not	More red tape		Chris	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 22:36:22	No I do not	More red tape	No way they just wanna steal more and more they should just back off and leave all business alone or all hell will break lose in SA	Jacques	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 22:36:39	No I do not	More red tape		Dhanirajh	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-22 22:48:03	No I do not	More red tape	Strangling our fragile economy. More trauma and chaos in our every days. Put effort into giving people an environment to make small business that are sustainable. It’s already so hard to survive. Hands off .	Kim	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-22 23:07:05	No I do not	More red tape	Meer Dokumentasie en nog weereens opgehoopte aansoeke wat nie betyds gedoen gaan word nie	Ria	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 23:07:06	No I do not	More red tape	Meer Dokumentasie en nog weereens opgehoopte aansoeke wat nie betyds gedoen gaan word nie	Ria	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 23:08:03	No I do not	More red tape	Would this then also apply to Toyota in KZN, Mercedes in EC and BMW in Gauteng? What then happens if the local authorities decide not t o issue a license - or then why should they be exempt ? This is another road block to sensible practices of running a business - more red tape, more opportunity to grease the palms, more registration taxes, more costs, more useless "jobs" created.....the list is too long to fit the page.	Q	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 23:10:32	No I do not	More red tape		Clive		
	2025-11-22 23:17:55	No I do not	More red tape		Chris	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 23:17:56	No I do not	More red tape		Chris	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 23:21:02	No I do not	More red tape		Grace	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 23:24:43	No I do not	More red tape		jean		
	2025-11-22 23:45:14	No I do not	More red tape	To be administered by a department that already is deemed incompetent	Wayne		
	2025-11-22 23:45:14	No I do not	More red tape	Stop the unending CORRUPTION, before trying to implement a business license. ???	Zan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 23:51:55	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa needs to be pro-business and encourage entrepreneurship. More laws and compliance will result in fewer individuals willing to engage in this space. We also don't need more inspectors as this will simply open us to even more corruption.	M	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 23:58:29	No I do not	More red tape		Greg		self-employed
	2025-11-23 00:14:04	No I do not	More red tape	Typical governmental bureaucracy: where you can't tax more, create legislation to collect made-up licence fees. Politicians proposing this are leeches.	Albert	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 00:23:04	No I do not	More red tape		Kwirirai	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 02:07:05	No I do not	More red tape	Government should not have so much power than it already has on private business!! BEEE has to go anyway. It is not working!!!! Nohas, never willl!!!!	Owen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 02:21:28	No I do not	More red tape		Philippa		retired
	2025-11-23 02:25:27	No I do not	More red tape		Christopher	North West	retired
	2025-11-23 02:39:47	No I do not	More red tape	Small vusiness is already battling. Now thry are left to the mercy of the state again. No. I will never support this. It's ridiculous that a properly registered business has to once again jump through govt hoops. Never mind the blackmail and pure dishonesty that goes with this. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Just creating more state jobs we cannot afford. No. No. No.	Theresa	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 03:13:17	No I do not	More red tape		Lodewikus	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 04:27:17	No I do not	More red tape		Avalon	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 04:32:49	No I do not	More red tape		Fiona	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 04:38:31	No I do not	More red tape		Jonathan	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 04:38:53	No I do not	More red tape		Wayne	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 04:47:19	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa should be taking measures to encourage more business investment and not introducing more red tape. It is already extremely difficult for small and medium sized businesses to survive in South Africa. The Bill will just bring more job losses and more unemployment	M	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 04:52:53	No I do not	More red tape		Linda		
	2025-11-23 04:55:12	No I do not	More red tape		Solethu	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:05:04	No I do not	More red tape	The business environment is already hampered with excessive requirements that make it really tough for businesses other than large corporations to manage and navigate. We dont have the manpower to meet all the current requirements and any additional will take away the focus on a businesses core function ie its business	Andrew	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 05:07:01	No I do not	More red tape		J	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 05:14:33	No I do not	More red tape		Shirley	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 05:17:47	No I do not	More red tape	Government over regulation is getting out of control! They must leave business to business & stop the looting, stealing & the financial rape of South Africa & its citizens!	Shane	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:19:25	No I do not	More red tape	Leave the licensing as is	Mohammed	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 05:20:06	No I do not	More red tape		M	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:22:29	No I do not	More red tape		Kholeka	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 05:23:59	No I do not	More red tape		Raquel	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:26:21	No I do not	More red tape	We are not a first world country. We cannot keep on adopting 1st world rules for a 3rd world country. Besides this will only increase the opportunity for comrades to steal. SA needs to get back to basics.	Naeem		self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:27:10	No I do not	More red tape	I highly doubt businesses deemed illegal will suddenly comply with this kind of red tape suddenly. All this will do is hinder anyone, but especially entrepreneurs and youth from building a free marketplace. I see this as just more government over reach.	Abby		
	2025-11-23 05:28:14	No I do not	More red tape		clint alan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 05:32:15	No I do not	More red tape	The local councils are incapable of dealing with residential issues let alone business .	Edwina	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 05:35:01	No I do not	More red tape	Another obstacle to job creation with absolutely zero positives.	Gerhard		
	2025-11-23 05:36:38	No I do not	More red tape	we already as electrical contractors have to register annually with the DoEL as per the osh act, why another license and cost	michael	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:37:59	No I do not	More red tape		Dana	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 05:42:46	No I do not	More red tape	This is a waste of time and tax payers money, just putting power in inspectors who will flourish using bribes and corruption.	RG	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 05:46:01	No I do not	More red tape	Another lever that the regulators can use to stifle business growth, another lever to solicit elicit funds for favours	Ann	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:54:15	No I do not	More red tape		Rob	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:04:59	No I do not	More red tape		Charne	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:07:38	No I do not	More red tape	The government has cipc, why this now, just anither way to dig into the tax payers pockets. Its really sickening	Simon	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:09:33	No I do not	More red tape	This bill is made for countries with efficient systems. We cannot start here and then fix the operations of the country. This will open the doors to corruption on a low level by inspectors, take away possible innovation for new entrepreneurs into the market who dont have capital and generally disempower those already struggling to get their businesses off the ground. First and foremost focus needs to be on government and municipalities on the very basic levels then we can discuss more complicated ideas!	Sarah	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 06:21:39	No I do not	More red tape		Alfred Theko		unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 06:26:24	No I do not	More red tape		John		
	2025-11-23 06:28:41	No I do not	More red tape		Chris		self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:28:45	No I do not	More red tape		Rowena	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 06:28:52	No I do not	More red tape	Smacks of BEE in disguise	Ian		retired
	2025-11-23 06:29:44	No I do not	More red tape	We need more job opportunities in this country for everyone, not more hoops to jump through that are preferential to one group.	Ruth		
	2025-11-23 06:30:12	No I do not	More red tape		Nicol	KwaZulu-Natal	retired

	2025-11-23 06:32:31	No I do not	More red tape	Firstly Corruption is a key concern and this bill will shut down small businesses!	Gillian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:32:57	No I do not	More red tape	Is this another mechanism of control, tax or preferential treatment?! We all know it is and this will hinder growth and development in and for the country.	Neil	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:33:46	No I do not	More red tape	Throughout history, free markets have thrived while overly controlled and regulated systems bread poverty and unemployment, over taxing and corruption. Government sucks at doing business which is why the private sector is so much better at thriving.	Raymond	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:36:24	No I do not	More red tape		Therissa	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-23 06:37:36	No I do not	More red tape	Just another BBEE law in disguise	Fred	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-23 06:39:22	No I do not	More red tape		M		
	2025-11-23 06:40:12	No I do not	More red tape	The goverment want to kill this country now by force I will sugested to cut all taxes paid syop been bullied by this goverment by stop paying anny taxes to the this goverment	Dajiel	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 06:45:16	No I do not	More red tape		Dianne	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 06:50:30	No I do not	More red tape	We need to make opening and running and guiding business owners easier, not harder.	Derek	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:51:32	No I do not	More red tape	Making it harder for small businesses very stupid idea. Government trying to steal more cream off the top of the milk again and actually impoverising the citizens more. We don't need more red tape we need encouragement to grow business. What stupid person thumbsucked this?	Karen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:52:36	No I do not	More red tape	This will be another jobs for pals venture. And those new inspectors will be shaking down business owners in no time. Business is difficult. More red tape and bs is not what we need	Hennie	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 06:52:58	No I do not	More red tape		Andre	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:54:02	No I do not	More red tape	Sounds more like anti white legislation, under which, councils get to choose who gets a business license, (Black entrepreneurs), and who doesn't (White entrepreneurs). Not content with running the country into the ground, already. they seem keen on accelerating the process.	Paul	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 06:58:03	No I do not	More red tape		Trudie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 07:06:03	No I do not	More red tape	This Bill contradicts national policy. The NDP projects 90% of new jobs from SMEs by 2030, yet you're adding crushing compliance costs to the sector meant to drive growth. Practical problems: 1. Vague inspector powers invite corruption and arbitrary enforcement. "Broad powers" with no clear limits = extortion opportunities. 2. Municipal capacity doesn't exist. Most can't process applications in 30 days now. How will they handle every business in SA? 3. Already drowning in red tape. CIPRO, SARS, DoL, municipalities, sectoral compliance. This adds another expensive layer without removing anything. 4. Five-year renewals = recurring costs and uncertainty. Businesses plan long-term; license expiry disrupts operations and financing. 5. Real-world impact: Small businesses will either remain informal (defeating your objective) or close. Neither outcome creates jobs.	Ockert	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:11:18	No I do not	More red tape	They never overthink new ideas and dont take every business in consideration. Mostly a lot of work to no advantage at all.	Augenita	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 07:13:40	No I do not	More red tape	This government tries to make everything MORE difficult! Shame on you! Not even TALKING about the new corruption possibilities! Municipalities??? 95% of them do not even function!! What a joke!!!!	Alta	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 07:16:56	No I do not	More red tape	There will be way to much opportunity for license issuing people and department to be corrupt and look for illegal financial gain for issuing a license. The culture of the ANC is to steal and abuse their elected power and duties.	Alan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:17:37	No I do not	More red tape	this is just another avenue for government to get their fingers in another pie where they will have the power once again to approve or deny a business licence based on their own pre requisites and it opens up another avenue for corruption to flourish once more..	taz	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:17:56	No I do not	More red tape		ian	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 07:17:58	No I do not	More red tape		ian	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 07:19:30	No I do not	More red tape		Allan	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 07:20:43	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support anything that comes from the government! This is probably another cash cow and another way for the government officials to get their sticky fingers in the cookie jar. I guess they are going to "inspect" large long-standing businesses and just collect from the informal sector...	Lewellyn		employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:21:23	No I do not	More red tape		Glenda	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:21:38	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another way of making it more difficult for any business and /or entrepreneurs to create employment. The vagueness with regards to the municipalities discretion to grant a license is also not acceptable and the fact that once again it makes reference to "redress" means it got a racial undertone which should be removed. If you are registered with CIPC you should be issued a license automatically. There should be fixed requirements in the law (not regulations) which, if met, gives you a license. No human discretion should come into play. It should be an automatic, real-time, online process.	George	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:24:02	No I do not	More red tape		Sandra		
	2025-11-23 07:24:12	No I do not	More red tape		Emil	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:25:34	No I do not	More red tape	Enough already	lynne	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:28:10	No I do not	More red tape	As South Africans we already have an over-regulated society. Municipalities are mostly dysfunctional, this will simply add additional regulations to legitimate businesses while completely ignoring the large informal business sector.	John	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:30:42	No I do not	More red tape		Hans Joachim	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 07:30:56	No I do not	More red tape	We need to deregulate àn encourage small and medium sized businesses, by making it quick, simple to start up and provide support at local levels to help them succeed . Red tape strangles initiative.	Rob	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 07:33:51	No I do not	More red tape		Emma	Outside SA	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:34:35	No I do not	More red tape	Increased government overreach and control that disincentivises business particularly small business. Assumes functioning municipalities who act in good faith - not the case in SA.	Colleen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:35:06	No I do not	More red tape		Len		
	2025-11-23 07:40:22	No I do not	More red tape		Nina	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:42:22	No I do not	More red tape	Another way the ANC can impose BEE regulations that are crippling south Africa and chasing away investors and stopping new businesses' been formed it's a disgrace.	Allen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 07:42:39	No I do not	More red tape		Gina-Lizette	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:42:52	No I do not	More red tape		Hentie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:46:13	No I do not	More red tape		Jennie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 07:49:00	No I do not	More red tape	Stop corruption and focus on the importance of security and STOP the CRIME	Peter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 07:49:17	No I do not	More red tape	More ways to restrict access to make a living. Corruption will infiltrate the process and hence it'll be just another failure and we the People will suffer.	Sue	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:49:18	No I do not	More red tape		Sid	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:49:58	No I do not	More red tape		Patrick	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 07:52:32	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa already has enough business red tape, especially with so many racial laws already in place, there is no need to have more. We need to boost the economy, not hinder it from growing. The government must realise that moving to a market focused approach is the only way to have the economy grow. Wanting control over so many things in the business sector will hinder foreign investment and cause the economy to stagnate or decline.	Janis	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:52:52	No I do not	More red tape	Less power to the monkeys	Corrie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 07:52:58	No I do not	More red tape		Gary	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 07:54:40	No I do not	More red tape		Patrick		
	2025-11-23 08:06:54	No I do not	More red tape		Kate	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:06:59	No I do not	More red tape	Curtail the powers of authority in general and specifically in business. Politicians must not have limited say over ciitzens	Tjaard	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-23 08:09:01	No I do not	More red tape	More money making ideas for the government to pilfer.	Joyce	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 08:09:30	No I do not	More red tape		Brian	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 08:10:53	No I do not	More red tape	more waste of time and energy	Adrian	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:11:27	No I do not	More red tape	With the massively high unemployment rates in the country, we should be making it easier for people to open businesses - not more difficult.	gail	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:13:55	No I do not	More red tape	Over regulation does not create jobs. Government wants to control everything whilst they cannot even do the basics of service delivery at local govt level.	Christo	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 08:16:38	No I do not	More red tape		Ryan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:21:06	No I do not	More red tape	Freedom to run a business, provide employment and earn a living will further be hampered by more red tape and paperwork.	Angela	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:21:22	No I do not	More red tape	Running a business is already incredibly difficult with red tape stifling startups, small business development, and consequently economic growth. We need to cut back on the red tape, not add to it.	Marianne	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:21:31	No I do not	More red tape	And opportunies for corruption. One just has to look at Road Accident fund, & Workmen's compensation to see where it would end.	Nora	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:23:10	No I do not	More red tape	The government should be making it easier for small businesses to operate and be more efficient, instead of adding more onerous layers of taxation, comlpliance and red tape that clogs up systems and costs more. We need leaders to understand that allowing small business to florish is the only way we will create more jobs and opportunites for young people entering the workplace. Simplification is the key.	Paul	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:24:29	No I do not	More red tape	The government needs to be doing more to stimulate the growth of the economy. Instead they are adding more red tape and ways of those “in charge” to prevent people from making an honest living. This will cause discrimination and xenophobia and grant those who will be given the job of policing these “business licenses” too much power.	Alison	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:25:36	No I do not	More red tape		Brett	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:26:45	No I do not	More red tape		Christiaan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 08:27:20	No I do not	More red tape	Having eliminated much bureaucracy ýòù now reintroduce it - and with apartheid too! You should be ashamed of yourselves,	Kg	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:32:36	No I do not	More red tape		GUILLAUME	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:35:09	No I do not	More red tape	they already financially crippling business's with all the fees .lasa psira now business licence fees	allan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:35:18	No I do not	More red tape	Versag eerder beperkings sodat di ekonomie kan groei	Daniel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:38:53	No I do not	More red tape	This useless Gov do nothing to promote business - only make it more difficult. They are totally corrupt. I will move my business to another country!	Alan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:40:47	No I do not	More red tape		Noel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:42:57	No I do not	More red tape	To put anything through the municipal systems with their current state of decay and corruption is madness. We need to encourage business growth, not add more red tape to an already difficult environment for them.	Jessica	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 08:43:07	No I do not	More red tape		Hannes	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:43:56	No I do not	More red tape		Fred	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:44:20	No I do not	More red tape	More space for bribery and corruption to come in and yet another constriction on the private sector rsa making business practice very undesirable	Nicolau	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:45:49	No I do not	More red tape		JJ	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:48:12	No I do not	More red tape		Peter		
	2025-11-23 08:50:22	No I do not	More red tape	Control is always the aim. Never in the interest of individual.	Janine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:52:36	No I do not	More red tape	This is BEE in disguise. Killing small businesess that employ people.	Lise	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:54:40	No I do not	More red tape		MG	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 08:58:59	No I do not	More red tape	Another opportunity for municipalities to cause untold frustration and stifle economic growth	Linelle	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 09:00:42	No I do not	More red tape		Justin	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 09:01:46	No I do not	More red tape	The government has no right in South Africans businesses. Fair trade on legal goods and services	Carmen	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:02:21	No I do not	More red tape		Rahel	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-23 09:03:38	No I do not	More red tape	This bill sabotages business, economic growth and employment creation. This bill will add unnecessary costs and complexity to anyone who wants to start and run a business. We should be encouraging entrepreneurs - not sabotaging them. Especially if we want to create employment. Besides which - our municipalities have enough challenges providing basic infrastructure - do you really want to burden them with administration that adds absolutely no value to anyone.	Ruth	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:05:25	No I do not	More red tape		Mornay	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:06:55	No I do not	More red tape		Hugo	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:07:44	No I do not	More red tape	There are bigger fish to fry - we have the commissions of enquiry that have yielded no results to write home about ..... Zondo and Madlanga, sort out this mess first. allocate your resources correctly. The rebuild the infrastructure so all in this country may benefit for what they pay for and are entitled to. Get that right and then you can worry about a raft of business that are not licensed, when the vast majority are.	Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:09:08	No I do not	More red tape	More control, more beauracratic red tape, more cost for small business. Why not let us employ more people instead of constantly having to do pay for more things.	Briony	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:09:58	No I do not	More red tape	Economic growth is hard enough in this country. We don’t need more red tapes and laws. We need less government as government intervention has been the cause more often than not for the situation this economy is in.	Christopher	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:10:24	No I do not	More red tape	no, I don’t support this bill. It is an attempt yet again from the gov to over legislate meaninglessly	avril	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:10:37	No I do not	More red tape		Hendrik		retired
	2025-11-23 09:12:14	No I do not	More red tape		Seboka	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:14:27	No I do not	More red tape		jo	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:16:43	No I do not	More red tape		David		
	2025-11-23 09:17:14	No I do not	More red tape	We need less bureaucratic red tape, easier economic opportunities for all, less chance of corruption (which always happens) and no new burdens for businesses that are already struggling. The government (ANC) must stop trying to control every single part of the economy and take a step back and let an open, free market happen.	Ryan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:20:06	No I do not	More red tape		Angeline	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:20:07	No I do not	More red tape		Carien	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:24:01	No I do not	More red tape		Neven	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:25:05	No I do not	More red tape		Theuns	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:26:35	No I do not	More red tape	Business in SA is over regulated. We seem incapable of growing our GDP by more than 1%p.a. primerally because of government policies that make it difficult / expensive to do business here....more regulation is NOT what our country needs!!!!! Tyrannical government control to kill the free market....	Mark	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:28:16	No I do not	More red tape	Government must do more for small businesses, not create more issues and making it even more difficult to succeed! Once they show more support, we will truat them with things like this. Untill then, its a hell no from Me!	Colette	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:30:34	No I do not	More red tape		Amos Josiah	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:31:25	No I do not	More red tape	Entry into the market place for young entrepreneurs is difficult enough without additional burdens. We need to GROW economic opportunities, not limit them. This bill limits them. I do not consent to this over burden and over reach.	Lorienne	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 09:31:38	No I do not	More red tape	This is ripe for corruption.	JOanne	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:32:40	No I do not	More red tape		Louise		

	2025-11-23 09:33:14	No I do not	More red tape		Hris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:33:53	No I do not	More red tape	Another layer of complication and potential rent-seeking to punish a crucial aspect of our economy. Which municipalities will be able to deal with the required administrative burden? How are businesses limited in their scope of activities to individual municipalities?	Alexander	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:36:04	No I do not	More red tape	more red tape too much powerto the state and it is going to turn into something that you will have no option to push back on other than going to the courts with too long to wait and too expensive. just another example of the communist rule trying to take over	CJ	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:36:11	No I do not	More red tape		Hayley	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:39:13	No I do not	More red tape		Allen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:39:58	No I do not	More red tape	Can be discrmatory, Muncipalities are disfunctional and driven by cronyism, corruption and political agendas. Busines need less rules not more dysfunctional legislation	John	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:42:10	No I do not	More red tape	More delays and potential for corruption	Martin	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:44:20	No I do not	More red tape	This new proposal will not help in any shape or form , just another money making scheme another burden for the taxpayers the extra revenue will be squandered and looted like every other government department	Greg	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:44:44	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:45:13	No I do not	More red tape	The Municipalities will not be able to monitor this, as they at present are unable to provide basic services. Just another revenue source for the Municipalities to steal from.	Donald	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 09:47:37	No I do not	More red tape		Leonard	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:48:23	No I do not	More red tape	It is incredibly difficult to start and run a business in South Africa. The focus should be on reducing the admin burden and red tape not increasing it	Stuart	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 09:50:30	No I do not	More red tape		Aitjies	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 09:54:54	No I do not	More red tape	This Bill adds another layer of red tape, especially for small and medium businesses. It duplicates existing registration requirements, increases compliance costs, and gives inspectors very broad powers without clear safeguards. Instead of encouraging investment and job creation, it risks making it harder to start and run a business in South Africa.	Wilhelm	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:54:56	No I do not	More red tape	Another government setup to push BEE and to get their cronies into every business. Vendors who sell fruit on the streets will have to get a licence first. Total abuse of power.	Sigi	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:54:59	No I do not	More red tape	That new law will only give the criminals more freedom to gun us down. Stop this law before it is too late!	Andre		retired
	2025-11-23 09:55:34	No I do not	More red tape	This is just government s attempt to gain further control over everything to enable further corruption and looting	Robyn	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:55:53	No I do not	More red tape	K	Lizzy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:57:54	No I do not	More red tape	Completely against this! Local small businesses do not need any more red tape, licensing and more government road-blocks in trying to keep the economy of this country going.	Driku	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:58:02	No I do not	More red tape	I am concerned the Bill will create excessive red tape, harm small businesses, allow abuses by inspectors, and disadvantage entrepreneurs.	Rianna	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:58:53	No I do not	More red tape		John	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:59:19	No I do not	More red tape	We are incredibly strapped by the already present over regulation in every sphere of our daily business lives. Just another time consuming waste of time and money exercise by a government that is clearly in need of more revenue and control. I fear this is part of a hidden agenda that business licences will be "restrictively" given to previously advantaged citizens and given ad lib to other citizens as a political tool. The lie is that in order to run a business effectively, one needs to have experience and know how; something the government is still not understanding and is fully evident in their behaviour over the past three decades.	Michael	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:03:24	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another way to implement the damaging effect of BBEEE. This will be a way for discrimination and abuse of power for the wrong reasons, and another way to steal money.	Gidieon	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:05:14	No I do not	More red tape	BEE in disguise/ discriminations/milking the system and certain businesses	Jan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 10:06:01	No I do not	More red tape	Starting a business should be without the government medling.	Hettie	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 10:08:56	No I do not	More red tape	On what grounds will municipalities approve or decline licence applications? How transparent will the process be? If you have been trading for years, why throw this additional hurdle before entities that provide your municipal revenue? Finally, the same guys who can't fix the potholes in my street must now be given another way of not doing their jobs.	Paul	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-23 10:14:27	No I do not	More red tape	Just another ploy to be able to put potential bribing mechanisms in place, under the guise of new regulations that do not benefit the masses or those struggling to create jobs and a business. Definitely a BEE money making scheme!	val	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:19:19	No I do not	More red tape	Probe tender fraud with full lifestyle audits. Slash to 10% flat tax on all income, no deductions. Zero-rate basics. Welcome foreign retirees: tax-free pensions, fast visas. Simple, low tax, clean government—SA booms, citizens win. Make business about your business without goverment interference. Remember you work for the people not the other way around	Mike	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:19:51	No I do not	More red tape	The Bill will incure more red tape for start-ups and other businesses. It is a disincentive for economic growth, which South Africa needs to reduce the unacceptable youth unemployment rate.	Valerie	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:25:52	No I do not	More red tape		Jakobus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:26:20	No I do not	More red tape		Martie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:27:23	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape against white business , new and existing businesses.	Johannes	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 10:29:13	No I do not	More red tape	This will open up opportunities for corruption and make it more difficult to operate a small business in an already difficult environment	Rita	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 10:29:34	No I do not	More red tape	Yet another step toward state control, and totally unnecessary ! NO NO NO NO	Alan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 10:29:53	No I do not	More red tape		Hans J	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:32:11	No I do not	More red tape		Robert	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-23 10:32:32	No I do not	More red tape	There are enough challenges to running a small business in SA.	Justine	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:34:54	No I do not	More red tape	Discriminating	André	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:39:41	No I do not	More red tape	Just more red tape, with good or bad intentions but no practicality and leave room for bribery and manipulation to achieve political ends.	Rikus	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:41:26	No I do not	More red tape		Christo		business owner
	2025-11-23 10:49:58	No I do not	More red tape		M	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:55:50	No I do not	More red tape		Ray	Northern Cape	
	2025-11-23 10:57:18	No I do not	More red tape		Melinda	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:59:22	No I do not	More red tape		Daniel	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:00:09	No I do not	More red tape	Bbeee in camoflauge certain skin colours will be excluded	Pieter		
	2025-11-23 11:01:07	No I do not	More red tape	This government is hell bent on controlling everything in an attempt to implement its stifling policies!	Denise	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:01:14	No I do not	More red tape		Charl	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:02:17	No I do not	More red tape		Roger	Northern Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-23 11:02:27	No I do not	More red tape		Karien	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:04:39	No I do not	More red tape		Natalie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:05:50	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way for Government to stifle business development and choke entrepreneurs with paperwork so that they can manipulate which race sectors succeed or not.	Cindy	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-23 11:08:44	No I do not	More red tape	We are trying grow small business an employ one or two people. Corporations are shedding jobs like crazy. The authorities are miking every cent the can by implementing new BS regulations. Small business are just hanging on as profits fall and costs and regulations increase. Imaging if you regulate the huge street food industry in Asian Cities? Almost every business as organisations and departments hitching a financial ride on their backs. Between Banks , Government departments , Accountants and Regulations its almost impossible to make any profit. Even the street vendors are expected to pay rent. These are people often living on the margins of society. It just another Cash Grab.	Mark	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:09:18	No I do not	More red tape		Clinton	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:11:12	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way for government to control the economic stage. Counterproductive for job creation Opens up another avenue for bribery and other corruption. Will not be applied equally and fairly It will applied on a" low hanging fruit" principal	lorna		business owner
	2025-11-23 11:14:17	No I do not	More red tape	What is the problem with SA ANc Gov??? Who puppeteer them with all these evil Bills and shit they came up with?? They bussy to close down the only left bussiness who provide jobs, Chance them out the Country,Grow the Economy what the Gov cant do, Incompetence, never fit and proper to run a Gov and Country!! Fools with pride and a racist attitude at its best?	Andre	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:14:33	No I do not	More red tape	The government isn't capable of the tasks currently allocated to the municipalities and now they are getting more. The powers to fine, inspect and make life difficult for obvious businesses will just lead to more jobs for pals and corruption. Ridiculous nanny state ideology from a failed government hellbent on killing the economy to create a socialist state.	Amanda	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:15:24	No I do not	More red tape		Noelene	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:16:13	No I do not	More red tape	The Economy is dying already. Do they really want to kill it off altogether?	Irene		
	2025-11-23 11:20:25	No I do not	More red tape		Theo	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:21:21	No I do not	More red tape		Colin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:22:08	No I do not	More red tape		Liana	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:22:10	No I do not	More red tape		Liana	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:24:44	No I do not	More red tape		Nico	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:25:08	No I do not	More red tape		Liana	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:26:11	No I do not	More red tape	As a business owner , which I started all by myself without any government help, my request is that government stay out of the way. Do not put more red tape which I have to pay my accountant to handle! Stop interfering in business ! Al Instead, spend my tax money and time and effort in creating conditions conducive to business - public transportation that works, free reliable Internet , good road networks and electric supply. This is what we need from you. Don’t interfere with anything else until you have got these basics right.	Stuart	Gauteng	business owner
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	2025-11-23 11:27:14	No I do not	More red tape	We would like to build our economy and putting legislation like this will only make this more difficult.	Elizabeth	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:28:58	No I do not	More red tape		George	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:28:59	No I do not	More red tape		George	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:29:47	No I do not	More red tape	If this gets implemented, then heed this warning as a legitimate business that has for 30years followed all legal processes to conduct business and create jobs for people in sometimes difficult economic climate, I will simply put 52 employees without employment by closing my company and go and retire comfortably rather then get dictated to by incompetent politicians that know nothing about running a company successfully let alone the country.	F		
	2025-11-23 11:29:50	No I do not	More red tape	Another government money racket scheme	Dayle		
	2025-11-23 11:30:42	No I do not	More red tape	More “job creation” and also more tax (“licensing fees”.) Futile exercise but probably a few joyrides along the way to see how “they” do it overseas. !?	Cornelis	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:31:11	No I do not	More red tape	Our municipalities are seriously flawed and corrupt as is. Giving them this power is counterproductive and counter intuitive.	Michael		
	2025-11-23 11:31:24	No I do not	More red tape	We run a small family business ,properly licensed since its inception, and pay annually for our CC to be renewed. Now they obviously want to make more money (isn't that always the case) so now municipalities should get involved??? This makes no sense unless the municipalities wish to plunder further. Just take a look at the Ekurhuleni Municipality.....Lost R2 billion due to fraud and corruption. Why would I even want to have the municipality even know I have a one man business. It has nothing to do with them, we have been legal with SARS and CIPRO and now I must spend more money to satisfy a municipality / Government that does nothing that adds value to what I do and never can. Forget it, Not going to happen.	Mary-Jean		
	2025-11-23 11:31:32	No I do not	More red tape	Our gorvernment and municipalities are too incompetent to enforce current rules, and making up new ones will create even more red tape and stifle new businesses. Also, this bill is BEE in disguise, and in a time in our country where we need economic growth, these measures are certainly not necessary	Marcell		
	2025-11-23 11:32:50	No I do not	More red tape	As usual government will make life more difficult for business if this is enacted as they endeavour to seize more control of the economy which will further stifle growth and provide more scope for corruption.	Trevor	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:33:09	No I do not	More red tape	No, I do not support the Business Licensing Bill as published. The Bill introduces requirements and enforcement powers that place an unnecessary and unrealistic burden on small and medium businesses. A national licensing system for every business, renewed every five years, adds red tape rather than simplifying anything. Giving inspectors broad authority to demand proof of licensing, confiscate goods or issue fines, combined with preference criteria that can exclude certain groups, creates room for abuse and discrimination. Instead of supporting job creation, investment and entrepreneurship, this Bill risks pushing businesses into greater uncertainty and administrative pressure at a time when the economy cannot afford it. It does not provide workable, practical improvements for everyday business owners and may ultimately harm rather than help South Africa’s economic environment. For these reasons, I do not support the Bill.	Esbie	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:33:45	No I do not	More red tape		Frances	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 11:35:00	No I do not	More red tape	Will destroy our economy even more	Estelle		
	2025-11-23 11:36:13	No I do not	More red tape		Magda	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 11:36:34	No I do not	More red tape	This legislation seems to add yet another layer of red tape and is a transparent attempt to disadvantage some while advantaging an already small, often corrupt, elite.	Louise		retired
	2025-11-23 11:37:13	No I do not	More red tape	Our government and municipalities are too incompetent to enforce existing regulations, and introducing new ones will create even more red tape and stifle new businesses. Also, this bill is BEE in disguise, and in a time in our country where we need economic growth, these measures are certainly not necessary. We require a free and open economy not a highly regulated economy.	Byron	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 11:37:19	No I do not	More red tape	As a micro-business owner, there is already a burden on small businesses with current legislation, when we are contributing to the economy, relieving the unemployment issue and training people so that they have skills.	Jenny	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-23 11:42:42	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support the Business Licensing Bill as published. As a micro-business owner, I am already subject to existing legislation and administrative burdens that are difficult to manage, especially while contributing positively to the economy, creating jobs, and training people to develop skills. Small and growing businesses are the frontline of employment and innovation, and instead of being supported, we are continuously weighed down by increasing red tape and compliance costs. The Bill introduces a national licensing system with renewals every five years, wide inspection and enforcement powers, and preference criteria that have the potential to unfairly exclude certain groups. These provisions create a real risk of abuse, discrimination, and further corruption. Instead of simplifying the system, it adds yet another layer of regulatory and administrative complexity. Government and municipal structures have proven largely ineffective at enforcing existing regulations. Introducing new, broader, and even more complex requirements—without fixing the current enforcement failures—only increases uncertainty and stifles entrepreneurship. Added red tape will discourage new business formation, push existing businesses into non-compliance, and ultimately harm job creation and economic recovery. Furthermore, many of the Bill's provisions appear to serve disguised race-based preference or BEE mechanisms that may benefit a small, politically connected elite, while disadvantaging ordinary South African entrepreneurs. There are already numerous reports of individuals being used as fronts without genuine empowerment or compensation—indicating that the current system is prone to manipulation and exploitation, and this Bill risks expanding those opportunities for abuse. At a time when South Africa urgently needs economic stimulation, investment, job creation, and a supportive business environment, this Bill promotes the opposite: increased barriers to entry, expanded bureaucra	Charl	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:43:51	No I do not	More red tape	Make it easier to open business. Not harder!!	Denise	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:45:44	No I do not	More red tape	The concerns around the new Business Licensing Bill are serious. While modernising outdated legislation makes sense, creating another layer of bureaucracy — with broad inspector powers and potential discrimination risks — could hurt the very businesses we need to grow the economy. Instead of adding red tape, South Africa should be making it easier, not harder, for entrepreneurs to operate and create jobs.	Ailsa		
	2025-11-23 11:46:34	No I do not	More red tape	It should not be the governments call if someone can have a business or not. This will kill innovation and make it near impossible for a person to be an entrepreneur.	Koos	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:47:18	No I do not	More red tape	Small to medium sized businesses are already burdened with so much red tape. My husband spends 50% of his time doing compliance paperwork and sars forms. The government says it is for businesses and employment but they make it so hard for businesses to run. Which sound minded entrepreneur is going to invest in his business when he could lose his licence in 5 years time because of a municipal official with a god complex. Beside the fact that our municipalities are barely functional as it is. It also opens the doors to even more corruption. And basing it on race pretty much says white people cannot be employed or create their own employment.	Paula	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 11:49:15	No I do not	More red tape		Lauren	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:49:15	No I do not	More red tape		Lauren	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:49:34	No I do not	More red tape	The economy needs to grow, we as SA's need to thrive. Stop alll this bureaucratic, communist, red tape from harming more businesses in SA.	Claudette	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:51:33	No I do not	More red tape		Bennie	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 11:53:13	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:53:32	No I do not	More red tape		James		
	2025-11-23 11:53:43	No I do not	More red tape		Jim	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:03:50	No I do not	More red tape		Jimmy		
	2025-11-23 12:05:01	No I do not	More red tape	Another cookie pot. No need for small business's to be harrassed in this way.	Dad	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 12:06:52	No I do not	More red tape		Fritz	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:06:54	No I do not	More red tape		Fritz	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:06:57	No I do not	More red tape	Just another bureaucratic endeavour to take money away from the economy and enrich the WRONG pockets. They are only targeting legitimate businesses where exorbitant operational costs are already ruining the economy, employers and ultimately the employees	Andrew	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:08:33	No I do not	More red tape	Everyone should be able to sell their products without having to get a business license.	Gerald	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:12:14	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape for the struggling economy. BBBÈE is an economically failed ideology benifiting only a few priveledged persons. Powerfull inspectors will most likely become corrupted and then abuse their power. We need Free Enterprise and not BBBEE.	Robert	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:12:28	No I do not	More red tape	More barriers to strangle the entrepreneurs who are the movers and shakers of the economy…. Who create employment etc	Maria		retired
	2025-11-23 12:13:09	No I do not	More red tape	This could be slow, arbitrary and discriminatory and is likely to further stifle urgently needed small business growth.	Mike	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:13:59	No I do not	More red tape	Why would they think that they have any say as to how a business is run. License on business will put more strain on businesses and the working people will suffer as we can not do with anymore unemployment in this country...I THINK THEY SOULD STOP THINKING OUT BS AND SPEND MORE TIME AND EFFORT ON CORRUPTION, AND MAKE THOSE PAY FOR MISSPLACING MONEY IN THE MUNISIPALITIES AND GOVERNMENT…….	Erica		unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 12:18:00	No I do not	More red tape	It will only be another big mess up with this government!!	Aletta	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 12:22:42	No I do not	More red tape	The country already drowning in red tape & the departments handling such issues are already clogged and not able to handle the existing situation	Lionel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 12:23:32	No I do not	More red tape		Leigh		
	2025-11-23 12:23:43	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape to discourage investment, create more unemployment and corruption.	Peter		
	2025-11-23 12:28:30	No I do not	More red tape		Judy	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:29:32	No I do not	More red tape		Martin	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 12:31:49	No I do not	More red tape	The Companies and Intellectual Propery Commission (CIPC) is already in place and companies have declared their earnings and then receive a certificate. All this will create is more red tape.	John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 12:41:11	No I do not	More red tape		Liesel		
	2025-11-23 12:43:00	No I do not	More red tape	There are already to many statutory registration's to comply with , sars, cipc , uif, and other @statutory bodies. Completed waste of resources and additional costs and time.	Farrel	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 12:44:47	No I do not	More red tape	Just more red tape that will be abused and foster corruption. It will achieve nothing useful and be costly. Another bad choice of bad policy.	Kenneth	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:45:58	No I do not	More red tape	Its hard enough to nacmvigate the complexity of running a business as it is. This simply increases the administrative burden on to overstreched business owners. It also leaves doubt as to continuity of business leading to decreases in investment and future uncertainty.	David	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:48:35	No I do not	More red tape	Who is going to benefit from this	Amanda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 12:48:35	No I do not	More red tape	Who is going to benefit from this	Amanda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 12:52:28	No I do not	More red tape		Marti		
	2025-11-23 12:52:45	No I do not	More red tape	The bureaucracy is already staggering. This would stifle businesses and open a way for preferential allocations. Business is struggling in South Africa already and the rate of unemployment so high. Why make it even more difficult for businesses to flourish and create new jobs? You're cutting of your nose to spite your face.	Earl	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 12:53:32	No I do not	More red tape	This is another scheme by government to squeeze more money from the people they should be supporting, while at the same time ensuring that inequality persists. Businesses are already heavily taxed in this country, and we all know that the taxes are stolen faster than they can be used to improve anything. Now they want another revenue stream to cut into profits that are dwindling because of the ever-increasing cost of living? Not to mention the ability for corrupt officials to create monopolies and engage in conyism and nepotism on a grand scale because of their ability to choose who gets what license. A healthy economy is built on free enterprise. Not increased regulation.	Campbell	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 12:55:58	No I do not	More red tape		Callie		
	2025-11-23 12:57:21	No I do not	More red tape		Marti		

	2025-11-23 12:59:07	No I do not	More red tape		Moira	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:01:48	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape and ways to steal from small businesses	Sarita	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:06:01	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses are already registered with SARS and CIPC and regulator, all information already available to government. This is just to punish law abiding businesses even more.	Marike		
	2025-11-23 13:09:47	No I do not	More red tape		Lesibe	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:10:59	No I do not	More red tape	Many businesses are struggling to keep afloat as it is. This only equates to revinue collection for government and losses to businesses and livelihoods of thousands of people trying to get by.	Stuart	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:16:01	No I do not	More red tape	Is this not the domain CIPCO & SARS ? More & More red tape to stop the working class !!!!!!!	Anthony	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:17:11	No I do not	More red tape	Government should be providing civil infrustrycture and law enforcement and not getting in the way of citizens trying to earn a living. This law is is most probably just another tax or chance to steal or to discriminate.	Shaun	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:18:45	No I do not	More red tape	I think this is just another money-making move on the part of the government, and certainly BBEEE in disguise.	Desiree	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:19:51	No I do not	More red tape	MORE CORRUPTION ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES WHILE THEY CANNOT EVEN RUN EFFICIENTLY NOW. TRYING TO IMPLEMENT ANOTHER FORM OF BBBEE !!!!!!!!!!	Francois	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:20:26	No I do not	More red tape		Jan		
	2025-11-23 13:23:11	No I do not	More red tape	Government should step aside and make it easier for entrepreneurs to start businesses and create jobs. Government does not create wealth. Government wants to control everything and then all the corruption starts. The have no idea of economics 101.	Stassen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:24:46	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support this bill. It's like all the other bills they all will make it more difficult to run businesses and control the systems so they can get bribes and steal. It will also be run by incompetent anc cadres.	Graham Neubert		
	2025-11-23 13:25:19	No I do not	More red tape		Christopher	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:28:00	No I do not	More red tape		Martell	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:28:42	No I do not	More red tape	No I'm not in support, this just opens more doors for corruption.	Patrick	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:28:53	No I do not	More red tape		Thelma	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 13:29:18	No I do not	More red tape	I strongly oppose the proposed Business Licensing Law, as I believe it will have a profoundly negative impact on South Africa's informal and small-business sectors. These sectors form the backbone of our economy, providing livelihoods to millions of people, especially sole proprietors and informal traders who lack the resources to navigate additional layers of regulation. The proposed requirements risk placing an unnecessary administrative and financial burden on the very entrepreneurs who are driving grassroots economic activity. Instead of fostering growth, innovation, and self-employment, the law threatens to create barriers that will discourage people from starting and sustaining small businesses. For many, compliance will be either unaffordable or practically impossible, pushing vulnerable individuals further into economic insecurity. South Africa needs legislation that enables entrepreneurs—not laws that restrict their ability to operate, compete, and contribute to local communities. We should be focusing on supportive frameworks, simplified processes, and accessible opportunities for small enterprises to thrive. I therefore call for this bill to be withdrawn or substantially reworked to ensure that it uplifts rather than undermines the informal and small-business sectors that are vital to our country's economic resilience.	Linda	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 13:31:06	No I do not	More red tape	Would this ALSO apply to food trucks and small pavement vendors selling to stay afloat and alive???? How would an inspector and license issuers cope with the linguistics of this control??	Debbie	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 13:32:51	No I do not	More red tape		David	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:33:04	No I do not	More red tape		Sam	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:35:56	No I do not	More red tape	Discrimination will occur, preferential license issuing will occur, the officals will just bully easy tarket business owners just like Labour inspectors does now. More red tape making businnes more impossible. Its ridiculous.	Dirk	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:37:35	No I do not	More red tape	This is once again an avenue for bribery and corruption to take place. This government including the local one are all about control to the detriment of citizens. The more control the more communistic in nature it is and aims to destroy any entrepreneurship which is the bedrock of a thriving economy. The economy is a shambles and trying to impose this change is contrary to fee markets. In fact the informal businesses that are all over the country will not be the target for this but legitimate businesses abiding by the rules.	Debra	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:37:58	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support this bill. It's like all the other bills they all will make it more difficult to run businesses and control the systems so they can get bribes and steal. It will also be run by incompetent anc cadres.	Gordon	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 13:38:12	No I do not	More red tape		Frans	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-23 13:41:08	No I do not	More red tape	This would just increase costs and burdens of useless compliance issues to those that are already licensed. Municipality corruption and inefficiency is already a huge burden	Colin	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:43:12	No I do not	More red tape		Christiaan Johannes	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-23 13:45:25	No I do not	More red tape		Margaret	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 13:51:17	No I do not	More red tape		Megan	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 13:53:24	No I do not	More red tape	We are the most over regulated country in Africa. There are too many state employees with nothing better to do than to try and think of more regulations to prevent others from doing business	Willem	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:53:55	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape and don't trust the organizations/department for administration are capable or trustworthy.	Lyle	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:00:36	No I do not	More red tape	This move is TYPICAL communist takeover of minority rights - it is unconstitutional	Theo	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:03:22	No I do not	More red tape		Ghita		
	2025-11-23 14:13:21	No I do not	More red tape	We have Been through so many heart wrenching incidents with this ANC govt this can only be another of their tricks to capture the Private sector. They plundered every SOE they handled & what will stop it in future??? When they want 30% of any Business.	Alice	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 14:13:56	No I do not	More red tape		Sebastian	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:19:08	No I do not	More red tape	This is going to impact our economy and will cause investors to withdraw	Annika	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 14:24:42	No I do not	More red tape		Rhode	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 14:26:10	No I do not	More red tape	The new licensing rules pile on more red tape in an already difficult environment — and government still doesn't grasp overheads or how to run a basic service profitably. In the real world, that means fewer businesses coping and fewer jobs surviving.	Eben	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 14:28:57	No I do not	More red tape		Thami	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 14:31:17	No I do not	More red tape	This is just more rules to track and trace everyone. I OBJECT !!!	Elizabeth	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:34:49	No I do not	More red tape	Typical government overreach, voetsekANC.	Jon	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 14:36:10	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities cannot regulate business adequately	Enzo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:38:52	No I do not	More red tape	The most ridiculous idea ever!!	Gloria	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 14:39:46	No I do not	More red tape	Increases costs and time for SMEs (seen as 90% of job creators per the National Development Plan), diverting resources from operations. High failure rate for small businesses (~70-80%) could worsen. SA businesses have managed without this for a long time - we don't need another Bill to kill what is left of our entrepreneurs.	Jacques	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:41:54	No I do not	More red tape	We already have to register with CIPC, think that is enough! and have to pay!! All information is with the government already!	patrick	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:43:47	No I do not	More red tape		martie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:45:40	No I do not	More red tape	This is ridiculous.	Cecile		
	2025-11-23 14:46:37	No I do not	More red tape	In order to succeed and grow the economy we need fewer restrictions and red tape. People who live in poverty should also not have to jump many hoops to be able to start a small business which could grow. Remove obstacles and create more opportunity!	Hein	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:49:25	No I do not	More red tape		Chris	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-23 14:50:05	No I do not	More red tape	As we know, BBBEE is the main concern in our country as it targets the private sector. This is just another way to control and take over what we've built with hard work, sweat and tears, not to mention putting all you have at risk for years, to create a job for yourself, to be self sufficient and not to be burdon on the state....and don't forget, we create jobs.	Debra	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:51:00	No I do not	More red tape	All of the above concerns are CONCERNS. We do not need any more BEE legislation, we need desperately to have entrepreneurs without all this unnecessary red tape. Again this government is trying to have more and more bad control over us hard working citizens and there will be fraud involved	sue	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 14:51:01	No I do not	More red tape	All of the above concerns are CONCERNS. We do not need any more BEE legislation, we need desperately to have entrepreneurs without all this unnecessary red tape. Again this government is trying to have more and more bad control over us hard working citizens and there will be fraud involved	sue	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 14:51:04	No I do not	More red tape	Usual hogwash and attempt at control. SARS inspired move?	Co	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:51:04	No I do not	More red tape	Usual hogwash and attempt at control. SARS inspired move?	Co	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:53:20	No I do not	More red tape		Fozia Moosa	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:03:54	No I do not	More red tape		Hennie		
	2025-11-23 15:07:21	No I do not	More red tape		Mamaki	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:07:25	No I do not	More red tape		Bretjohn	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:07:47	No I do not	More red tape	This is the last thing struggling small businesses need - more red tape! Besides most municipalities can't even keep water flowing and now we want to give them more to do. Actually, this sounds a lot like another tax on an overtaxed society.	Siegfried	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:09:00	No I do not	More red tape	Does not make sense having more regulation thereby need to have more people "to monitor" creating bigger salary bill for Municipalities to pay. In a Municipality budget that already spend more than they earn, it accelerate inflation that we as the taxpayer need to pay	Eugene	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:09:13	No I do not	More red tape	No for bussiness licence, its a free country and they want controle ober bussiness, ao, no from me.	Jannie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:10:09	No I do not	More red tape		Monica	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:11:35	No I do not	More red tape	I dont see the problem this bill is trying to solve.	Christie		
	2025-11-23 15:12:22	No I do not	More red tape		Karen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:13:49	No I do not	More red tape	There are already so many ways to check on businesses, but they want more control. Why can't they put some effort into investigating illegal operations, and leave legal business alone. Another money maker.	Denis	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:14:04	No I do not	More red tape	This Bill is going to have a significant implication to investment in South Africa. I also do not believe that the Companies Act needs to be replaced. If the main concern is tax collection then SARS needs to up it's game. The new Bill just creates more unnecessary paperwork and baariers to entry.	Cathy	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 15:22:41	No I do not	More red tape		Athol	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:24:40	No I do not	More red tape	I feel this will be abused by inspectors and others, meaning bribery and corruption could be on the cards. Another cash cow in the offing?	K	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 15:26:44	No I do not	More red tape	Red tape and another money making racked. They cannot cope with current licences.	Bernard	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 15:26:48	No I do not	More red tape	This legislation opens more doors for corruption. We struggle enough with BEE and unfair Labour Law. If this legislation comes into effect there is no point of doing business in South Africa. There are other more favourable places to build a business.	Viktoria	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:26:48	No I do not	More red tape	This legislation opens more doors for corruption. We struggle enough with BEE and unfair Labour Law. If this legislation comes into effect there is no point of doing business in South Africa. There are other more favourable places to build a business.	Viktoria	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:28:05	No I do not	More red tape	Anything for these crooks to get their hands on good hard working people	Pat	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 15:29:16	No I do not	More red tape	As a small business I am battling already to stay alive the business economy is suffering. Are we not trying to create employment not destroying it. We are in deep trouble in this country with all the unemployed people.	Grant	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:29:26	No I do not	More red tape	Just more ways to give corrupt officials a new foothold. Government must not interfere with business	Eric	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:32:06	No I do not	More red tape		Alan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:34:25	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape to hamper small businesses	Gladys	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:36:03	No I do not	More red tape	For the past 31 years the ANC have proved themselves to be totally incapable of running this country. BBBEE is a dismal failure and is only there to benefit the ANC elite and cadres. We have far too much regulation for small business, which even now the ANC and their municipalities can't manage, so why do we need more red tape. We need to do more to stimulate and grow the economy, and this type of nonsense does the complete opposite. The ANC should be doing everything in its power to grow the economy and decrease unemployment, but sadly they don't know how to do it and passing these types of laws just worsens the situation.	victor	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:36:15	No I do not	More red tape		Lorraine	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 15:36:24	No I do not	More red tape		David	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:37:49	No I do not	More red tape		Shelly Anne	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:43:25	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another attempt at stealing and corruption by the government.	Nico		
	2025-11-23 15:45:42	No I do not	More red tape	The Introduction of more red tape is a huge concern and currently our government via our municipalities cannot even fix basic on the ground problems such as leaks and potholes. Entrepreneurs and startups are vital to our economy and job creation. This proposed bill looks shaky and does not instill trust. Who will win and who will lose I wonder?	Tania	Eastern Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-23 15:50:23	No I do not	More red tape	How much more does this government want to interfere with legitimate businesses bringing in tax money? This bill is born out of malice and stupidity.	Johan		self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:50:44	No I do not	More red tape	The goverment should focus on helping businesses, people are just trying to make a living. Stop harrassing and implementing rules and regulations which you can not even regulate once its instated.	Karen		business owner
	2025-11-23 15:50:49	No I do not	More red tape		Digby	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 15:51:11	No I do not	More red tape		Helene	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:51:21	No I do not	More red tape		Alan	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 15:53:01	No I do not	More red tape		Marti	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:53:46	No I do not	More red tape		Joseph	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:59:42	No I do not	More red tape		Richard	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:00:56	No I do not	More red tape	How would be different from what is reflecting from the CIPC? This is more red tape and discourages people from establishing and running businesses in SA, a country that is already struggling economically	Sam	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:04:06	No I do not	More red tape		Willie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:06:47	No I do not	More red tape	We need more jobs not more regulations.	Dennis	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:08:36	No I do not	More red tape		patrick	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 16:11:01	No I do not	More red tape	There is far too much red tape already. We need less not more!!!	Raymond	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:11:44	No I do not	More red tape	In my opinion it's the government doing what the government does best, steal from the South African population.	Ashok	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:11:52	No I do not	More red tape		Chelsey	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:14:19	No I do not	More red tape		Graham	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:17:45	No I do not	More red tape		Surina	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 16:19:34	No I do not	More red tape		Mathew	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-23 16:20:31	No I do not	More red tape		DARLA	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-23 16:22:31	No I do not	More red tape	Just smoke and mirrors for more BEEE corruption. It's a archlilles heel for small businesses	Hendrik	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:27:00	No I do not	More red tape		jon	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:27:47	No I do not	More red tape		Willem	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 16:29:50	No I do not	More red tape	As a stay at home parent I bake on the side to earn a small amount. I registered my business and had to close it because my business is too small to support the annual financial review etc. The other difficulty is that I did try to register my home enterprise with the municipality, but the municipal town planner would not write a letter to say I have permission to run a home business in my residential area even though the space I use complies with the by-law for this (I consulted a town planner to help me engage). So I had to abandon my efforts to register. From this experience, if this new regulation comes into place, many small businesses will run the risk of being closed down because it will be impossible for them to register.	Esther	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:31:00	No I do not	More red tape		Yvonne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:31:45	No I do not	More red tape		Sue-Ellen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:34:42	No I do not	More red tape	I have no doubt that this legislation is just more BEE in disguise. Whilst I cannot fault the principle of the legislation the current Govt, on all levels have proved that they are unable implement any such legislation without racial bias and corruption. If approved and implemented this will be the final straw in the total destruction of what is left of our economy.	Abraham	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:36:10	No I do not	More red tape		Francois	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:36:14	No I do not	More red tape	I am against this completely.	Rupert	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:40:11	No I do not	More red tape		M	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 16:44:44	No I do not	More red tape		AC		
	2025-11-23 16:51:00	No I do not	More red tape		Amanda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:51:01	No I do not	More red tape		Amanda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:52:19	No I do not	More red tape	There are already systems in place but this new proposal will again frustrate business under political interference and manipulation	Anthony	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:56:12	No I do not	More red tape	Many Municipalities cannot currently give an answer within 30 days, so how is this added burden going to work? We need to reduce unemployment, not make it more difficult to create employment.	Pat		retired
	2025-11-23 16:56:24	No I do not	More red tape		Hazel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 17:00:47	No I do not	More red tape		Sphamandla	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:02:46	No I do not	More red tape	More chances for corruption. To much power to individuals (inspectors). Political interference and BEE.	Naomi	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 17:04:10	No I do not	More red tape	This is an anti-competitive practice. The amount of informal trading in South Africa is what will save this country. Are you going to licence every street vendor selling fruit on the side of the road? If not, leave the rest of us alone.	Jonathan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 17:04:56	No I do not	More red tape	These should be granted once and be enduring until the business closes.	Sandra	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 17:05:51	No I do not	More red tape	More bureaucracy !!!!	Ingrid	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:10:11	No I do not	More red tape		Josh	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:11:31	No I do not	More red tape		Asma	Mpumalanga	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 17:15:46	No I do not	More red tape		Beverly	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 17:15:54	No I do not	More red tape		Dewald	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 17:24:07	No I do not	More red tape		Pierre	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:27:47	No I do not	More red tape		Lourens	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:32:17	No I do not	More red tape		Neels	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:33:58	No I do not	More red tape	The additional burden of having entrepreneurial enterprise made more difficult and possibly stopped by legendary inefficient municipalities should not be countenanced by sane person. These concepts are similar to communistic ideas that have been proved nor to work.	Peter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:36:31	No I do not	More red tape	Only when government has successfully helped cleaned up municipal messes should it even think of additional red tape for businesses unless there are legitimate reasons for suspicion about corruption or racketeering.	Patrick	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:37:16	No I do not	More red tape		Charles	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:40:26	No I do not	More red tape		Marie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:40:41	No I do not	More red tape		Willem	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:42:49	No I do not	More red tape	Discrimination, possible victimization and more red tape	Michele		
	2025-11-23 17:46:42	No I do not	More red tape		Belinda	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:48:30	No I do not	More red tape	We already have Company Registration with CIPC as well as SARS, so this is just another "grab some more money" for another registration that will be totally ineffective. Rather have less Red Tape and let the business' get on with trading and growing the economy than another registration forum.	Roy	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:48:59	No I do not	More red tape	For small businesses it's more admin, more red tape starting up especially for a really small start up.	Simon	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:49:32	No I do not	More red tape		Lee	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:50:27	No I do not	More red tape	Corruptions and delays in processing and issues. The current procedure in place is better and just fine	Marc	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:51:54	No I do not	More red tape		Felicia	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 17:53:04	No I do not	More red tape		Maria	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 17:53:36	No I do not	More red tape	It is becoming impossible for small businesses to comply with the never ending stream of onerous bureaucratic compliance requirements. If government wants to kill of all legitimate small businesses, this paves the road to achieving that goal.	Jonathan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:56:30	No I do not	More red tape	Stop this madness and remove the obstacles to growth and job creation	Brian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 17:57:20	No I do not	More red tape		Tony	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:57:26	No I do not	More red tape	The delays in getting the license. The inspections Just another way for the government to control and interfere in our lives	Philip	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:58:42	No I do not	More red tape		Trevor	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 18:10:33	No I do not	More red tape	It is so difficult to do business, drive economic growth and create jobs in SA. stop making it so difficult to people to create jobs and help feed their families	Faye	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:11:48	No I do not	More red tape	More regulations on small businesses stop people earning a legitimate income. We already have far too many people needing social grants. Gobernment should encourage entrepreneurship, not stifle businesses.	Helen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:13:43	No I do not	More red tape		Shontell	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:14:34	No I do not	More red tape	Trying to drive out the last people in the coutry to try to fix it and over complcate progress in our coutnry	LOUIS	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:14:51	No I do not	More red tape		Nolene	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 18:16:56	No I do not	More red tape	It's about time thhe ANC left off all the unnecessary obstacles to the ease of business & Life in SA	BRUCE	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:18:18	No I do not	More red tape	We need to make it easier for everyone as we need people to create more employment	Vicky	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:21:23	No I do not	More red tape		Sean	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual

	2025-11-23 18:21:24	No I do not	More red tape	1.The med/small business owner is already under pressure to comply to the current red tape that is managed in many instances by ineffective departments. small/med businesses do not have the time, manpower and financial means to comply to the extra requirements as proposed. This will be detrimental to the sustainability of these businesses, increase the number of people that are without jobs. In other words it will not contribute to growth in our economy. 2. The bill vested too much power in the minister's hands and as we are governed by a lot of politicians who are not ethical, nor honest, we have no guarantee that these powers will not be misused for preferential businesses, friends, political allies, etc. There should be oversight by parliament or another organ.	Magda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:23:40	No I do not	More red tape		pastor francois	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:27:15	No I do not	More red tape	Why would one want to put more pressure on Small/Med businesses by introducing more red tape. Rather do what you(government) are supposed to be doing by providing services and supply at least basic services. Every day they think of more laws to introduce and cannot even apply the current laws like policing and keeping the communities safe. Disgusting!	Andre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 18:27:55	No I do not	More red tape	What a waste of time and energy. We need to reward those who are constructively supporting our economy by building their own businesses and creating income not put more obstacle in their way. This makes no sense at all, it simply detracts from anything of value and once again proves how lost and removed from reality so many of our politicians are.	B		
	2025-11-23 18:28:54	No I do not	More red tape		Jean	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:30:02	No I do not	More red tape		Sophie		
	2025-11-23 18:30:31	No I do not	More red tape	It should be easier doing job creation activities like running a business. This will really make it even more difficult that it should be. Go the opposite direction	Hannes	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 18:30:59	No I do not	More red tape	Do municipalities have the capacity? I do not think so.	Wanda	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 18:31:04	No I do not	More red tape		Jan		
	2025-11-23 18:31:27	No I do not	More red tape		Gloria	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 18:33:00	No I do not	More red tape		Beryl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:42:30	No I do not	More red tape	This kind of thinking is strangling enterprise and business in general. The government's obsession to control every facet of our lives is going to wreck the country even more!	Lindsay	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 18:45:14	No I do not	More red tape		Susanna	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:46:05	No I do not	More red tape	In order to improve the unemployment situation in SA we need less red tape. The proposed legislation will just worsen the existing unemployment crisis.	Izak	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 18:59:53	No I do not	More red tape		Viv	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 19:00:25	No I do not	More red tape		Leandre	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:08:40	No I do not	More red tape		Gerhard	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:17:01	No I do not	More red tape	A weak economy and more challanges to business owner comply with regulations will not only put unnecessary pressure on business owners to comply, but will destroy the current weak economy even further.	Marius	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:18:33	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way to Fund their own pockets, where is it going to stop?	Arthur	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:21:48	No I do not	More red tape		Raghma	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:24:10	No I do not	More red tape		Andrew	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 19:28:36	No I do not	More red tape	This Govt cannot maintain proper administration and are corrupt how much more are the corrupt officials are going to benefit more from the issue of licences. Are they going to tax the street vendors and taxi services that shy away from paying tax	Vaithelimgum	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 19:29:04	No I do not	More red tape	Just taking more tyrannical control that they must not get Just leave us alone you corrupt criminals. You are just doing what you have been told to do by the eugenicist genocidal psychopath globalists and have no interest in the goodwill of South Africans	Trevor	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 19:31:35	No I do not	More red tape	The bill is just a disguise to control South Africa citizens and introduce corruption. This bill is nothing else as a way to marginalize the citizens of South Africa, and another way to milk its citizens and fund an extractive mind set. South Africa has no place any more for an extractive mind set and those wanting to use it for financial funding of their entitlement.	Danie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:35:00	No I do not	More red tape		Regenald	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:36:50	No I do not	More red tape		Jannie	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 19:37:49	No I do not	More red tape		Ilse	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:38:42	No I do not	More red tape		hennop	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 19:39:23	No I do not	More red tape	This bill will give more power to corrupt officials and it also increases the already stupid amount of red tape you have to go through to open a business in this country	Siqhamesihle	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:39:47	No I do not	More red tape	It take away our freedom of choice, the government want to own us and make more money.	Judiana	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 19:43:37	No I do not	More red tape	Were there not business studies proving that more red tape smothers enterprise and small businesses entering the market? Can South Africa afford to lose out on the massive small business market by putting hurdles in the way of job and wealth creation among the most enterprising and entrepreneurial individuals who want to create wealth in their communities?	M	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 19:45:17	No I do not	More red tape		Arthur	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 19:46:03	No I do not	More red tape		De wet	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-23 19:46:04	No I do not	More red tape		De wet	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-23 19:49:31	No I do not	More red tape	Discrimination against the minority groups in SA	Martha	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 19:49:39	No I do not	More red tape		Welme		
	2025-11-23 19:53:49	No I do not	More red tape		Petrus	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-23 19:53:55	No I do not	More red tape		Helene	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 20:00:31	No I do not	More red tape		Des	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:01:08	No I do not	More red tape	If the government cared about the people of South Africa, they wouldn't make it harder to start or own a business, will the unemployment rate at its all time low already, people need to be able to start up their own companies resulting in job creation and better person wealth across the board. If the government makes it more difficult for us to do so, it will result in less businesses being created, less business being able to keep their doors open, the growth of the unemployment rate. Our Economy will suffer greatly.	Charlane	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:05:39	No I do not	More red tape		Paul	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:12:25	No I do not	More red tape	We pay enough taxes and fund the public servants and should not be regulated with such micromanagement laws. Tax payers should be revered and not victimized as they are the blood ,sweat and tears that make this country run.	Etienne	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:13:34	No I do not	More red tape	How can corrupt officials tell us what to do. NO NO NO ¡!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Hennie	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 20:14:36	No I do not	More red tape		michael	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:19:02	No I do not	More red tape	Just another BEE scam to enrich the cadres.	Les	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 20:20:44	No I do not	More red tape		Dermot	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:25:33	No I do not	More red tape	Another money making racket! Not interested!	C	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 20:27:17	No I do not	More red tape	It just becomes more and more complex to start and continue business. what is not taken into consideration is that businesses create jobs and add value to the economy. The government does not add anything or very little to the economy, nor does it help reducing unemployment.	Gerhard	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:42:35	No I do not	More red tape		Mike		
	2025-11-23 20:51:49	No I do not	More red tape		Jacques	Free State	business owner

	2025-11-23 20:54:00	No I do not	More red tape	The only thing saving this country from total economic collapse are small and informal businesses. Creating a registry for transparent reporting is one thing, but creating a preferential system to dictate who qualifies will prevent foreign investment and economic growth. Make it easier to start a business, not harder.	Jacque	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:55:51	No I do not	More red tape	This is totally counter productive for foreign investment and also for South Africans to start their own business. We are not going to create any more jobs this way, not to mention potential restrictions for certain people (who provide millions of jobs) because of demographics.	Angela	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:02:20	No I do not	More red tape		John	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:04:26	No I do not	More red tape		Jurgen		
	2025-11-23 21:10:09	No I do not	More red tape		Helen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:10:10	No I do not	More red tape		Helen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:13:16	No I do not	More red tape		Zel	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 21:13:27	No I do not	More red tape		Leonora	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 21:14:17	No I do not	More red tape		Angela	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:14:17	No I do not	More red tape		Angela	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:15:41	No I do not	More red tape		Rodney	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:20:05	No I do not	More red tape	No clear objective that makes any sense and is able to be policed by the authorities as they have already failed to tax all informal businesses in this country. I don't believe this will assist to change anything except for reverse Apartheid	Barry		
	2025-11-23 21:21:15	No I do not	More red tape	We are battling to keep our business going in a very tuff environment. This only makes it more difficult. Our municipalities can't even deliver basic services! This will only create more obstacles for our business . Also somebody will find a way to corrupt the system.	Caren	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:23:40	No I do not	More red tape		sarel	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:25:41	No I do not	More red tape	Stop damaging the economy and the businesses that employ people! Stop strangling us with red tape! Overcontrol by an incompetent public system is just ANOTHER step backwards!	Arlene	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:31:27	No I do not	More red tape		Percy	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:31:30	No I do not	More red tape		Percy	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:32:24	No I do not	More red tape	Over regulating	Willem	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:33:05	No I do not	More red tape		Peter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:33:05	No I do not	More red tape		Peter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:34:43	No I do not	More red tape	Everybody in this country has a right business growth not only the few elite Africans.	Henry	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 21:39:24	No I do not	More red tape		Shane		
	2025-11-23 21:39:40	No I do not	More red tape		Diana	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 21:40:27	No I do not	More red tape		Ester	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:40:27	No I do not	More red tape		Ester	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:40:49	No I do not	More red tape		BusyB		
	2025-11-23 21:40:56	No I do not	More red tape		Alexandra		
	2025-11-23 21:51:49	No I do not	More red tape		Fritz	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:52:08	No I do not	More red tape	The provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and it preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Anne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 21:57:46	No I do not	More red tape		robert	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 22:00:04	No I do not	More red tape	as we all know, this is just another way for these useless, lazy, lying, thieving degenerates to scam the good people of south africa for more money to line their already overflowing pockets!!! we are all so over them, they must seriously just go and play in the traffic now and let us get on with managing our own lives and businesses. what do we need "govern"ments for, they are so pathetic??? enough. piss off. excuse my french. thank you for taking on these challenges, it is much apprecaited.	cass	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 22:00:20	No I do not	More red tape	Open to abuse & will make it even more difficult to do business in South Africa. Will put off overseas investment in our economy.	Kathy	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 22:01:53	No I do not	More red tape		Heather	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 22:01:55	No I do not	More red tape	We are already a registered company with SARS, and our companies are registered with the professional councils / institutes, why make more red tape. Just get your municipalities working properly.	Carl	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 22:02:30	No I do not	More red tape		Elaine	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 22:03:51	No I do not	More red tape		Fanie		
	2025-11-23 22:09:10	No I do not	More red tape		Alex	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 22:20:03	No I do not	More red tape		Pieter	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 22:20:03	No I do not	More red tape		Pieter	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 22:22:20	No I do not	More red tape		John		
	2025-11-23 22:31:21	No I do not	More red tape		Hennie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 22:31:21	No I do not	More red tape	It is at this stage already difficult to start a business, with all the restriction and red type. May the Lord bless us and also this beautifull country of ours. Amen.	Deon		business owner
	2025-11-23 22:34:15	No I do not	More red tape	This once again just creating more unnecessary 'work' (read responsibilities) in that the licenses have to be renewed every 5 years. Please refer to the firearms requisite to renew licenses also every 5 or 10 years. It HAS HAD ABSOLUTELY NO IMPACT ON BRINGING DOWN CRIME, BUT SAPS IS FORCED TO CARRY OUT THIS UNNECESSARY 'WORK'. Surely these responsible departments should concentrate on doing what they should do first. SOUTH AFRICA HAS ABSOLUTELY NO LAW ENFORCEMENT ALSO, SO WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. ????????	ronnie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 22:45:24	No I do not	More red tape	It is expensive enough to not only open a business in SA, but this just adds more red tape to an already overregulated system.	Angela	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 22:45:51	No I do not	More red tape	Just another government department to an already top heavy system. More red tape and more expenses for business people. Just another way to try and controll everything by government who can't even run a country. Want to tell us who and how to run our businesses. I say no!	Michael	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 22:56:24	No I do not	More red tape		Richard		
	2025-11-23 22:59:56	No I do not	More red tape		James	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 23:00:58	No I do not	More red tape	Currently liquor licences are so behind. Businesses wait upwards of 3 months for something that is supposed to be done in 30 days. Honestly this is something that the current government employees cannit handle. Corruption is rampant. This can only be implemented should the current systems work.	Gloudi	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 23:09:17	No I do not	More red tape		Alan		
	2025-11-23 23:22:31	No I do not	More red tape		Jeanette	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-23 23:31:00	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities is falling apart and cannot even manage their own affairs. How can they decided which businesses should be in the area and approve or not approve. This going to go to the competition board and lots of mediation. What about free trading ?	Andre	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 23:42:38	No I do not	More red tape		Natasha	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 23:56:34	No I do not	More red tape	They try take us for fools, and make money to bring South Africa to it's nees. No, No ,No.	Hendrik		employed individual
	2025-11-24 00:04:37	No I do not	More red tape	This will be bad for the economy, destroy jobs and open the doors to further corruption. It will also be applied on a race basis and be used against minorities .	Richard	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 00:17:32	No I do not	More red tape		Abdul	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 00:56:42	No I do not	More red tape		DW	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 01:25:07	No I do not	More red tape		Greddah	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 01:41:25	No I do not	More red tape		Elizabeth		self-employed
	2025-11-24 01:44:28	No I do not	More red tape		Jose		self-employed
	2025-11-24 02:56:46	No I do not	More red tape	We do not need more interference from corrupt government officials, which wastes time and escalates the cost of doing business in South Africa. On the contrary, legislation, especially BEE, should be relaxed to encourage entrepreneurs and investors to create more jobs.	Sheila	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 04:09:34	No I do not	More red tape		Manuel	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 04:48:23	No I do not	More red tape	Regering en onbekwame munisipaliteite wil net weer geld skep vir eie gewin	Susan	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 04:49:37	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities are useless, they would not be capable of administrating and issuing licenses.	Gareth	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 04:55:12	No I do not	More red tape		Vishnu		
	2025-11-24 05:00:37	No I do not	More red tape		Floris	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:01:05	No I do not	More red tape		W	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 05:10:08	No I do not	More red tape		Arnold	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 05:19:43	No I do not	More red tape	Just to generate more income	Lane		
	2025-11-24 05:27:54	No I do not	More red tape		Nicky	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:31:39	No I do not	More red tape		Vaughan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:40:49	No I do not	More red tape		David		
	2025-11-24 05:41:43	No I do not	More red tape		Charles	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-24 05:43:38	No I do not	More red tape		Carrie	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:44:05	No I do not	More red tape		Henk	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 05:44:55	No I do not	More red tape	Another way to ensure that corruption and extortion can thrive.	Eric	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 05:48:00	No I do not	More red tape		Tish	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 05:57:06	No I do not	More red tape	The requirement to pay for a license every five years, go through the administrative process and cost of this licensing if you want to start a business, and the scope for corruption and abuse in the issuing of the license will all hinder entrepreneurship, increase the cost of starting a business and doing business and this combination will ultimately hamper economic growth at the aggregate level, something south africa really needs given the last decade of low growth!	Chad	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:57:26	No I do not	More red tape	Will kill off small pop-up businesses, often created by crafters or housewifes.	Joke	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 05:59:03	No I do not	More red tape	This is potentially damaging to me and my business. This can sink a company and multiple job losses to hard working people. This will stump all growing of our business. What a bout the guy sitting next to the road selling fruit or meals, will they need to register?	Johan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:01:16	No I do not	More red tape	Let the market decide.	Leo	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 06:07:28	No I do not	More red tape		Francois	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 06:12:21	No I do not	More red tape		Mohummed	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 06:12:27	No I do not	More red tape		Jennifer	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:12:42	No I do not	More red tape		Marius	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:15:47	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:18:02	No I do not	More red tape		Gavin	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:18:56	No I do not	More red tape	We already have CIPC so there is no need for further red tape.	Debbie		
	2025-11-24 06:19:13	No I do not	More red tape	More fraud, more corruption, more red tape for people that are actually paying tax and supporting this country!	Taryn	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:19:54	No I do not	More red tape		Bryn		
	2025-11-24 06:21:13	No I do not	More red tape		Theo	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:21:49	No I do not	More red tape		Quintin		
	2025-11-24 06:22:52	No I do not	More red tape	Instead of looking to make creating jobs easier, this stupid government wants to add more red-tape to an already over-burdened SME sector	Ferdi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:23:59	No I do not	More red tape		Kim	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:26:20	No I do not	More red tape		Melise	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:26:53	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way to strangle the economy. More dictatorship, more communistic practice. All the power or nothing. Welcome to a proper hole in the ground	Tenielle	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:31:06	No I do not	More red tape	We need to reduce methods making it difficult to do business.Not more. Already businesses are straining under petty requirements.	Andre	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:33:47	No I do not	More red tape	Just another nail in the coffin for small business make it easier for business to thrive rather than destroying company's	Vaughn	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:34:21	No I do not	More red tape		Dawid	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 06:36:30	No I do not	More red tape		Andre	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:41:22	No I do not	More red tape	Failing and corrupt municipalities around the country are now going to control business licencing! What could go wrong..... ??	Lesley	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 06:43:30	No I do not	More red tape		John	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 06:46:20	No I do not	More red tape	Small businesses are all struggling as is, why place an extra burdon on their operations and increased effort to start them up? Local governance has failed in every form of service delivery, this activity will be no different and adding to the workload of under reourced local governence.	Jaco	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:46:54	No I do not	More red tape	Lets make doing business easier. There is already too much admin/red tape. Easier to to do business = more people employed.	Merrick	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 06:50:54	No I do not	More red tape		Indrani	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:52:56	No I do not	More red tape	There are millions of people unemployed and these small businesses are trying to put food on their table. No need for red tape and unnecessary expenditure to try and make a living in this country when it is already a challenge to survive here!!	Jean	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 06:55:30	No I do not	More red tape		JACK	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-24 06:57:43	No I do not	More red tape		Rae		
	2025-11-24 06:58:10	No I do not	More red tape		craig	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:01:17	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape and money going into the wrong pockets.	Nikki	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:02:11	No I do not	More red tape		Karen	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 07:04:25	No I do not	More red tape	Another disguised effort to enforce racial based BEE legislation - ensuring the door remains open to full scale corruption. We are already drowning in punitive legislation that adds nothing to our bottom line & by implication the economy & tax payable.	Bryan	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:07:05	No I do not	More red tape		Adrian	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:10:56	No I do not	More red tape	Stop regulating the job creators and tax payers. It's like you want this country to fail.	Marthinus	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:13:13	No I do not	More red tape		barry	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:15:10	No I do not	More red tape	It’s not broken so don’t fix it. Our economy does not need more barriers to people making money .	Jenna-Leah		
	2025-11-24 07:17:38	No I do not	More red tape	instead of supporting local business they are restricting local business. They should restrict foreign "refugees" to local business practices as they are bleeding the local economy and taking money out of the country tax free. The process of licensing that is in the draft bill will lead to corruption and taking away stock is totally not on.	Kevin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 07:19:39	No I do not	More red tape		Daniel	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:20:28	No I do not	More red tape		KOBUS	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:22:04	No I do not	More red tape		Nigel	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:22:33	No I do not	More red tape		Denis	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:23:57	No I do not	More red tape	Just one more nail in the ANC's economic demise coffin.	Geoff	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 07:25:09	No I do not	More red tape	We want to promote SME and business ownership and entrepreneurship in SA. So, what do we do... add more legislation and policies that suffocate freedom of trade. This is bizarre. Do you really think that the municipalities have the capacity to manage this? most can't manage themselves. Rather support and free up/enable the business sector to grow and create jobs. Stop overregulating businesses you had no part in creating.	Melissa	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:25:46	No I do not	More red tape	UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICE AND ONLY GOING TO HUIRT THE ECONOMY MORE	RUI	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:25:55	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another way to regulate and restrict legitimate business owners whilst the unlawful ones carry on with business as usual from a home or garage. This government forgets that I these small business owners largely employ black employees and by continuing to restrict these businesses, this will inevitably lead to the closure of these businesses and even more job losses. The mentality of the ANC is quite frightening. i	Shron	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:27:03	No I do not	More red tape	They already know who owns business, you pay taxes! Why more red tape	Maria	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 07:29:03	No I do not	More red tape		Caramia		business owner
	2025-11-24 07:29:54	No I do not	More red tape	Absolute rubbish. Government wanting more control of things that dont belong to them and have nothing to do with them. Plus we'd most likely have to pay another fee. It would just push me further to open a business in another country.	Steven	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:30:06	No I do not	More red tape	In a Country where we are in desperate need of economic activity to create employment, just more redtape to stifle the law-abiding citizens ability to conduct business. Those who operate in illicit trading activities will in all probability carry on with "business as (un)usual" with no obstruction.	John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:30:57	No I do not	More red tape		James	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:32:02	No I do not	More red tape		Timothy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:32:19	No I do not	More red tape		Charl		
	2025-11-24 07:33:19	No I do not	More red tape	WE have far too much centralised regulation and now we will be burdened with local inspectors that will have the authority to authorise or close a legitimate business operation. The Bill is unconstitutional and if passed, will be open to corruption and bribery at local level. Allow for a free enterprise economy based on empowerment for all our citizens (not foreigners) and thereby lowering our horrific unemployment level that increases as young people (650000per annum) enter into the market place.	Greg	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:33:47	No I do not	More red tape	Just another expense, cost to SME adding to the burden. Is the CIPC Beneficial Ownership not enough?	Jenny	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:34:08	No I do not	More red tape		Lesley	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:34:47	No I do not	More red tape		Charl		
	2025-11-24 07:38:01	No I do not	More red tape		Julian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:38:41	No I do not	More red tape	There is enough paperwork already in running a business. We do not need more bureaucratic laws and regulations	Che	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:40:12	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:40:18	No I do not	More red tape		john	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:40:37	No I do not	More red tape		Bernard	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:40:40	No I do not	More red tape		Loraine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:42:34	No I do not	More red tape	I cannot understand how the introduction of more legislation would unleash growth in an economy where the informal sector plays such a vital role. The government should be focussing on reducing legislation and reducing the size of its workforce. It seems that there are too many people with time on their hands to create new legislation, and too few people focused on eliminating corruption and crime, and getting the basics of running the country in place. Please fix this country!	Theo	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:45:58	No I do not	More red tape		Diana	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:46:16	No I do not	More red tape	The entire private section is over regulated and negatively impact growth and job creation. The anc's regulations is designed to push nothing but their own criminal agendas.	Stefan	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:46:57	No I do not	More red tape		John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:47:15	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape in the hands of people totally unqualified to handle what hey do not even comprehend	Graham	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 07:47:55	No I do not	More red tape		RICHARD	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:48:26	No I do not	More red tape	Another control freak move to steal money	Paul	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:49:19	No I do not	More red tape	Preferential licensing. Government discrimination against minorities. Powers of inspection. More red tape.	Derek	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:50:04	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape will put more of a administration burden on local authorities and delays in registering a new business.	Anton	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:50:16	No I do not	More red tape		Reynard	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:50:40	No I do not	More red tape		Amanda	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:51:10	No I do not	More red tape		John	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:53:12	No I do not	More red tape		Marnell		
	2025-11-24 07:54:15	No I do not	More red tape		Nathalie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:55:24	No I do not	More red tape		Willie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:55:29	No I do not	More red tape	The businesses which are above board, and do everything legally, will have a clean record at SARS. But there should be some ways that the skelms must be pointed out, and they should be charged and delivered to court and SARS.	Dalena	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:56:13	No I do not	More red tape		Anton	Free State	retired

	2025-11-24 07:59:27	No I do not	More red tape		Hester	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:59:54	No I do not	More red tape	This is going to burden businesses even more upon the already unnecessary red tape. Doing business will become even more cumbersome and expensive. More red tape and costs. More bureaucracy and unnecessary costs and time wasted on administration that do not contribute to profitability. This will not grow the economy - it will hamper economic growth. It is clear it is not about business but about control instead of freedom.	CJ	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:00:04	No I do not	More red tape		johan	Free State	
	2025-11-24 08:01:01	No I do not	More red tape	The government cant even manage what they do now., so full of corruption and jobs for pals. This will create more admin for already over regulated small businesses. extra costs for government and businesses. I do not believe that the process will operate fairly or efficiently.	WARREN	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:03:29	No I do not	More red tape		louis		
	2025-11-24 08:05:04	No I do not	More red tape	In South Africa we should be removing barriers to starting a business, not introducing more barriers. The current legislation is sufficient - even too restrictive even, and the desired results can be achieved by just enforcing legislation. This will allow enforcement agencies to just be more selecting in cherry picking which parts of the law they would enforce, and on which demographic they would like to enforce it. Any new business legislation in this country needs to support entrepreneurship, not stifle it.	Ivena	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:05:08	No I do not	More red tape		Efegenia	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:06:28	No I do not	More red tape	We need to unlock investment and empower people to be financially free, not hinder it through another potentially corrupt bill.	Dylan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:07:58	No I do not	More red tape	Sort out corruption first!	Justine	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:08:21	No I do not	More red tape	There is no need for it because the Constitution give us the right of self determination, right to live, right to association. The business are registered with a number and is ample proof of the business. A municipality must focus on service delivery of water, electricity , roads, graas cutting, streetlights, creating and maintenance of sporting facilities.....they can not evrn do that and now they want to add an additional no value add burden and we as taxpayers must pay salaries for kak....	WV	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:09:20	No I do not	More red tape		Desmond	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:09:27	No I do not	More red tape		Amelia	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:09:42	No I do not	More red tape	This Government will close 60% of all businesses if they force people to doing things their way, I will be one to close down overnight, it has been proven hundreds of times BEEE, and the rest of that junk will benefit the wealthy only and create more unemployment and poverty.	jeffrey	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:10:19	No I do not	More red tape	will this be a free service or do you need to pay extra, your business is already registered why do you need to add another layer	Nico	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:10:27	No I do not	More red tape		Guy	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:11:59	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:12:07	No I do not	More red tape		jennifer	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:12:07	No I do not	More red tape		jennifer	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:12:49	No I do not	More red tape	Our municipal systems are in shambles and adding more responsibilities will only worsen corruption, bribery and discourage foreign investment which SA crucially needs.	Adolph	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:13:18	No I do not	More red tape		Dee	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:15:04	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa has a serious unemployment issue. This is largely due to the expensive and over regulated business laws. Every year more and more laws are added that businesses must comply with. This makes it difficult for start ups, and constricts the large corporates. Adding a step to register with Municipalities that already cannot cope with their current work loads, is farcicle. We have seen Municipalities hijacked by corrupt employees, that will now be given more power to steal. Before adding more burden to Business, a full clean up and fix up of State departments has to be done.	Brendan	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:15:27	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses are already under pressure and battling to maintain sustainable levels without added paperwork from bureaucratic inefficiencies.	Bryan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 08:16:40	No I do not	More red tape	Another attempted form of contro;	ALAN	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:16:43	No I do not	More red tape	Just more bull. Absolutely inappropriate for all concerned.	Charmaine	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:17:13	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape we don't need! Who in their right mind will open a business that can be closed at the whim of an inspector? South Africa is already one of the most difficult countries to do business in. We have the highest unemployment, by far, in the G20! Let's just add to the problem with this stupidity!	Kim	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:20:18	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way to control small business. What is the real reason?	Carl	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:20:45	No I do not	More red tape		Thembakazi Thokoza	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:20:46	No I do not	More red tape	No more taxes, no more red tape. It’s difficult enough to get by in this country.	Eric	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:21:07	No I do not	More red tape		james	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:21:24	No I do not	More red tape	There are already many other laws and regulations in place that are in place to govern these very same principles.	Armann	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:21:38	No I do not	More red tape		Jan	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:22:29	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another government tax and money-making racket. We are already taxed beyond our capacity to pay.	Mark	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:22:33	No I do not	More red tape	I just feel in the non-existant economy the Government wants to place more red tape on businesses which is exactly what we as a country should not do. We want more businesses to operate without restricting the business on employing people and running its business as long as they submit and pay tax I don't see why we have to have more red tape filtering in.	Bernadine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:23:18	No I do not	More red tape		Trish	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:23:48	No I do not	More red tape	This just puts more boundaries in place for small businesses, and adds yet ANOTHER avenue for corruption.	Jakes	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:26:07	No I do not	More red tape		Glenda	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 08:28:16	No I do not	More red tape		Eric	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:28:30	No I do not	More red tape		Abbey	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:28:42	No I do not	More red tape	business licensing should be made easier nor more difficult to encourage investment. The new system iwill also encourage further corruption	Evan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:29:58	No I do not	More red tape	Yet another form of trying to control free enterprise by the ANC, when they can't even run the country properly.	Roberta	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:30:19	No I do not	More red tape	WE NEED TO EMPOWER PEOPLE TO BE FINANCIALY FREE, NOT HINDER IT THROUGH ANOTHER POTENTIALLY C0RRAPT BILL	JACOBUS		retired
	2025-11-24 08:31:04	No I do not	More red tape	there is so much paper work already	IAN	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:31:16	No I do not	More red tape		carol		
	2025-11-24 08:31:29	No I do not	More red tape		CHARMAIN	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 08:31:55	No I do not	More red tape	As an employee of a small business who has been operating for over 34 years, each year there is a "New" legislation which we are required to subscribe to placing more & more financial pressure on small business. The result will be closure of more SME's, possibly disinvestment of large companies in our Country and more job losses, which SA can not afford.	Jo	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:32:02	No I do not	More red tape		philip		
	2025-11-24 08:33:55	No I do not	More red tape	More Government control	Colleen	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 08:34:34	No I do not	More red tape	Government needs to be making it easier to start and operate businesses, not make it more difficult with all these licences and laws. Don't we already have enough laws in this country. It seems there is a never- ending conveyor belt of new laws coming out. And, of course, this all requires business owners to pay licence fees, which is all that government actually wants everyone to do, and that is pay them more and more money. Is this not a duplication of what the CIPC already does, and which we, as business owners, have to constantly pay for?	Clive	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:36:00	No I do not	More red tape		Wynand	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-24 08:36:08	No I do not	More red tape		Wayne	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:36:59	No I do not	More red tape		christiaan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:37:48	No I do not	More red tape	Unnecessary and unworkable. Will create more goverment red tape . Completely unneeded and aims for more goverment control in private businesses	Brandon Crous	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 08:38:35	No I do not	More red tape	So now the grand plan is to license every business in South Africa. Wonderful. Because clearly what this country needs, in the middle of failing infrastructure, collapsing services, and endless corruption scandals, is even more bureaucracy. More queues, more forms, more chances for someone behind a counter to ask for a bribe, or eish.... system offline. Instead of fixing water failures, load shedding, broken municipalities, or billions that disappears without explanation, the state turns its attention to the ONLY part of the economy still breathing on its own. People hustling to survive. Families relying on side businesses. Street vendors who keep communities going. The timing is absurd. Government cannot track billions, yet you want to track a teenager selling snacks at a taxi rank. And we are somehow expected to trust these dysfunctional municipalities to process millions of licenses correctly and on time, without delays or bribes or the classic come back next week. It feels more like both a tax grab and a power grab dressed up as good policy. Here is the part no one wants to say. A law like this can easily be used to pressure specific demographics. Informal traders, non-BBBEE small businesses, rural businesses, and anyone who cannot spend hours in a municipal queue will feel the weight first. A licensing system becomes an excuse to harass, confiscate, or selectively enforce rules. Not because the business is unsafe, but because the owner is easy to corner. If the government wants growth, stop interfering with people who are simply trying to stay afloat. Scrap the idea of licensing every business. Remove the belief that the state must approve every act of trade. Let people operate freely, start instantly, and build without waiting for permissions that may never come, or come at the cost of a bribe. An economy recovers when citizens are trusted to trade, innovate, and create without being smothered by an overbearing state. Time to start licenseing politicians?	Sean	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:38:36	No I do not	More red tape		Beryl	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 08:38:48	No I do not	More red tape		Charles	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:39:08	No I do not	More red tape	There are other issues that need prioritising	Paul	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:39:45	No I do not	More red tape		Jacki	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:41:22	No I do not	More red tape	The economy is stagnant enough as it is without putting an extra burden on business owners. Allow them to thrive for the economies sake.	Joseph	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 08:45:21	No I do not	More red tape	The more regulations and laws the more the economy will shrink.	Cornelis	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:45:27	No I do not	More red tape		Silas	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:47:42	No I do not	More red tape	No, no no. The more regulations and laws the more the economy will shrink.	Liza	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:49:49	No I do not	More red tape		Sue	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 08:50:42	No I do not	More red tape		Andrew	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:51:01	No I do not	More red tape		Jan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:51:26	No I do not	More red tape	Just another honey pot to be stolen from	ray	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 08:51:29	No I do not	More red tape	Most folks on the ground, myself included, see these things as just another lekker groot money-suck, and honestly… the pattern doesn’t lie. Here’s the blunt truth — no sugar-coating, no politics, just straight talk: 1. SA’s track record with “new systems” is… yoh, rough Every time they announce a new national framework, it somehow turns into: more admin, more departments, more inspectors with clipboards, and definitely more “fees” or “compliance costs”. And where does that money go? Into the void, bru. Like dropping coins in a longdrop — you’ll never see them again. 2. The Bill looks good on paper, but in practice? It’s basically: “Let’s introduce a new layer of licensing.” “Let’s add another place where businesses must pay.” “Let’s give the minister a rubber stamp the size of the Karoo.” And then they call it “supporting small business.” Ja right — supporting them straight into bankruptcy. 3. It will hit small businesses the hardest The oke with a spaza, a backyard mechanic, a small farm kiosk… These are the people keeping whole communities alive, and now they might need: applications, renewals, inspections, documents, compliance forms… Just to sell a vetkoek. Dis mos mal. 4. Big businesses will just steamroll through it They have legal teams, consultants, auditors — licensing is an inconvenience. For the little guy, it’s a death sentence. 5. And yes — it smells like another revenue tap When the government’s broke, they don’t innovate… They regulate. More rules = more enforcement = more fines = more money. A classic “money drain” is all it is.	John	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:51:29	No I do not	More red tape	It appears the SA government is intent on making entrepreneurship more and more burdensome. The incentives to close shop in SA are increasing. Why give municipalities more power when they cannot even maintain suburbs? But more than that, make business easier and more rewarding to stimulate business creation and growth.	Emily	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-24 08:51:37	No I do not	More red tape	Not only will more red tape interfere with the governance of small businesses but the free flow of operation will be impacted. Nothing the government manages operates well except SARS. If it operates like the Dept of Labour or workmans comp then its a waste of energy and will cost tax payers billions to implement.	Deb	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:51:41	No I do not	More red tape		Delcia	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:52:00	No I do not	More red tape	JUST ANOTHER PIECE OF RED TAPE . DOING SMALL BUSINESS IN SA IS ALREADY VERY DIFFICULT. THE POWERS THAT THE INSPECTORS HAVE WILL RUIN BUSINESS	BEN	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:52:39	No I do not	More red tape		Pieter		
	2025-11-24 08:52:58	No I do not	More red tape		Rensche	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:53:17	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 08:54:45	No I do not	More red tape	Simply no. It does not make any business sense.	Jan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:55:11	No I do not	More red tape	This isn't support for business — it's nothing but another layer of red tape. They offer no value, only more control and more costs. It's regulation dressed up as progress, but in reality, it's legalized extortion.	Nikki	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:57:08	No I do not	More red tape	For government to have the authority to preferentially decide who obtains business licenses is a gross overreach of power that will harm free enterprise and move SA away from being a free society. This is a democracy. Stop with these types of harmful proposed laws that only damages our economy.	Eugene	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:57:47	No I do not	More red tape	For South Africa to thrive economically, businesses should be as easy as possible to start and to run, and have has little risk as possible. It is businesses that should be providing jobs at the end of the day, not the government. The government should be supporting people who take the risk of running businesses. More power plays and red tape does the opposite.	Susan		
	2025-11-24 08:57:56	No I do not	More red tape		Audrey	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:59:33	No I do not	More red tape		Bryan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:00:45	No I do not	More red tape		MICHAEL	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:00:55	No I do not	More red tape	Vote Against the Business Licensing Bill 1. Increased Red Tape for Every Business This adds extra admin, time, and compliance costs, especially for small businesses already struggling. 2. Delays and Uncertainty Municipalities have 30–44 days to approve a licence. Given how slow many municipalities already are, this could result in: Businesses waiting weeks to start trading Delays in expansions or new branches More power for municipal officials, which increases the risk of abuse or corruption 3. Heavy-Handed Enforcement Powers Inspectors would gain very broad authority: They can demand proof of a licence anytime Confiscate goods Issue fines Shut down operations Many businesses fear officials could misuse these powers, especially in informal or small business sectors. 4. Potential Job and Investment Loss Business groups and economists warn that: Investors avoid highly regulated environments More paperwork → higher operating costs Small businesses may simply close or go informal This can reduce employment, not grow it. 5. Risk of Discriminatory Licensing Neasa claims the Bill creates a "preference system", which could: Limit who qualifies for a licence Introduce demographic or nationality criteria, even indirectly Potentially become "BEE in disguise," as they put it This raises concerns about fairness, equal opportunity, and political interference. 6. Another Layer on Top of Existing Systems We already have: CIPC / SARS /Municipal permits / Health & safety compliance / Industry-specific licences Another national registry + mandatory licence could be an unnecessary duplication instead of simplification. 7. Risk to Informal and Micro Businesses Informal traders and small operators would be forced into a formal licensing process they may not afford or understand. This may: Push them out of business Increase fines and confiscations Reduce local economic activity in townships and rural areas	Sharmaine	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:02:55	No I do not	More red tape		Jeremie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:03:34	No I do not	More red tape	Why do you even need a licence to start a business? We have such a huge unemployment problem, people should be free to earn a living without more red tape. More power going to authorities, less power in the hands of Joe Citizen.	Shayne	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 09:05:09	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way to suppress the minority group in South Africa.	Rina	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:05:10	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way to suppress the minority group in South Africa.	Rina	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:05:25	No I do not	More red tape		Pat	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:05:46	No I do not	More red tape	ANC Government as usual trying to take control of everything	Gavin	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:06:48	No I do not	More red tape	There is already way too much red tape for small businesses who spend a lot of time on non-productive compliance issues. The inspectors will have too much power and will be open to bribery and corruption. Why will there be preferential licensing? Business owners are creating employment which the country sorely needs and the government will just be hampering this.	Wendy		business owner
	2025-11-24 09:07:36	No I do not	More red tape		bruce	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:08:20	No I do not	More red tape	No need for further red tape or control by a Govt that can't even control what NEEDS to be controlled.	Claire		
	2025-11-24 09:08:25	No I do not	More red tape		Lieb	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:09:39	No I do not	More red tape	It is more red tape, more compliance and open to corruption.	Roy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:11:20	No I do not	More red tape	Over-legislation always leads to less business and economic collapse. History is proof of this.	Brigid	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:11:29	No I do not	More red tape	We need less red tape - not more. Not to mention over-regulation, abuse of power and discrimination.	SHARON	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:11:29	No I do not	More red tape	We need less red tape - not more. Not to mention over-regulation, abuse of power and discrimination.	SHARON	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:11:36	No I do not	More red tape	This ANC government is only concerned in gaining control of all businesses, which is an absolute NO, NO!!!!	Bev	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:12:24	No I do not	More red tape	the current licensing works just fine	george		retired

	2025-11-24 09:12:38	No I do not	More red tape	As a small business owner we are already overwhelmed by bureaucracy in terms of compliance with existing laws. Inspectors arrive at the door without an appointment and have the right to stop your business activities to provide information they already have through statutory submissions. The left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing as different inspectors from the same department come a few weeks apart and demand the same information. "Preferential allocation of licenses, favouring South African citizens"; More overt xenophobia against people who have uprooted their own lives in the country of birth to risk everything to try to build a better life for themselves. These are the people who have initiative and drive, and as a result end up employing South Africans, in their businesses. One way to kill the golden goose. Finally, no mention of the cost of this licensing. A whole new department of employees to police business. Who will pay for it..... the business owner. Furthermore, having to renew the license every 5 years, another mechanism to print money for government, just like the driving license and the vehicle registration changes.	Steve	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:13:10	No I do not	More red tape		Michael		
	2025-11-24 09:13:46	No I do not	More red tape		Linda	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:13:54	No I do not	More red tape		Douglas		
	2025-11-24 09:13:56	No I do not	More red tape		Douglas		
	2025-11-24 09:14:06	No I do not	More red tape		Werner	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:15:13	No I do not	More red tape		Marius	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:15:43	No I do not	More red tape	Instead of forcing people to get licences, how about making it easier for people to start business that will employ more people	Jean		
	2025-11-24 09:16:26	No I do not	More red tape	MOre red tape, more money that they can just take and not applied within the right parametters. Every bloody person fill a vehicle contribute 36% to various tax which is used for what a 4billion Rand awards function. WTfudge	Paul		
	2025-11-24 09:18:03	No I do not	More red tape	Government should be encouraging business, not hindering it, but since their ultimate goal seems to be keep the majority poor and illiterate, this is not surprising. No more red tape	Angus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:18:15	No I do not	More red tape	we have been in business since 1982, the annual returns and BO are costing additional amounts annually, with business being so bad and unemployment numbers rising, more costs are going to cause more hardship for employers	Denise	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:19:07	No I do not	More red tape		Suren		
	2025-11-24 09:19:18	No I do not	More red tape		Nkosithandile Sanele	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:19:43	No I do not	More red tape	The amount of compliance that businesses in South Africa are subjected to is getting way out of hand. This is counterproductive to lowering the unemployment rate and will only become another bottomless pit of bribery, wasted Taxpayer money and corruption. South Africa cannot afford this.	Bernie	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:19:47	No I do not	More red tape		Gert	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:20:51	No I do not	More red tape	As a small business owner, I have calcualted I spend over a week working for the government just doing paper work, and paying levies and such. And I have been forced to outsource some of this work (it the businesses) cost to try and make sure I have all the n many things in place. This is just another thing. Small business are being reduced to rubble by this over regulation. Ever way I turn there is some other thing I have to have in place, just so that I can survive. And the employees are the ones that suffer, we have to hire less people since it is costing us too much money to keep up with all this red tape.	Warren	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:20:58	No I do not	More red tape	Business Licensing is not what should be focused on Ii is running well, why change it Changing it will give power to the wrong people and allow more places for corruption.	Annelie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:21:44	No I do not	More red tape		Dave	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:22:06	No I do not	More red tape	Let's have less red tape, NOT more!	Christopher	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:23:53	No I do not	More red tape	Once again just adding another requirement for business to operate. We need to make it as easy as possible for business to form and operate, not harder. It breaks my brain how the ANC is all about creating jobs and we meed more jobs, but then they literally make it harder for business to start and operate, which will result in more jobs…. Crazy stuff	Ewan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:24:57	No I do not	More red tape	The government wants to control all aspects of our lives. It is just another way to prevent white people to open businesses and to control who they are allowed to employ. We are becoming if not already a commie state.	kenneth	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:25:52	No I do not	More red tape	There are a couple of problems: 1. More red tap 2. More centralised control - socialism at work 3. BEE in disguise 4. Taking away my freedom of choice	Haydn	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:26:09	No I do not	More red tape		Andries Hendrik	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:26:10	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support this bill. As a SME, there is already so much red tape involved in running a business, which increases the costs, without any real benefit to the business. The CIPC already regulates businesses - why duplicate this?	Gayle	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:27:25	No I do not	More red tape	We need less government oversight, not more. It is just another way for corruption to exist and leads to more red tape for small business owners making it harder and more expensive to run small businesses. The private sector is what is driving the economy and more regulation stops small businesses from thriving and consequently contributing to the economy. Look at every first world country with a strong GDP and a growing economy. They have less regulation and governing, more autonomy for small business to thrive. Regulations smother businesses and just add to administrative bloat and expenses without adding value to the economy.	Rentia	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:27:35	No I do not	More red tape	The more business is restricted the more devious it becomes. the registration of business should be easier so more people would open and employ people. this notion by the state shows the inability of free trade.	IAN	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:27:41	No I do not	More red tape		Riaan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:28:20	No I do not	More red tape	We need policies that will stimulate job creation and not overburden small business with more red tape. As it is, it is a legal requirement for companies to be registered with CIPC and SARS amongst other government departments. This should be sufficient in terms of registrations and government should go after those that are non-compliant under these laws instead of introducing further laws and essentially stealth taxes. I also fear that this process can be open to abuse and therefore am strongly opposed to it.	Mark	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:28:43	No I do not	More red tape		Carolina	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:28:46	No I do not	More red tape		Louis	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:28:56	No I do not	More red tape	I oppose the proposed Business Licensing Bill because it gives an already overburdened and often inefficient government even more power to interfere in the economy. South African small businesses are struggling under existing red tape, weak municipal capacity, and constant uncertainty — adding a nationwide licensing system will only make it harder for entrepreneurs to start, operate, and grow. Instead of supporting job creation and investment, this Bill risks throttling the very people who keep our economy afloat. It opens the door to more bureaucracy, more delays, more corruption, and more opportunities for arbitrary enforcement. At a time when we desperately need economic freedom and growth, this legislation moves us in the exact wrong direction.	Hendrik	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:31:05	No I do not	More red tape	This sounds like another excuse for people who don't know how to run a business to destroy more of the economy. Government is always a parasite, the trick is to keep the host alive. Stupid government will always destroy the population it governs. Our economy has been transformed to being on life support.	Joy	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:31:13	No I do not	More red tape	This would lead to more potential points of interference in business by the state, the exact opposite of what is needed for economic growth. And economic growth is what is needed most by South Africa at this stage...	Johan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:31:14	No I do not	More red tape	This would lead to more potential points of interference in business by the state, the exact opposite of what is needed for economic growth. And economic growth is what is needed most by South Africa at this stage...	Johan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:32:27	No I do not	More red tape		Madeleine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:33:28	No I do not	More red tape		PATRICK	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:33:47	No I do not	More red tape		Joseph	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:35:09	No I do not	More red tape		Wendy	Western Cape	business owner

	2025-11-24 09:37:42	No I do not	More red tape	This bill just adds overhead and uncertainty to small businesses, in addition to centralizing decision making in the hands of officials. There is enough risk in establishing and running a small business without the addition of more official processes, especially combined with renewal periods which create long-term uncertainty. And that the process of licensing a business has to be approved by people who a) have never run a business, and b) run dysfunctional municipalities and government departments, just guarantees failure. I do not support this bill in any way.	Donald	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:38:01	No I do not	More red tape	Whilst the objective to have a central register of businesses is understandable, and to have a uniform business licencing policy is commendable, the entrenched BBEEE requirements are outdated and unnecessary. South Africa has been a democracy for more than 30 years and the so-called "disadvantaged" groups should no longer exist. This failure is entirely due to the lack of development of basic infrastructure, the failure of the basic education system, and the restrictive policies and the desire for centralised control of every aspect of the economy fostered by the previous governments that is preventing development and enhancement of the majority of the population. The only way, I believe, to exit this current cycle of very high unemployment and very low economic growth is to encourage everyone to start small businesses to at least become self-sufficient and self-sustaining and to reduce the dependency on "social grants".	Malcolm	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:38:05	No I do not	More red tape	I want a free market economy and not an over regulated and government controlled economy	Liesl	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:39:38	No I do not	More red tape	It's like they on purpose trying to sabotage the economy. Agenda 2030 in lockstep with their foreign government counterparts. Aim is to destroy the family unit, the middleclass, individual sovereignty, free trade and to enslave and monitor every single person through digital ID and CBDCs. This is just another step in that direction. People had better wake up and stand together very soon or we all going to have a very abrupt awakening but it'll be too late.	Safwaan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:39:44	No I do not	More red tape	The problem continues to be how these laws will be used and implemented. Too often it becomes an instrument serving a political goal or to gather power and privilege into the hands of a select few. Also giving agents or officers of the state even more intrusive access into the running of private business in this country, where Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment has already had a ball-and-chain effect on the economy of this country (which it can ill afford), is not a good policy move. People already have enough of a headache keeping SARS fed and happy. Once again, it's not really a race issue, so much as a business issue. Being forced to either admit or assimilate persons (in)to your business by arbitrary law, and not by what would make good business (or common) sense is just going to be another worry and millstone around the necks of an ever dwindling number of business people and entrepreneurs in this country. Having someone poking around or ordering you around in your private business affairs, whether by current laws, new laws or BBBEE laws is not conducive to growing business, which is needed to grow jobs, and ultimately grow our current stagnant economy. Also the ghost of the recent Covid lockdowns with the revealed corruption, often nonsensical and unpractical restrictions and sometimes heavy-handed implementation accompanying it (in this instance thank heavens we have a pretty poorly performing police force et al.) does not engender much faith that these new laws once passed would be used as advertised on the box and not for enforcing undisclosed agendas and aims, once again enriching or empowering a select elite, as has been the case in the past (both before and after apartheid).	Francois	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:39:53	No I do not	More red tape		John	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 09:40:09	No I do not	More red tape	This law restricts business. i want to start my own my business but reading about this made me change my mind. a business of my own will just cause me a lot of trouble.	Riaan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:40:16	No I do not	More red tape		Gavin	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:40:21	No I do not	More red tape		Leon	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:42:11	No I do not	More red tape		Jan		
	2025-11-24 09:42:58	No I do not	More red tape	The economy is in dire need of new entrepreneurs. We need to make it easier for new entrants, not more onerous.	Johan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:43:33	No I do not	More red tape	This bill is obviously designed to give more centralised to the government, although they're saying the municipalities will manage this. The municipalities cannot manage their own areas of work. How does the government think they will manage this, except in some authoritarian manner? There are too many informal businesses that do not follow any laws and do not pay any taxes. The taxi industry, for example, should be included in any legislative actions. It is a law unto itself.	Liz	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:43:44	No I do not	More red tape		David		
	2025-11-24 09:44:42	No I do not	More red tape		Simon		
	2025-11-24 09:45:22	No I do not	More red tape	It is difficult enough to run a small business in this country with the existing red tape - the last thing we need is another demand for licensing. Add to that the elements of possible preferential licensing based on BEE and there is a disaster in the making.	Debbie	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:46:00	No I do not	More red tape		Ivan	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:49:07	No I do not	More red tape		Charles	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:49:28	No I do not	More red tape	My business is already registered, pay CIPC, monthly payments to SARS, banking costs, annual bookkeeping report to SARS on Pty Ltd, etc. Struggle to keep everything afloat, ... What or who wants to know more or again of what is already known ? Pure BS	Andre	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:49:49	No I do not	More red tape	Yet again another issue for the government to steal from an already struggling economy.	Sven	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:49:49	No I do not	More red tape	Yet again another issue for the government to steal from an already struggling economy.	Sven	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:51:23	No I do not	More red tape	There is enough beaurocracy and goverment control, we are not communistic we are a democracy. it would be just another racistic law to add to the many.	yvette	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:51:52	No I do not	More red tape	My business is already registered, pay CIPC, monthly payments to SARS, banking costs, annual bookkeeping report to SARS on Pty Ltd, etc.	Sidney	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:52:05	No I do not	More red tape	This will have the opposite effect to its intend. More over regulation. Designed to bring smaller dodgy businesses into line but with unnecessarily burden existing properly run businesses.	colin	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 09:53:27	No I do not	More red tape	Does government appreciate how difficult business is , only government is scoring from every R1 of sale Allow businesses less red tape and create more jobs	Haroon	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:53:42	No I do not	More red tape		Martin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:54:31	No I do not	More red tape	This licensing from Municipalities will not work and will affect business operations. Municipalities are the heart of corruption, they can not be given powers to inspect private businesses, they will destroy the businesses and increase unemployment to the country.	Patrick	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:55:18	No I do not	More red tape	Our government seems to be killing the economy. The unemployment rate is unacceptably high. So if one decides to open a business for lack employment opportunities, they will face more red tape in trying?	Andile	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:55:26	No I do not	More red tape	Ridiculous! Do those people, making there ridiculous laws, not have something better thank looking for ..s...t? Totally unproductive and certainly not positively building Sout Africa.	Johann	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:55:51	No I do not	More red tape	Government desperately needs more business in SA, not less, there are already too many rules for business owners. This is totally unnecessary and will make business ownership more burdensome to the average citizen.	Boyd	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:55:51	No I do not	More red tape	Make it easier to do business in SA, not harder! And where will the registration money go, whose pockets will it line? Definitely NO new Business Licensing Bill!	Sally		
	2025-11-24 09:56:47	No I do not	More red tape	Small and Medium size businesses have a tough enough time with all the regulations and anti Red tape in this backward country! STOP IT ALREADY!	Linda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:58:05	No I do not	More red tape	With the record of our current government so far, any more interference by them in the private sector is totally undesirable for progress in this country. Another means of gaining money from the private sector ; " if you want a licence, cross my palm with silver " will be the result.	John	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 09:58:10	No I do not	More red tape	With the record of our current government so far, any more interference by them in the private sector is totally undesirable for progress in this country. Another means of gaining money from the private sector ; " if you want a licence, cross my palm with silver " will be the result.	John	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 09:58:23	No I do not	More red tape	With the record of our current government so far, any more interference by them in the private sector is totally undesirable for progress in this country. Another means of gaining money from the private sector ; " if you want a licence, cross my palm with silver " will be the result.	John	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 09:58:27	No I do not	More red tape	With the record of our current government so far, any more interference by them in the private sector is totally undesirable for progress in this country. Another means of gaining money from the private sector ; " if you want a licence, cross my palm with silver " will be the result.	John	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 09:58:52	No I do not	More red tape		Jacques	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:59:20	No I do not	More red tape		Rod		

	2025-11-24 10:00:43	No I do not	More red tape	It will create more and excessive red tape. Businesses are already snowed under all the legal obligations that they must do to stay in business. Fica and Cipro to name two, that requires and generates lots of paper work every year. This will just create additional financial burdens to already cash strapped entrepreneurs. This will also grant unnecessary powers to unqualified government and municipal employees. Abuse of power is a big concern here. I urge the government to reconsider the bill and explore alternative solutions that will support business growth and economic development. Is there no way that you can find a way to support businesses instead of adding more hassle??	Tanja		
	2025-11-24 10:00:46	No I do not	More red tape		jonathan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:00:49	No I do not	More red tape	CIPC registration should be sufficient for all legal businesses Municipalities are not able to manage current affairs Additional duties will lead to more paperwork and open new avenues for corruption	Zigmund		
	2025-11-24 10:01:51	No I do not	More red tape		Neil	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:01:57	No I do not	More red tape		Jackie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:02:26	No I do not	More red tape	We are trying to create the jobs that government is failing to do - and now you want us, the entrepreneurs, to obtain licences from Municipalities that are inefficient, corrupt and basically bankrupt?	John	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:03:12	No I do not	More red tape		Duncan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:04:14	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities are already overwhelmed with service delivery issues, this will slow down everything even more. And every 5 years! No ways, that's just a money making scam. And then they revoke your license for some silly reason? No. While I respect the need to make sure businesses are functioning within the law and are not selling counterfeit goods - this will strangle the small businesses which are the life blood of our economy. Find another way to do that without compromising flourishing lawful businesses. The counterfeiters will just find another way and the lawful business will be hamstrung by yet more red tape and bureaucratic BS.	Nicola	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:04:25	No I do not	More red tape	This will create more red tap. Municipalities have expertise and capacity to do such work when they are struggling with provisions of basic servuce delivery. There is no socioeconomic impact assessment that has been done in line with cabinet directives. If such impact assessment has been it has not been shared by the public. Businesses are already registered under companies act and government should simply create a consolidated centralized database rather than creating beauracracy	Kuda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:04:36	No I do not	More red tape	Government should focus on restoring law & order and safety & seciurity as their top priority at this stage and should use all the resources they have available to sort the current security mess out. They should not interfere with business and keep adding more and more red tape to make business more difficult in a country that needs as many small businesses as possible to create jobs and economic growth in the country. Government have an extremely bad track track record in running businesses as can be seen by the many failed SOE's. If they can't even run their own businesses, they should stay well away from private businesses and not meddle with these in any way, shape or form. They should create an envirnment for these private businesses to flourish, not be tied down by endless amouns of red tape.	Duonne	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:05:07	No I do not	More red tape	There should be freedom of trade to allow proper competition, creation of more job opportunities and def. no control over business's by corrupt officials who decides who can and can't trade, who one can or cannot employ. Business's already have enough of a hard time running their business's and trying to make a living for themselves and their employees without the government wanting them to jump thro' more hoops and having to pay for it.	Jean	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 10:05:55	No I do not	More red tape	I am also concerned that Municipalities do not have the capacity to implement the issuing and renewal of licenses effectively.	Johannes	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 10:06:30	No I do not	More red tape	SME's already have a mountain of red tape to navigate - why would you want to hamper a sector of investors that are one of the biggest employers in a time of nearly no employment opportunities? It boggles the mind that government is actively adding more paperwork to hamper growth in the sector!	Caryn	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:07:14	No I do not	More red tape		Fritz	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:07:52	No I do not	More red tape	The municipalities are battling to provide normal services to their communities as it is. For the municipalities to issue a business operating license is a call for disaster, considering the red tape and corruption.	Pamela	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:09:49	No I do not	More red tape	The Municipalities cannot even provide basic services, so imagine the chaos administrating said business licences. The danger of preferential issuing of business licences is also very concerning.....this opens the door for more corruption !	ERIC GK	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 10:12:21	No I do not	More red tape		Norman	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:12:40	No I do not	More red tape	Ready the book "Why Nations Fail". A book by Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson. That says enough.	Johan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:13:43	No I do not	More red tape		marcel		
	2025-11-24 10:14:53	No I do not	More red tape	This is going to deter entrepreneurship and employment creation.	Laika	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 10:15:24	No I do not	More red tape		carlo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:15:35	No I do not	More red tape	Remove the red tape please and allow our businesses to flourish. This just looks like another opportunity for control and squeezing more money out of business.	Teresa	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:16:08	No I do not	More red tape	Just another tactic by this oppressive government to oppress its law abiding citizens by making it even more difficult to survive , increasing the corruption of the corruption , making it easier for the corrupt authorities to extort more money from the already struggling businesses	Ismail	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:17:22	No I do not	More red tape		Martin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:18:26	No I do not	More red tape	We are already struggling to survive, thos will definitely be the proverbial straw on the camel's back	nellie	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:18:48	No I do not	More red tape	Just another tactic by this oppressive government to oppress its law abiding citizens by making it even more difficult to survive , increasing the corruption of the corruption , making it easier for the corrupt authorities to extort more money from the already struggling businesses. Politicians don't work, and everyone else won't be allowed to work unless you pay your 50% share to your ruling overseer.	Frans		
	2025-11-24 10:19:09	No I do not	More red tape		Samantha	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:20:03	No I do not	More red tape	Small businesses are struggling to make ends meet as is. More regulation and fees are not feasible and do not help our economy to thrive. Rather concentrate efforts on providing services and infrastructure which are lacking, such as water and electricity and THEN regulate a better-thriving economy.	Janine	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 10:20:17	No I do not	More red tape	Just another system to screw honest, hard working people around. Should you wish to address illegal I migrants and illegal businesses, it is the incapable incompetent SAPS job.	Gert		
	2025-11-24 10:21:24	No I do not	More red tape	this creates an unnecessary burden on tax complient businesses that are already struggling to keep their businesses afloat. i feel its an unnecessary added expense and more room for corruption with inspectors who may use it as a tool in the wrong way.	mohammed	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:22:22	No I do not	More red tape		Nicholas	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 10:24:52	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities are already overwhelmed with service delivery issues and I think this is extortion cloaked in the name of "modernising". Businesses are already registered with CIPC, and thats enough. You'd think that the government would try to help businesses but they are actually just making it harder for businesses with this new proposed bill.	Felecia	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:24:58	No I do not	More red tape		Deon	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:24:58	No I do not	More red tape	Its not worth starting a business or trying to be productive in this country any more as the government - who we fund through taxes - is intent on destroying everything through legislation instead of focusing on its own efficiency.	Algernon		self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:26:09	No I do not	More red tape	PREFERENTIAL LICENCING, POWERS OF INSPECTORS. MORE COSTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES	SAM	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:26:48	No I do not	More red tape		Joshua	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:26:56	No I do not	More red tape	Please, People, we need to build the country, not break it down. Do not punish people because of their skin color, we need to stand together as a whole.	Jaun	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:27:40	No I do not	More red tape	we don't need more red tap, taxes, it's wasteful and inefficient.	hassan	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-24 10:28:22	No I do not	More red tape	I object to the Business Licensing Bill in its current form. This Bill will make it harder—not easier—to run a business in South Africa. Requiring every business to apply for a five-year licence creates unnecessary red tape, delays, and extra costs. Municipalities already struggle with basic service delivery, so adding a national licensing system is unrealistic and will lead to backlogs and corruption. The Bill also gives inspectors excessive powers to demand licences, issue fines, and confiscate goods. This opens the door to abuse, especially against small businesses and informal traders. I am strongly concerned about the possibility of demographic “preference criteria” influencing who gets a licence. That is discriminatory and should not determine whether someone may operate a legal business. Illegal traders and counterfeiters already ignore the law; this Bill punishes compliant businesses instead of fixing enforcement. South Africa should be removing barriers to entrepreneurship, not creating new ones.	Riaan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:28:48	No I do not	More red tape		rob	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:28:57	No I do not	More red tape		Constantinos	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:29:09	No I do not	More red tape		Merle	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:30:43	No I do not	More red tape		Doug	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 10:30:53	No I do not	More red tape	I object to the Business Licensing Bill in its current form. This Bill will make it harder—not easier—to run a business in South Africa. Requiring every business to apply for a five-year licence creates unnecessary red tape, delays, and extra costs. Municipalities already struggle with basic service delivery, so adding a national licensing system is unrealistic and will lead to backlogs and corruption. The Bill also gives inspectors excessive powers to demand licences, issue fines, and confiscate goods. This opens the door to abuse, especially against small businesses and informal traders. I am strongly concerned about the possibility of demographic “preference criteria” influencing who gets a licence. That is discriminatory and should not determine whether someone may operate a legal business. Illegal traders and counterfeiters already ignore the law; this Bill punishes compliant businesses instead of fixing enforcement. South Africa should be removing barriers to entrepreneurship, not creating new ones.	Pieter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:31:08	No I do not	More red tape		Kyle	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:33:11	No I do not	More red tape	I object to the Business Licensing Bill in its current form. This Bill will make it harder—not easier—to run a business in South Africa. Requiring every business to apply for a five-year licence creates unnecessary red tape, delays, and extra costs. Municipalities already struggle with basic service delivery, so adding a national licensing system is unrealistic and will lead to backlogs and corruption. The Bill also gives inspectors excessive powers to demand licences, issue fines, and confiscate goods. This opens the door to abuse, especially against small businesses and informal traders. I am strongly concerned about the possibility of demographic “preference criteria” influencing who gets a licence. That is discriminatory and should not determine whether someone may operate a legal business. Illegal traders and counterfeiters already ignore the law; this Bill punishes compliant businesses instead of fixing enforcement. South Africa should be removing barriers to entrepreneurship, not creating new ones.	Hannelie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:33:51	No I do not	More red tape		helga	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:34:37	No I do not	More red tape	I object to the Business Licensing Bill in its current form. This Bill will make it harder—not easier—to run a business in South Africa. Requiring every business to apply for a five-year licence creates unnecessary red tape, delays, and extra costs. Municipalities already struggle with basic service delivery, so adding a national licensing system is unrealistic and will lead to backlogs and corruption. The Bill also gives inspectors excessive powers to demand licences, issue fines, and confiscate goods. This opens the door to abuse, especially against small businesses and informal traders. I am strongly concerned about the possibility of demographic “preference criteria” influencing who gets a licence. That is discriminatory and should not determine whether someone may operate a legal business. Illegal traders and counterfeiters already ignore the law; this Bill punishes compliant businesses instead of fixing enforcement. South Africa should be removing barriers to entrepreneurship, not creating new ones.	Duard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:34:40	No I do not	More red tape	SA loves red tape, there is already so much of it, let's not add more, lets not make business even harder in this country that is already struggling. Be part of the solution not part of the problem.	Tiva	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:36:08	No I do not	More red tape		Rudi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:36:36	No I do not	More red tape	This Bill will make it harder—not easier—to run a business in South Africa. Requiring every business to apply for a five-year licence creates unnecessary red tape, delays, and extra costs. Municipalities already struggle with basic service delivery, so adding a national licensing system is unrealistic and will lead to backlogs and corruption. The Bill also gives inspectors excessive powers to demand licences, issue fines, and confiscate goods. This opens the door to abuse, especially against small businesses and informal traders.	Peter	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 10:36:54	No I do not	More red tape	I object to the Business Licensing Bill in its current form. This Bill will make it harder—not easier—to run a business in South Africa. Requiring every business to apply for a five-year licence creates unnecessary red tape, delays, and extra costs. Municipalities already struggle with basic service delivery, so adding a national licensing system is unrealistic and will lead to backlogs and corruption. The Bill also gives inspectors excessive powers to demand licences, issue fines, and confiscate goods. This opens the door to abuse, especially against small businesses and informal traders. I am strongly concerned about the possibility of demographic “preference criteria” influencing who gets a licence. That is discriminatory and should not determine whether someone may operate a legal business. Illegal traders and counterfeiters already ignore the law; this Bill punishes compliant businesses instead of fixing enforcement. South Africa should be removing barriers to entrepreneurship, not creating new ones.	Dominique	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:37:09	No I do not	More red tape	We want south africa to grow... All must have the same opportunity to work... Bee will put this country in reverse gear.... Anc had 30 years to improve but they ruined this country.	Sew	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 10:37:36	No I do not	More red tape	This Bill will make it harder—not easier—to run a business in South Africa. Requiring every business to apply for a five-year licence creates unnecessary red tape, delays, and extra costs. Municipalities already struggle with basic service delivery, so adding a national licensing system is unrealistic and will lead to backlogs and corruption.	Geoffrey	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:37:47	No I do not	More red tape	This will prevent income for individuals who barely break even making money contracting themselves as a single person contract company. There is barely enough time in a day to find work, do work, and try pay bills...no they have to waste time and money getting "permits" to be allowed to work...that's nonsense, it's just another system of control and another way to prevent certain minorities from making any kind of income.	Clive	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 10:39:25	No I do not	More red tape	I don't support this bill at all. The government is busy destabilizing the country through economic collapse.	Cornelius	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:39:54	No I do not	More red tape	In addition to municipalities struggling to cope with their current responsibilities of delivering basic services, where will they find the expertise and capacity to add business licensing to their already underdeveloped infrastructure? In addition to creating more red tape, corruption, which is already rife, will become even more out of control. No reputable business sets up shop to operate just for 5 years. Small businesses create the most new job opportunities in this country, and this will be just another stumbling block for them to overcome, possibly leading to fewer new businesses being registered, and job opportunities will be lost. Inspectors confiscating privately owned property and goods is tantamount to confiscation without compensation. Even a greater risk of creating more corruption opportunities and government overreach.	Esme	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-24 10:40:11	No I do not	More red tape		Ronald	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:40:17	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape thats what we need. Lets strangle our economy even more, the real joke here is thats its to be managed by municipalities that cant tie their own shoe laces. get you hous in order before you even dare to enforce this law.	Neville	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:40:25	No I do not	More red tape		Shireen	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:42:22	No I do not	More red tape	Too much state interference and ongoing corruption make this a definite no-no.	Helen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:42:41	No I do not	More red tape	Appears to be discriminatory and certainly open to abuse and corruption. It should be easier for individuals to start up a business not make it more restrictive with more Red Tape.	Denis		retired
	2025-11-24 10:45:11	No I do not	More red tape	Business should be made easier, not more complicated. The purpose of business is to provide services the public require, not to be administrators.	Mary	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:45:12	No I do not	More red tape	I honestly think it is time to stop this anc regeme in its corruptional acts.	Frik	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:46:16	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities across the country are failing in their basic duties and will now have additional work load and need more staff and increase costs ordinary residents.	Frank	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 10:46:33	No I do not	More red tape	This legislation will be making it more difficult for entrepreneurs to start and run businesses. It will create other vehicles for bribery, as only those who pay a "fee" will receive the license applied for. It will fail based on historical data of mismanagement and inability of local government to successfully do anything. Lastly, one has to ask if you will ever receive a license if your skin colour happen to be white?	Nico	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:47:48	No I do not	More red tape		Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 10:48:40	No I do not	More red tape	The current laws regulating small businesses in SA are already onerous. CIPC registration already provides for this. An additional license would only give the municipality far reaching ability to deny people the right to operate a business. This is the antithesis of growth that the country so desperately needs. It adds to the financial burden that small businesses are under, many of which find complicated with all of the taxes, fees, and regulatory hurdles difficult to meet.	Kristin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:49:58	No I do not	More red tape		Norman	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:51:07	No I do not	More red tape		Michael-John	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:51:09	No I do not	More red tape		Michael-John	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:51:24	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities lack the competence and capacity to renew or issue new licenses on time	Humphrey	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:52:59	No I do not	More red tape		martin		
	2025-11-24 10:53:18	No I do not	More red tape	There are already a multitude of hoops for small business to climb through. I would also add that if a hospitality venue already has a liquor license, that should constitute a business license	Ivan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:55:23	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa needs to encourage small business with simplification, not add to an already over-regulated bureaucracy.	Mario	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:57:00	No I do not	More red tape	More Government overreach and red tape and expense which will be used to frustrate and discriminate against business owners and entrepreneurs. Entirely anti-capitalist. We need to create jobs - not hinder them!! What the hell is the DA doing in the GNU - why are we still being exposed to this crazy back ward thinking???	Maxim	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:57:01	No I do not	More red tape	More Government overreach and red tape and expense which will be used to frustrate and discriminate against business owners and entrepreneurs. Entirely anti-capitalist. We need to create jobs - not hinder them!! What the hell is the DA doing in the GNU - why are we still being exposed to this crazy back ward thinking???	Maxim	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:57:11	No I do not	More red tape	There are too many regulations already in the RSA about businesses. There should be free business enterprises and less red tape. Killing of free business operations. Why renewals every 5 years? Municipalities [majority which are sadly badly run] should not be involved. Another money making and possible corruption scheme? Inspectors with broad powers should not be allowed. This intended regulations must be stopped in its tracks.	CJ	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 10:57:54	No I do not	More red tape	We already register with CIPC - Business owners don't need more red tape and costs.	William	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:58:03	No I do not	More red tape	This is BS. We already have CIPC which more than enough delay. This is just more red tape and opportunity for municipalities to make money and what do they know about business if they cant even manage themselves.	Peter	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:58:30	No I do not	More red tape	This opens up more opportunities for corruption. The process will make for even more admin for companies and officials involved and can cause abuse of the system by not approving the licence and force the business to reapply over and over again. I am also concerned that everyone will not be treated the same - look at the vendor on the street vs other business owners. I worked very hard to create a small company, just big enough to be able to solely provide for my child. I am afraid that control will be abused which will cause me to not be able to provide. Just leave us alone to do a hard days work to be able to survive and rather put all these limits and licences on the corrupt government. Spend time on cleaning from the top and stop meddling with honest people who just want to make a living	Mariska	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:58:57	No I do not	More red tape	This is an unworkable plan that is just another form of taxation and control. It is an attack on the right of every South African to earn an income and rights of access and privacy will be infringed by the powers given to inspectors. It represents a further infringement of the freedoms of the people of this country and will be open to corruption and mismanagement.	Nicola	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:59:23	No I do not	More red tape	I am a business owner and we already have more than enough red tape to comply with. Businesses should register in the same way we have always done and that should be enough. There is no need for even further governmental control.	Joanna	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:01:42	No I do not	More red tape	I cannot see the purpose.	Marius	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:02:43	No I do not	More red tape	More Government overreach and red tape and expense which will be used to frustrate and discriminate against business owners and entrepreneurs. Entirely anti-capitalist. We need to create jobs - not hinder them!! What the hell is the DA doing in the GNU - why are we still being exposed to this crazy back ward thinking???	Patricia	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 11:04:11	No I do not	More red tape	This is an unworkable plan that is taxation in a new guise. It is an attack on the right of South Africans to earn an income and is an infringement of the rights of freedom enshrined in the constitution. Rights of access and privacy will be violated by powers given to inspectors. It will be open to corruption and mismanagement and as such should be opposed.	Neil	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:05:03	No I do not	More red tape	Again, businesses are struggling and yet government continues to implement more legislation and red tape to run a business., rather than reducing regulations to encourage business. Furthermore, it could preclude companies from being eligible for a license based on demographic or national background. Maybe BEE in disguise.	Alex	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:05:40	No I do not	More red tape		Pieter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:06:22	No I do not	More red tape	The business environment is already over regulated and prevent new and existing businesses from coping with the poor economy in South Africa. Adding yet another regulation is just going to further stagnate the economy and cause even more harm than the government is already causing.	Shane	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:07:42	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses are struggling and yet government continues to implement more and more legislation and red tape to run a business. It should rather be reducing regulations to encourage business. It could preclude companies from being eligible for a license based on demographic or national background. Maybe BEE in disguise!	Christine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:07:45	No I do not	More red tape	Inspectors may abuse their powers.	Marius	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:08:20	No I do not	More red tape	Im of the opinion that the ANC want to disarm all sectors of society and we say no . over my dead body will I give up my firearms	Lance	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:08:37	No I do not	More red tape		Anthony	Limpopo	retired

	2025-11-24 11:09:53	No I do not	More red tape	I strongly and unequivocally oppose the proposed Business Licensing Bill, 2025. This Bill assumes a level of competence and integrity in the ANC government that simply does not exist. After nearly three decades in power, the ANC has failed to deliver even the most basic functions of a state – reliable electricity, water, policing, transport, education and healthcare. It is delusional to believe that this same government can now administer and enforce yet another layer of licensing, inspections and databases without it collapsing into chaos, harassment and rent-seeking. The Bill entrenches and extends the failed BEE framework that has enriched a connected elite while doing little for mass empowerment. Instead of freeing and simplifying the environment for small and informal business in a country with catastrophic unemployment, it centralises power in politicians and officials who will decide who may trade, where, and on what terms. The sweeping powers to license, inspect, shut down businesses and confiscate goods – often without a warrant – are tailor-made for extortion, xenophobic abuse of foreign traders and the arbitrary destruction of livelihoods. In a context of chronic corruption and institutional decay, this Bill will not “promote economic unity”; it will deepen red tape, uncertainty and fear. South Africa needs fewer bureaucratic obstacles and more protection of genuine enterprise, not another tool for a failed, corrupt state to control and milk those who are simply trying to survive. For these reasons, I reject the Business Licensing Bill in its entirety and call for it to be withdrawn.	Robert	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:10:05	No I do not	More red tape		K		
	2025-11-24 11:11:09	No I do not	More red tape	Running a business in South Africa (especially a smaller business) is incredibly time consuming. The amount of red tape and paperwork that must be done to satisfy the government is incredibly large, and most smaller business owners must do this themselves as they cannot afford accountants etc to do it. To add another onerous task onto the shoulders of the small business is counter productive and will create yet another weight holding back our economy. Stop!	Bronwyn	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 11:11:19	No I do not	More red tape		Colin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:11:28	No I do not	More red tape		ian	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:12:16	No I do not	More red tape		Rudolf	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:14:48	No I do not	More red tape	No more red tape further entrenching power in the hands of an incompetent corrupt government hell-bent on controlling everything and everyone via the statute book and forever looking for opportunities to use the stick to enforce compliance with their already myriad laws, rules and regulations. Enough is enough!	Ken	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:14:49	No I do not	More red tape	Another department to employ useless cadres	Ian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:15:08	No I do not	More red tape	Just another step closer to Kraalism (African style socialism)....what a bunch of idiots....job creation....a new department with all the trimmings.	Kenneth	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:15:27	No I do not	More red tape		Joyce	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:15:44	No I do not	More red tape		ALFONS	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:17:23	No I do not	More red tape	There aleady is a business registry - called CIPC why create another entity and red tape and avenue for bribery and corruption	Eric	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:17:30	No I do not	More red tape		Humza	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 11:18:29	No I do not	More red tape		Dina	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:19:49	No I do not	More red tape		Janco		
	2025-11-24 11:20:32	No I do not	More red tape		Hannes	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:20:35	No I do not	More red tape		Amparo	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:22:10	No I do not	More red tape	The right to trade is a God given right and not a government given right. Not supported	Christiaan	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 11:23:45	No I do not	More red tape	Government needs to involve themselves less in the private sector, not more. More intervention becomes more red tape and less growth. Then we do not even speak of the associated corruption that will go with the enactment of this proposed legislation. Fact is, nobody trusts the ANC government.	Jonico	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:24:10	No I do not	More red tape	In order to improve the economy of this country, we need more businesses. Specifically SME's. More red tape means a greater administrative burden and thus cost burden on small business. Allow business to trade without adding red tape and there will be an increase in jobs and better economic growth.	Monique	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:24:11	No I do not	More red tape	Red tape for thee, but not for me	Renee	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:25:03	No I do not	More red tape		Maryna	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:25:44	No I do not	More red tape		Marthina	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:25:51	No I do not	More red tape		Theo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:25:54	No I do not	More red tape		Emma		self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:25:55	No I do not	More red tape	More Red tape . Another unnecessary layer of bureaucracy, plus Stealth intervention regarding: Promote economic inclusion, transformation, and empowerment of MSMEs and historically disadvantaged groups. Provide clear guidelines for licensing foreign nationals and reserve certain sectors for South African citizens. Unfettered small business creates diversity through growth through expanded employment and wealth creation	Andrew	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:27:42	No I do not	More red tape		Suzanne	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:27:57	No I do not	More red tape		Anton	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:28:25	No I do not	More red tape	A business exists to provide a product or service, which it cannot do effectively with too many restrictions on how it may do so. Some basic limitations protect employees from abuse, but too many destroy flexibility and growth opportunities.	Mike	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:29:02	No I do not	More red tape		Hannes		
	2025-11-24 11:29:32	No I do not	More red tape		Lizet van der Merwe	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:29:32	No I do not	More red tape		Lizet van der Merwe	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:31:30	No I do not	More red tape	We have well over half the population living on or under the bread line and t and the percentage growing in leaps and bounds each year. This will hinder many whose culture is to sell their good to the public to eeeek out a living as Government Social Departments towards them fall far short of sustainable living conditions. This will only benefit the more Upper rich to rich persons only. Shameful.	Beryl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:32:29	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 11:33:03	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape. More Government control. More BEE. A system for registering companies already exists	Darryl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:33:35	No I do not	More red tape		Wendy	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:35:14	No I do not	More red tape		Ditmar	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:37:11	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses are already registered with SARS and what if your business operates nation wide which Municipality do you register with. Sounds like making more beaurocratic activity. Will we need to pay for this licence?	Allan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:38:09	No I do not	More red tape		Andrew	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:41:20	No I do not	More red tape		kenneth		retired
	2025-11-24 11:41:20	No I do not	More red tape		kenneth		retired
	2025-11-24 11:41:35	No I do not	More red tape		Monica	Limpopo	
	2025-11-24 11:43:19	No I do not	More red tape		Annette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:44:07	No I do not	More red tape		Jan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:48:19	No I do not	More red tape	All this is, is control control control. Communist. Marxist dictatorship control.	Cornie		

	2025-11-24 11:49:42	No I do not	More red tape	This is more red tape when it should be reduced, there are so many municipalities failing who won't be able to issue licenses or worse, will demand bribes for licenses or just deny them to anyone they don't like. Another ANC money making racket.	Heather	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:53:29	No I do not	More red tape		Ingrid	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:54:34	No I do not	More red tape	Ludicrous suggestion, total strangulation of business	anita	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:54:35	No I do not	More red tape	This is not in the interest of the general public - not workable!!!	Anthony	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:56:24	No I do not	More red tape	There are already so many regulations on businesses that many have to employ staff just to handle all the regulations. Most small businesses cannot handle the extra costs. To add this proposed regulation to an already overload of regulations will cause many businesses to close down and further discourage the starting of new businesses. The President announced his intention to cut the red tape inhibiting businesses, especially small and medium businesses. This proposed Bill is totally in conflict with what the President announced.	Lawrence	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:57:22	No I do not	More red tape		Harry		
	2025-11-24 11:57:23	No I do not	More red tape	Business, which are the mainstay of the economy, are already struggling. We do not need more red tape, more headaches, more struggles. In fact businesses should be getting the maximum possible support from government to encourage and promote business activity.	Anthony	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:59:27	No I do not	More red tape	The current Business Licensing requirements are adequate, this just opens the system up for corruption and to make more money (tax) for government to be stolen.	Peter	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 12:04:28	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another means of control and money making. It improves nothing anywhere. They must rather fix up the country.	Charles		
	2025-11-24 12:04:56	No I do not	More red tape		Arjan	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-24 12:07:56	No I do not	More red tape	Stop trying to kill the free market	Andries	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:15:43	No I do not	More red tape		Kyle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:16:52	No I do not	More red tape		Niel	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:17:43	No I do not	More red tape	A total waste of every body's time, it won't work , the municipalities can't even flush there own toilets never mind manage something this complex. What happens if they drag there heels or don't issue a license does this mean that you must Stop Trading. It's ludicrous, it's going to hurt an already very week economy , they are supposed to be taking barriers away and making it easier to do business, not harder! What about food security, will this include farmers and agri processing!	Lance	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:21:12	No I do not	More red tape	This is crazy. In a country where we need as many people to start their own businesses as possible, then adding additional hurdles prevents this from happening.	Gayo	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:22:09	No I do not	More red tape	Running a small business in south africa is already full of beurocratic hurdles	John		
	2025-11-24 12:22:10	No I do not	More red tape	This is an attempt to control and manipulate the business sector and is totally unacceptable!	Stanley	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:23:31	No I do not	More red tape		Emile	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:23:57	No I do not	More red tape	Government should be making it easier for businesses to start and operate by reducing red tape and bureaucracy, NOT increasing it. And as with most government legislation, it will be badly managed and become mired in fraud and corruption.	Nick	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 12:25:40	No I do not	More red tape		Lance	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:38:14	No I do not	More red tape		Raymond	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:38:18	No I do not	More red tape		Chantelle	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:39:34	No I do not	More red tape	The local government can't even cope with the current legislation and it would only cause more havoc by trying to be compliant. CIPC is working - why change something which does work?? Why should i need to re-apply every couple of years? I pay my taxes and my accountant to do what needs to be done!	Birgit	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:39:46	No I do not	More red tape	Running a business is hard enough that businesses could suffer from the added time, effort and money it could take to keep these licenses current. The government and municipalities are already falling short on basic service delivery - now adding all this extra work will add strain to an already incompetent system. People's livelihoods could be at stake due to licensing irregularities, incompetence of municipal licensing staff, etc. Just let people get on with their work - its THEIR work. And they are already making the country work.	Vanessa	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:40:31	No I do not	More red tape	The RSA government has so much red tape that it makes it almost impossible to open or conduct business. This is yet another form of taxation on business owners as someone has to pay for this stupid license. It makes financial sense to close up shop and move out of RSA and open a business anywhere else in the world. On top of this, the entire process is wide open to corruption and preferred granting of licenses based on race as per all other government policies. Classification of people and businesses was done during Apartheid. Seems like the government is looks to be emboldening Apartheid, just under different branding. Under this new proposed bill, Business Inspectors carry too much power and the ability to issue fines against someone trying their best to put food on the table is a disgusting and shameful tactic which is only ill-conceived but the worst of humanity (GNU Government). Shame on you South Africa... I am against this draft bill in all its forms.	Peter	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:42:42	No I do not	More red tape	Why must you renew every 5 years This is another indirect tax on businesses and a barrier for young business starters to be enter the economy yet another over reach by the Govt-	Franco	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:42:44	No I do not	More red tape	Why must you renew every 5 years This is another indirect tax on businesses and a barrier for young business starters to be enter the economy yet another over reach by the Govt-	Franco	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:43:47	No I do not	More red tape	Because of the discretionary nature of many of the bill's provisions (which businesses require license, how "disadvantaged" is defined, what "restricted trading zones" are), there is a risk of rent-seeking and corruption.	Nombeko	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:45:54	No I do not	More red tape		Christa		
	2025-11-24 12:49:01	No I do not	More red tape	There has been numerous undertakings by the President to decrease the red tape for businesses. This is again increasing the red tape and worse delegating it to incompetent municipalities that do not know anything about business. It will open the system to more corruption and irregularities. This is not the way to increase investment and create jobs.	Arthur	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:51:07	No I do not	More red tape	The door will be opened for more corruption and inspectors will use it to their advantage. It you look at the government, on all levels they fail and corruption is out of control. Dearsouthafrica group you have a task which will never end unless the whole rotten basket is replaced. Fast forward and demand a new team if leaders. The writting is on the wall, the facts are clear and why waist your time to deal with a new issue daily. The rotten apples are still in the basket and sitting fine with no worries in the world. The selected few benefit while the man in street fund their parties and lifestyle. Enough!	Laurens		
	2025-11-24 12:53:02	No I do not	More red tape	The Municipalities do not have the people who are experienced, Qualified or competent enough, to be able to manage this new government project, which is a new BEE order of discrimination against certain population groups in SA.	Patrick	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 12:55:41	No I do not	More red tape		Annelia	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:55:52	No I do not	More red tape	The Government continues to add red tape and conditions that make it more difficult to open a business and employ people in a country were the unemployment is above 40%. It is time for the Government to "get out of the way" of business and to stop negatively impacting on the country and its people. The redistribution of the little we currently have will make us all poorer.	David	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:58:25	No I do not	More red tape	The Government are restricting entrepreneurship, small business development and the economy by creating another pool of collections and restrictions that these entities cannot afford. Inspectors disrupt business and it is not free enterprise if inspectors start dictating how a business must operate. Small enterprises will start closing down and this will just further raise unemployment.	ELAINE	Mpumalanga	employed individual

	2025-11-24 12:59:04	No I do not	More red tape	I oppose the Business Licensing Bill in its current form. While the stated intention is to simplify and harmonise business licensing, the Bill introduces broad and vague powers that will, in practice, increase red tape, raise compliance costs, and create uncertainty for small and medium-sized businesses. The Bill grants excessive enforcement powers to licensing officers, allows for the impoundment of goods based on subjective assessments, and leaves critical definitions — such as “designated trading areas” and “disadvantaged groups” — open to arbitrary interpretation. This creates significant room for uneven, inconsistent, and potentially abusive application at municipal level. Instead of streamlining business operations, the Bill risks deterring investment, slowing down growth, and placing an added administrative burden on compliant businesses at a time when economic recovery depends on ease of doing business. Existing legislation already provides sufficient mechanisms for regulation; adding another layer of licensing will only deepen bureaucracy. I urge the Department to withdraw or substantially revise the Bill to ensure that any new system genuinely reduces administrative friction, protects SMEs, and supports economic growth rather than hindering it.	Piet	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:03:34	No I do not	More red tape	The govt can't even provide basic needs - this is just another way to steal more money and make business even more difficult for people to function	Tarryn	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 13:05:10	No I do not	More red tape	It is hard enough to create and run a viable small business successfully without further government interference. Dealing with SARS is bad enough. Small business owner.	John	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:07:07	No I do not	More red tape	This bill would crush small business and create more unemployment in the country. It is all about government control and crushes creative enterprise.	Carol	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:07:39	No I do not	More red tape		Fernando	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:11:04	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another way to boost muncipalities as they dont have anymore money left to repair and cleanup our roads. Where's all our tax money going to. This will definatly add to more bribery and corruption. A lot off businesses are already struggling to survive. Companies will close down and we will see even more unemployment .	Rensburg	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:12:10	No I do not	More red tape	This is absolutely crazy, we have a business registration system via CIPC and the Municipalities cannot run the things that are currently their responsibility without loading them with more. Totally unnecessary, just "jobs for the boys" and another way to syphon off public money.	Jim	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:13:07	No I do not	More red tape	Irrespective of what the stsed intentions are, this will make it more difficult and expensive for people to open and run businesses. Thus strangling job creation and wealth creation at the lowest levels	Wayne	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:14:35	No I do not	More red tape	I hereby register my non-acceptance of the proposed Bill that seeks to establish a national registry for all businesses and to centralize business registration and licensing through local municipalities. While I acknowledge the Department of Trade and Industry’s stated intention to modernize outdated legislation and streamline registration processes, the Bill in its current form raises several concerns. Centralizing all registration and licensing activities at municipal level creates a significant risk of administrative bottlenecks, inconsistent implementation across regions, and increased compliance burdens for businesses—particularly small and emerging enterprises. Rather than simplifying operations, this approach may inadvertently introduce additional layers of bureaucracy and cost. Furthermore, the proposal to replace the Business Act of 1991 without clearer safeguards, detailed implementation frameworks, and transparent oversight mechanisms leaves too many uncertainties regarding efficiency, fairness, and the protection of business rights. For these reasons, I am unable to support the Bill in its present form. I urge the Department to undertake broader consultation with business stakeholders and to consider alternative reforms that genuinely reduce red tape, promote economic growth, and ensure uniformity without compromising operational practicality.	Johannes	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 13:16:04	No I do not	More red tape		Arno		
	2025-11-24 13:17:26	No I do not	More red tape		Suzette		employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:17:34	No I do not	More red tape		Konrad	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:18:26	No I do not	More red tape		MARINA	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:22:48	No I do not	More red tape		hennie	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:24:16	No I do not	More red tape		Willem	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:25:12	No I do not	More red tape	This is 100% inline with the move to control like with digital ID's. For South Africa and particular business this is counter productive. We need more people in business. You can not accomplish that by make the entry-barrier higher. This will favour the establish businesses and disadvantage the small subsistence businesses.	Dave	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:27:01	No I do not	More red tape		Tanya	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:28:56	No I do not	More red tape	Fix expenditure before making up new licenses to plug holes in revenue	Daniel	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:29:03	No I do not	More red tape		Pat	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:30:26	No I do not	More red tape		Andre	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:31:36	No I do not	More red tape		Kevin	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:33:56	No I do not	More red tape	The less regulation the better under the current economic circumstances. Although some control is obviously necessary I oppose any BEE requirements because these are already strangling existing businesses by forcing them to employ persons with qualifications which may be lower than those of other candidates.	JOHN	North West	retired
	2025-11-24 13:34:20	No I do not	More red tape	I agree that it is BBEEE in disguise and another way for the government to make money, or shall I say for ministers to line their pockets. One will probably wait 5 years for a municipality to issue a license; most are dysfunction and corrupt.	Rosi	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:34:30	No I do not	More red tape		Hilgard	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:35:03	No I do not	More red tape	It is impossible to administer this new bill by the municipalities. Placing business are under threat with fines is not conducive for South African economy that relies on small and large local businesses.	JF		
	2025-11-24 13:36:48	No I do not	More red tape	Once again an inept government wanting more control and more money while not providing as they should. More red tape will kill business.	Johan		
	2025-11-24 13:37:06	No I do not	More red tape		Andrea	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:37:38	No I do not	More red tape	I do not agree with the proposed Business Licensing Bill. Instead of supporting growth, it risks creating more opportunities for corruption, especially at municipal level where licensing officers would have excessive discretionary power. This opens the door to bribery, gatekeeping, and unfair delays. The Bill also poses a serious danger to employment and small-business survival. Adding another layer of licensing —on top of existing compliance requirements—will make it harder and more expensive for entrepreneurs to start or maintain their businesses. This will inevitably lead to fewer jobs and reduced investment. Additionally, the Bill introduces mechanisms that can easily result in discrimination. Allowing the state to determine eligibility for a license based on criteria open to interpretation can exclude individuals unfairly. Overall, the Bill does not promote growth or modernization. It risks harming the very businesses and workers it claims to protect.	Martin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:38:22	No I do not	More red tape		Stephen	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-24 13:38:56	No I do not	More red tape		Leanne	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:39:05	No I do not	More red tape	it is already difficult doing business in south africa, NO MORE RED TAPE. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. This also opens up opportunity for corruption which is already prevalent. In addition the municipalities are incompetent and cant even manage their funds.	Wendy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:39:30	No I do not	More red tape	Business are already struggling to keep a float and to add additional red tape on the situation, will discourage people from entering the business world. No more red type.	Armand	Outside SA	student
	2025-11-24 13:43:54	No I do not	More red tape		Barbara	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 13:44:35	No I do not	More red tape		Jan	Limpopo	self-employed

				Impact on Informal Sector South Africa's informal economy is large and provides livelihoods for millions. The Bill's enforcement powers (e.g., confiscation of goods – Clause 21) risk criminalising survivalist traders, which could worsen poverty and inequality. Foreign-Owned Businesses Clause 8 imposes strict visa/permit requirements for non-citizens. While this addresses illegal operations, it may fuel xenophobic tensions and disproportionately affect immigrant entrepreneurs that could bring foreign investment opportunities and job creation. Municipal Capacity Gaps Many municipalities lack resources and systems to implement complex licensing frameworks. The Bill assumes capacity that does not exist in rural or underfunded municipalities, risking uneven enforcement and corruption. Enforcement Powers & Risk of Abuse Authorised officers have broad powers (search, seizure, closure of premises). Without strong oversight, this could lead to abuse, extortion, and harassment, especially of small traders. Economic Impact on Start-Ups Licensing fees and compliance costs, even if reduced for small businesses, may discourage entrepreneurship in a country with high unemployment and low barriers needed for entry-level businesses.			
	2025-11-24 13:46:44	No I do not	More red tape		Marthinus		
	2025-11-24 13:47:29	No I do not	More red tape	What would make this a success if so much of government systems already fail? I agree that the provisions are likely nothing but BEE in disguise. Unemployment is sky high. Large corporations and SOEs are not creating new jobs, so the job creation lies with small and medium enterprises. Many don't want to employ people because of all the red tape in place already. This will be just more red tape.	Ancois	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:47:39	No I do not	More red tape	We need to create businesses. In order to create employment. By making it more difficult, directly threatens the ability for entrepreneurs to create employment.	Rita	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:50:13	No I do not	More red tape		Robert		
	2025-11-24 13:50:50	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities do not have the capaciity to deal with this and will be predudicial in awarding licences.	Keith	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 13:50:50	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities do not have the capaciity to deal with this and will be predudicial in awarding licences.	Keith	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 13:52:43	No I do not	More red tape		Lynne	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:52:46	No I do not	More red tape		Benjamin	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:57:50	No I do not	More red tape	This legislation would just open the door for more corruption to take place at grass roots level at the municipalities. If you don't pay a bribe, then your license won't be processed. It's all just more red tape and power that individuals would have to destroy business even further in South Africa.	Barnie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:02:05	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:03:50	No I do not	More red tape	Unnecessary beurocracy	Eden		
	2025-11-24 14:08:28	No I do not	More red tape	This will only lead to more corruption and job lossless. The government should not interfere with people that needs to make a living. It is each person's right to do business and provide for their families with out government approval or interference. Business are already leaving South Africa and this will only lead to more business closing. Let's make it easy for people to do business in South Africa and not harder to help economic growth that leads to job creation and prosperity.	Paul	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:10:48	No I do not	More red tape		Johan		business owner
	2025-11-24 14:10:59	No I do not	More red tape	Should the government not make it easier for entrepreneurs to start a company. Companies already have multiple governance protocols they need to follow to be above board, to add more could cause companies to down size as it can not afford more staff.	Kimberly	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:11:30	No I do not	More red tape		Marlei	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:16:27	No I do not	More red tape		Delia		
	2025-11-24 14:16:40	No I do not	More red tape		Joseph	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:16:49	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another route to corruption, obstruction, bribery, and stopping much needed job creation. My city is full of people operating illegal businesses with illegal immigrants that both the City and the Cops know all about. More legislation won't stop this - it will just give the authorities a licence to demand more protection money. Meanwhile SA citizens struggle to open businesses legally and create job legitimately. NO TO OVER-REGULATION!!!! YES TO ENFORCEING THE PERFECTLY GOOD RULES WE ALREADY HAVE.	Kitty	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 14:22:25	No I do not	More red tape	If you have a business in SA, and you submit SARS, Skills, UIF, VAT and all the other unnecessary crap, the government knows about you. A so-called license is just another way of getting more money to steal and to make it harder for hardworking people to survive. This country is heading in the same direction as all the other countries in Africa, where they killed the goose that laid the golden eggs. The milk and honey jars are almost empty. I will not stand for it and will therefore advertise my business and sell as soon as possible. I've had enough of this crap and I'm tired to beg for service and fed up to work with incompetent people with an average IQ of 75 that are placed in positions they don't have the skills for and have the "correct" colour.	Pierre		
	2025-11-24 14:23:30	No I do not	More red tape	Once again the ANC is proving it's ineptitude. Corrupt to the core. They are destroying South Africa completely. They have wrecked a functioning economy.	Nanette	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 14:32:02	No I do not	More red tape	government must concentrate on what is important & critical & stop meddling in things that work	lindsay	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:32:16	No I do not	More red tape	Absolute nonsense! More and more laws and regulations. Any funds collected will be looted.	Alan		
	2025-11-24 14:33:31	No I do not	More red tape	What this country needs is economic growth, not more rules and red tape. All these policies are deterring business owners and stifling entrepreneurship and it needs to stop.	Sarah	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:34:25	No I do not	More red tape		Justin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 14:35:09	No I do not	More red tape	This would be impossible to implement for any business that does business ethically. It sounds more like another play for lining the municipal coffers. We are already registered with CIPC, SARS and pay more than enough in VAT, income tax, SDL and UIF. How then does a municipal licence add any value to me? We are transforming as jobs become available, and cannot rush this process. Doctors need to be properly qualified and not just a specific colour! I am not willing to fire and retrench current employees only to have to find other employees with zero experience just to meet prescribed quotas. I have a duty of care to patients and would rather close my business than give it away to anyone via BBBEE means or via this undercover legislation that aims to take my business from me without compensation or realistic terms So many additional comments to make regarding this legislation and each one just adds to my firm decision of NO!!	Rena	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:35:23	No I do not	More red tape		Shaun	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:35:36	No I do not	More red tape	Suffocating the honest hard working people of this land. If businesses fail you must remember less tax to line the pockets of the governing party.	Leigh	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:36:21	No I do not	More red tape		H	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:37:13	No I do not	More red tape		Bruette	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-24 14:37:34	No I do not	More red tape		Angela	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 14:45:32	No I do not	More red tape	What is CIPC for? FSCA, FIC, INSETA, HPCSA, CMS, BO, SARS - we have enough regulatory bodies that we HAVE to register and apply with and that in itself proves we are in business. We HAVE pay for all these organisations - we do not need another local organisation to prove or apply for a business license and more levies/fees to pay!!!	Nadine	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 14:46:28	No I do not	More red tape	This bill will give bureaucrats, who have not run businesses, who do not understand the complexity of businesses, who do not understand the risks involved in investing in a business etc. the right to determine who's license gets renewed and who's license does not get renewed. The door for bribes and corruption will affect all business owners as we will be held to ransom by petty and corrupt bureaucrats. It adds added risk to opening a business which will reduce the number being opened and this will lead to tremendous job losses and shrinking of the economy. This will in turn lead to capital flight and reduce offshore investment into the economy. It is like shooting yourself in both feet.	Fuad	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:46:59	No I do not	More red tape		Lourens	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:49:53	No I do not	More red tape	Too many laws no productivity	Dave	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 14:51:56	No I do not	More red tape	I'm concerned for many more reasons, but my largest concern is the strangling of business via red tape - which suits big businesses as it will be another burden for smaller businesses to cross.	Tim		
	2025-11-24 14:58:23	No I do not	More red tape		NADIA	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:58:24	No I do not	More red tape		NADIA	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:00:07	No I do not	More red tape	We need *less* government regulation and interference, not more.	Erroll		
	2025-11-24 15:01:32	No I do not	More red tape		Elnarie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 15:01:47	No I do not	More red tape	This adds further red tape to something we should all be free to do without having to apply for a licence. I already have to have a licence from sahpra, registration with cipc, 3 registrations from sars - tax, vat, import. There are also sinister racist components to this legislation which could and probably will be abused by the supremacist cadres administering the process.	Richard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:02:50	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:05:48	No I do not	More red tape	This is pure madness. This is so evil!	Andrew	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:06:56	No I do not	More red tape	They can not look or great something new and need to run on other peoples backs. It is called parasites. Unfair regulation attending to kill the conomy off the country beacause they can not look after them selves. Hidden agenda.	Copenraad	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:07:00	No I do not	More red tape		JULIET	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:11:30	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa needs to support small business which in turn increases employment,, NOT more red tape. To what benefit is this to anybody to have to license every operation. New regulations which require licensing will give more opportunity for officials to potentially take bribes, to hinder entrepreneurial initiative and bog down operators.	karen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:13:15	No I do not	More red tape	More stupidity of driving the WOKE DEI agenda to further destroy the already destroyed economy of South Africa	Gary	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:13:26	No I do not	More red tape	How is a consistent standard and method of implementation to be established across South Africa? Additional administration and training costs to manage this and enforce compliance.	Sue		retired
	2025-11-24 15:14:51	No I do not	More red tape		Gerhard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:17:28	No I do not	More red tape	Absolutely not, if a person runs a home business to earn an income and they are diligent about their annual tax be filing it on time, there is no reason to register it, the hidden costs are far too expensive and not necessary. The government disrespects the tax payer, and as such I am against any more legislation. We, the public, are monitored enough as it is. Government should keep themselves busy with repaying stolen money, property and the like. Leave us alone to survive as best we can against this racist, biased, jealous society of bad leaders.	Charmaine	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 15:17:31	No I do not	More red tape	Absolutely not, if a person runs a home business to earn an income and they are diligent about their annual tax be filing it on time, there is no reason to register it, the hidden costs are far too expensive and not necessary. The government disrespects the tax payer, and as such I am against any more legislation. We, the public, are monitored enough as it is. Government should keep themselves busy with repaying stolen money, property and the like. Leave us alone to survive as best we can against this racist, biased, jealous society of bad leaders.	Charmaine	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 15:18:52	No I do not	More red tape	Another overreach!! Cut the red tape and let people do business. In any case, the informal sector, as well as the criminal enterprises, will not register either way. This is just another grab!!	Jaques	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:23:16	No I do not	More red tape		Susan	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 15:25:45	No I do not	More red tape	As an Accountant, Financial Consultant and liquidator this bill adds to the onerous demands on new entities. Pleeez NO MORE!!!!!	Reuben	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:27:14	No I do not	More red tape	The current system is not fully functional. So instead of fixing things - which takes work and commitment- just change the system. It still wont work and just adds red tape and more government intervention.	Pamela	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 15:27:36	No I do not	More red tape	Please, Govt, stop this nonsense of trying to control every move of the public. I have never heard of such a ridiculous law you want to pass to license every small business. STOP IT.	Laura		retired
	2025-11-24 15:30:00	No I do not	More red tape		Bryan	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-24 15:30:37	No I do not	More red tape	A church are not a bussiness. You go there to Pray to God. It is the only place where there are pease and no rasism. Religion are not a political instance.	Casper		retired
	2025-11-24 15:32:59	No I do not	More red tape	What is the point? Where is the value to the business owner or anyone else? This process will become yet another bureaucratic nightmare and wide open to corruption - yet again..	Reina	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:36:18	No I do not	More red tape	Lisesiëring is goed, maar maak dit eenvoudig vir enige besigheids entrepeneur , ongeag sy ras of geslag, om sodoende maklik besigheid te kan doen, maar dat die staat wel sy besigheid kan registreer vir belasting doeleindes ens.	Bart	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:37:12	No I do not	More red tape	Just another way for the Government to be thw keeper of everything in SA, giving them more power over PRIVATE Businesses!We are heading to a Socialist Country fast and furiously!	Tracey	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:38:03	No I do not	More red tape		allan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 15:38:14	No I do not	More red tape		Ted	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 15:38:14	No I do not	More red tape		Ted	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 15:39:48	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa needs to support small businesses, which in turn increases employment ..... NOT MORE RED TAPE ... This will kill the economy	Loraine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:45:54	No I do not	More red tape		Gerald	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:47:20	No I do not	More red tape		Ryno	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:51:56	No I do not	More red tape	No confidence in in government run organisations, they can't run the present system. Changing it will not make it better , just more room for corruption with no accountability. I am already at the point of moving my company offshore, this might be what pushes me to accept that I am not wanted here anymore	Emil	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed

	2025-11-24 15:52:52	No I do not	More red tape	It is beyond words to try and describe how the ANC government is destroying this country. John 10: 10 in the Bible describes the ANC's mandate well: Steal, kill and destroy. [Jhn 10:10 CSB] 10 "A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. ..." How blind can you be? You have one of the highest unemployment rates in the world. You've employed your incompetent cadres in the municipalities which, except for most of the municipalities in the Western Cape, have almost all failed. Everything (Infrastructure, etc.) in your municipalities (except for most municipalities in the Western Cape) is falling apart. Municipalities can't even properly execute their existing responsibilities, so HOW ON EARTH DO YOU THINK ADDING THIS TO THEIR LIST OF RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE SUCCESSFUL? Not only that, but you will destroy businesses, especially small businesses in South Africa and your unemployment rate will keep going up. You are only adding RED TAPE with this. I would not be surprised if the actual motivation behind this is to steal from, kill and destroy white people and their businesses. What does it matter who owns a business? White, black, coloured or indian? You should focus on reducing red tape in this country so that people (white, black, coloured and indian) can grow their businesses, free from government interference, and create job opportunities for ALL people. STOP YOUR SATANIC AGENDA IN THIS COUNTRY!!!! The Bible is very clear: EVERYBODY ... INCLUDING YOU IN THE ANC ... WILL REAP WHAT YOU SOW. Your hidden agenda of stealing from, destroying and killing the people in this country (especially your Satanic agenda towards white people), will ultimately lead to your own down fall and you WILL NOT ESCAPE ALMIGHTY GOD's JUDGEMENT. Start to take responsibility and accountability for your own decisions. STOP DIVIDING THIS COUNTRY BASED ON RACE. START TO SPEAK LIFE. Apartheid did not destroy this country in the last 30-years. The ANC did that all on its own.	MARTIN	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:54:06	No I do not	More red tape	More hurdles and laws that will lead to jobless, decreased profitability and dealing with public servants that have no understanding of the challenges of owning and operating business.	Hein	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:58:30	No I do not	More red tape	Government's role in business should be to create an environment that encourages and supports business. However, more legislation will have the opposite effect and require more people to manage the licensing applications and provide another place where fraud and corruption can be the order of the day. Let businesses get on with the job of building the economy without putting more and more admin onto them.	Cheryl	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 16:02:20	No I do not	More red tape		Raphael	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 16:03:19	No I do not	More red tape	This could easily be abused by beurocorats that will misuse their power by withholding licenses.	Mathew	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:04:33	No I do not	More red tape		pieter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:07:02	No I do not	More red tape	Legislation like this is really just a stumbling block with no added value.	Carl	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 16:11:36	No I do not	More red tape		Hendrik	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:14:24	No I do not	More red tape		Karen		
	2025-11-24 16:14:25	No I do not	More red tape		Karen		
	2025-11-24 16:20:36	No I do not	More red tape	It will be a huge bureaucratic law that will discriminate against entrepreneurs and business people.	Willem	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 16:29:33	No I do not	More red tape	The municipalities are amongst the worst run gov. Departments ….now business and employment is to be held at the mercy of the most miss managed and corrupt organization in the country….. and it's another money making machine having to reapply every 5 years ! Like our drivers licenses ..where the machine is always broken and they cannot issue new ones ….let business direct the flow on how to grow this country ….dont hamper us more than we already are ! This type of legislation will encourage people to just shut down their business, because it's to much effort, many business owners " have enough" but the employees will loose their jobs……please make running business easier so that those of us who run businesses want to grow them which would lead to more employees ! More tax and vat payers ….. not less ! Wake Up please	Ralf	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:29:47	No I do not	More red tape		Pieter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 16:30:46	No I do not	More red tape	Government has no place or authority to license business or prevent people not licensed from doing business. The constitution makes it quite clear that "Every citizen has the right to choose their trade, occupation or profession freely. " (Section 22). If people choose to do business, then government will not block them because of some arbitrary desire to create a business licensing regime! Why does this government so yearn for the National Party style?? Just stop it and let people build business and let South Africa prosper without government overreach and corruption!	Roger	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:32:27	No I do not	More red tape	Get the basics right! There are several objections to such a bill: (1) we should be stimulating an economy which means the government needs to facilitate business growth and small and medium businesses, including those operating from home - more red tape will strangle such a sector - small, medium and large businesses already have masses of legislation to comply with: POPI, PAIA, FICA, tax, company law, information regulator etc. (2) stop spending more and more of taxpayer money on new government departments - we have a very small tax base and instead of stimulating business we waste it on a bloated government - South Africans need a streamlined and efficient government that facilitates growth not sucks it dry (3) the South African government on all levels cannot even implement the laws it has in place let alone create more Draconian laws (4) this type of legislation looks very similar to the types of legislation that was implement in Zimbabwe to disrupt business and allow corrupt officials to harass and close down shops without any accountability and (5) will all sectors be policed the same? if not then it is discriminatory. Please let's stop making economically suicidal laws, because we make a fool of a legal system when we try and pass more and more and more legislation in a lawless society. Get the basics right!	Matthew	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 16:37:01	No I do not	More red tape		Nick	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 16:40:05	No I do not	More red tape		linda	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 16:40:12	No I do not	More red tape		Jacobus		
	2025-11-24 16:40:19	No I do not	More red tape		Lawrence	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:41:24	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:42:23	No I do not	More red tape	There are already too many bureaucratic hurdles that make it difficult for businesses to start, or too remain open. Registration yes, restrictions no. Rather clear the way for businesses to contribute to the economy for the benefit of the communities and the country.	Johan	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 16:44:33	No I do not	More red tape	The government and municipalities are unable to deal with their present tasks , so taking this one on would further impair the lacks in implementation, logistics etc and enable more corruption. tc.	Yvonne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 16:46:46	No I do not	More red tape		Graham	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:48:32	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another area where mismanagement can and probably will kill any entrepreneurial spirit. This society is already regulated - why on earth do we need more licensing permissions? It's already onerous enough for small businesses to comply with SARs and the existing regulatory framework. It just seems this government has lost the plot and is now trying to generate income for the bankrupt (ANC) municipalities, which is due to gross corruption and mismanagement.	Alison	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:49:21	No I do not	More red tape	Encourage people to start businesses by getting rid of existing red tape instead of making it more difficult. All this new lot of regulations will do is create more opportunities for corruption.	Karen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 16:49:24	No I do not	More red tape		Colin		retired
	2025-11-24 16:49:31	No I do not	More red tape	So what is the real purpose of licensing business? It is not worth investing in any business if somebody else can decide whether I can do business, or whether I can continue doing business after a period of time. There are enough gatekeepers to ensure SARS registration (if reason is to collect tax), Municipal taxes (to pay for services rendered), Labour laws, Laws about safety in the work place etc. If you sell food, there is already health inspectors who need to ensure food safety. This will be detrimental to create jobs, some which is much needed in the country.	LJ	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:50:23	No I do not	More red tape		Shaun	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:51:05	No I do not	More red tape		Brooks	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:54:01	No I do not	More red tape	It is just a revenue generating scam!	Laura	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 16:56:38	No I do not	More red tape		Rachel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 16:58:45	No I do not	More red tape		Gillian	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-24 16:58:46	No I do not	More red tape		Gillian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 16:58:47	No I do not	More red tape		Gillian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 17:04:06	No I do not	More red tape	We need less paper control, not more. The informal sector helps tens of thousands of enterprising people to survive and is a colourful part of our economy and landscape. Also, municipalities are struggling to carry out their duties and will not be able to manage this well. It's wide open to abuse.	Melanie	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:04:47	No I do not	More red tape		Oupa	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:10:58	No I do not	More red tape	Apartheid in all forms, disguised or not, must be ruled out of ALL businesses, not more implemented. South Africa needs new leaders, who will lead the country to prosperity, not poverty, as is the case now.	Anna-Marie	Mpumalanga	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 17:11:04	No I do not	More red tape	businesses have now become the cash cows for the government just another ploy to fill the state coffers and at the same time give more opportunities to certain groups whilst other groups will be denied licences or prolong the approvals thereof. This is just another BEE stunt. Bribery will become the norm ----'Pay up or I will give you a big fine, or "Pay me and I will organize your licence" FAMOUS NARRARIVE in our country.	ANNA MARIA	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 17:12:11	No I do not	More red tape		darryl	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:13:02	No I do not	More red tape		Jean-Pierre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:16:11	No I do not	More red tape	Of course, create more red tape and hoops that struggling businesses are forced to take on with already existing flawed and broken policies and systems in place for years, which only work to cripple both businesses and the economy. Because i'm already so thrilled as a renting business owner, having to pay a electricity and "service & wire charge" that is 1877% more than my actual usage/consumption charge. But of course nothing is done about this unreasonable demand placed on us, instead government thinks to themselves how to make things worse. Wont be surprised in the least to hear how the current government uses this as subterfuge to implement more racial discrimination "business policies". By some luck or miracle the country hasn't been hit by a major recession turning us into a third world country. But of course our "leadership" is pushing forward with such idiocy, for a bill that will amount to no more than subterfuge.	Sheldon	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:17:37	No I do not	More red tape		James		
	2025-11-24 17:24:18	No I do not	More red tape	Unacceptable! It restricts business freedom and will waste valuable resources and company time. Also opens the door for tightened levels of corruption and restrictions that government representatives will capitalism on.	Venessa	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 17:26:50	No I do not	More red tape	The ANC have destroyed South Africa's economy while they have been in office, this is just one more way to suppress the financial growth of the country and will just lead to more corruption.	Adrian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:27:20	No I do not	More red tape		Suliman	North West	
	2025-11-24 17:27:30	No I do not	More red tape		Anwar	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:40:50	No I do not	More red tape		Ajmudien	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 17:42:46	No I do not	More red tape		Ben	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:43:13	No I do not	More red tape	Let business do business things and create job unhindered. This will only cost jobs and affect the working class the most..	Timothy	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:43:14	No I do not	More red tape	Let business do business things and create job unhindered. This will only cost jobs and affect the working class the most..	Timothy	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:43:15	No I do not	More red tape	Let business do business things and create job unhindered. This will only cost jobs and affect the working class the most..	Timothy	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:45:06	No I do not	More red tape	When are you as goverment ever going to stop these laws that gives you just more and more powers . Voetsek ANC	G ideon F	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 17:50:04	No I do not	More red tape	Business in South Africa already holds many challenges and restrictions. We do not need any change in this area. There are many other areas in our economy that need attention!!	Simoné	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:50:05	No I do not	More red tape	Like many other laws implemented by the governing party I want to see the "business license police" pusuing transgressors. Good luck. The proposal smacks of more control and is against micro and small business establishment and operation. Reminds me of a quote by Ayn Rand : "when you see that in order to produce you need to obtain permission fro men who produce nothing ..... " Its a good read.	Deane		self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:50:28	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses are struggling enough. More legislation - red tape is a very bad idea.	Peter		
	2025-11-24 17:52:07	No I do not	More red tape	Business in South Africa already holds many challenges and restrictions. We do not need any change in this area. There are many other areas in our economy that need attention!	Simone	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:52:28	No I do not	More red tape	The municipalities cannot even sort out a utilities bill, now you want to give them more work and whether to decide when and if a business should operate. Also if you operate a business online, all over the country, which municipality should you register with, none, all of them? This feels like yet another time you are thinking just as far as your nose..	Chris	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:55:06	No I do not	More red tape	This might stifle business, specifically having oversight provided by incompetent municipalities	Christopher		
	2025-11-24 17:56:45	No I do not	More red tape	Yet another easy way to plunder from struggling businesses who are trying to keep afloat	Suzie		
	2025-11-24 17:58:46	No I do not	More red tape	Our small businesses need to stay as deregulated as possible to encourage people to start a business. Over-regulation creates a space for bribery and corruption. If the system could be done online it would be a different story.	Jeffrey	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 18:11:12	No I do not	More red tape	More jobs will be lost	Armin	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 18:12:42	No I do not	More red tape	The concept or Idea may be correct but the approach is Not. In the current economy, (the Struggling Economy) introducing more red tape and headache for businesses will affect in a very negative way.	Ehtesham Ullah	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 18:15:41	No I do not	More red tape	If the government inforce this bill, it can damage businesses. If the government cannot supply registration, some businesses might be deemed unlawful. This bill seems unnecessary for the growth of South Africa's economy.	Simeon	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 18:19:27	No I do not	More red tape	We need to encourage free enterprise and not stifle it through regulation because that's the only way to grow the economy which will benefit all.	Stephan		
	2025-11-24 18:27:20	No I do not	More red tape	Small businesses need to be less regulated. This bill wants to destroy small businesses so that Big Companies can take over. This is unacceptable. This will just take more power away from the people.	Chantel	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 18:34:00	No I do not	More red tape	Tipies van die ANC om alles te wil beheer. Die sosialisties/kommunistiese ideologie kom baie sterk deur. As daar gekyk word na die Staatsinstellings, en die gemors waarin byna almal van hulle is, dan kan geen mens net bietjie verstand daarvoor stem nie.	Gerhardus	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 18:35:37	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support the draft Business Licensing Bill. It significantly expands government overreach and creates more administrative red tape for businesses already struggling under existing regulations. Centralising licensing and enforcement like this greatly increases the risk and possibility of corruption, especially at municipal level where oversight is often weak. Instead of enabling entrepreneurship, this Bill risks creating another gatekeeping system that can be exploited for personal financial gain, delayed, or mishandled. South Africa needs fewer barriers to doing business, not more.	Janco	North West	student
	2025-11-24 18:37:33	No I do not	More red tape		Cornelis	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 18:39:25	No I do not	More red tape	Too much red tape. Counterproductive. Encourages corruption. Government overreach. Impedes economic growth and job creation. More state employees, more tax. Time to work for, not against economic growth!	Deirdre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 18:39:50	No I do not	More red tape	Government is severely bloated and needs to step away from business, focus only on policing, infrastructure and education. Business is capable of running themselves. Government is over regulating everything and causing this country severe damage.	Nathan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 18:49:40	No I do not	More red tape		Evelyn		
	2025-11-24 18:58:12	No I do not	More red tape		Divine	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 19:00:40	No I do not	More red tape		Shanaaz	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:03:03	No I do not	More red tape		Raees	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:06:07	No I do not	More red tape		Ian	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:13:10	No I do not	More red tape		Deneys	Eastern Cape	

	2025-11-24 19:13:45	No I do not	More red tape		Pieter	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:16:34	No I do not	More red tape	Goeie Dag. Het hier die mense geen kennis,verstand ,dus om nog geld te kry van besigheide ander woord vir bbb-eee,alles gaan vir hulle oor ras,31 jaar in bewind ,alles op gedo$&#@,hulle moet bietjie werk vir hulle eie geld,hulle is so gewond geraak om net te skep ,gaan hulle maatjies ok register wat soos op skiet soos paddastoele.. Ek BID,Glo ons ander ras sal wakker wordop n dag. Dankie.	Adriaan	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 19:20:22	No I do not	More red tape		ZUZELLE	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 19:27:09	No I do not	More red tape	Looking for money again. Do your jobs and stop interfering with businesses.	Marl	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 19:27:27	No I do not	More red tape		Patrick	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:30:28	No I do not	More red tape	The government have not got the infrastructure to be able to do this properly and besides the fact that it is a ridiculous waste of time, it's just going to cause a whole lot more corruption where more government employees will want a bribe to either look the other way or put the file on top.	Trevor	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-24 19:33:12	No I do not	More red tape		Elna	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 19:42:49	No I do not	More red tape	We are currently drowning in red tape and it is very expensive to run a small business in terms of admin. I dont understand why this is needed. THIS IS NOT SUPPORTED!	Christian	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:51:47	No I do not	More red tape		Heather	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:52:05	No I do not	More red tape		william	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 19:59:54	No I do not	More red tape	The government need to try to stimulate businesses and this is just another measure to stifle us. It is hard enough to keep going without any more crap and petty legislation.	Colleen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 20:09:38	No I do not	More red tape	Government should be encouraging business expansion, NOT hog tying entrepreneurs who run small business with minimum help by introducing nonsensical legislation.	David		self-employed
	2025-11-24 20:10:09	No I do not	More red tape	Government should be encouraging business expansion, NOT hog tying entrepreneurs who run small business with minimum help by introducing nonsensical legislation.	David		self-employed
	2025-11-24 20:17:04	No I do not	More red tape		Henk		
	2025-11-24 20:20:49	No I do not	More red tape		Glen		business owner
	2025-11-24 20:27:13	No I do not	More red tape	The government must stimulate business and this is just another measure to stifle businesses. It is hard enough to keep going without any more petty legislation.	Arno		
	2025-11-24 20:28:02	No I do not	More red tape		Herman	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 20:40:50	No I do not	More red tape		Frits	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 20:41:49	No I do not	More red tape		Chris	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-24 20:45:29	No I do not	More red tape		Lindsay		
	2025-11-24 20:45:32	No I do not	More red tape		Lindsay		
	2025-11-24 20:56:59	No I do not	More red tape	It feels like another tax and obstacle to doing business. This is just a headache for law abiding citizens. If I run a small business and am already registered with CIPC, pay my tax, make annual submissions etc why must I know get this licence?	Michael	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 21:09:12	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 21:09:28	No I do not	More red tape		Nthati	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 21:13:08	No I do not	More red tape	Stop thinking out plans to hurt the bussinesses	Smit	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-24 21:15:26	No I do not	More red tape		Justine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 21:20:52	No I do not	More red tape	This bill does not make business easier, it creates more red tape and will prevent citizens from operating a business based on their race which is unconstitutional. This also adds more costs on business operation.	Gert		
	2025-11-24 21:26:59	No I do not	More red tape	Just opens the door for more corruption, discrimination and abuse of power.	Marius	Northern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 21:28:06	No I do not	More red tape	More Red Tape open for abuse and corruption strangling businesses and creating more unemployment, adding to the onerous costs of doing business in SA	Philip		business owner
	2025-11-24 21:30:15	No I do not	More red tape	More restrictions and more paper work.	Helen	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 21:43:15	No I do not	More red tape		Lion	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 21:43:25	No I do not	More red tape		Matthew	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 21:45:05	No I do not	More red tape	This legislation introduces an annual fee with an administrative burden. Unless informal businesses are included including the taxi industry then this bill is just a smokescreen to regulate private enterprise and stifle growth. Unless business that are operating in residential areas are charged commercial and industrial rates then this bill is a smokescreen for xenophobia.	Elvis	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 21:45:35	No I do not	More red tape		Brett	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 21:48:21	No I do not	More red tape	More silly policies that crush small business , and are just more taxes in disguise	John	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 21:57:51	No I do not	More red tape		Cheryl	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 21:59:32	No I do not	More red tape		Howard	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 22:02:22	No I do not	More red tape		Cobus	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 22:23:15	No I do not	More red tape	We DON'T need more beuracratic BS strangling small business we need less paperwork and red tape	Alfred	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 22:24:01	No I do not	More red tape		Thomas		
	2025-11-24 22:31:28	No I do not	More red tape		Alan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 22:43:28	No I do not	More red tape	too much red tape from the state will stiffle free enterprize.	clement	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 23:02:07	No I do not	More red tape		Felicity	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 23:06:14	No I do not	More red tape		Pauline	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 23:33:36	No I do not	More red tape	We have enough Licencing regulations as is and businesses are becoming harder and more difficult to run in our badly run country that more red tape is not needed . Our economy is in a downward spiral and we business owners have enough paperwork and regulations … tax to adhere to without having more regulations and red tape to deal with . We already have a business licence else we would not be able to operate our businesses . Government is just looking for more ways to make money and in the process employ more cadres . Rather find ways to encourage more people to open new businesses and employ more people in a friendly environment in that does not need to be over regulated .	Demetri	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 23:45:57	No I do not	More red tape	There is already a database of businesses through the CIPC. This is just another charge designed to make money.	Jeanne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 23:54:38	No I do not	More red tape		Francois		
	2025-11-25 00:36:59	No I do not	More red tape	Criminality at the highest level is rife, and there is no trust. Government overreach.	barry	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 02:17:36	No I do not	More red tape	These regulations will negatively effect micro businesses (especially in the informal sector) in the country. Businesses must be free of constraint to succeed. I also worry about the power of inspectors and increased corruption.	Nic	Outside SA	retired
	2025-11-25 02:18:17	No I do not	More red tape	Previous licences have not worked.	Farhad		employed individual
	2025-11-25 02:28:10	No I do not	More red tape		Mad	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 03:06:37	No I do not	More red tape	People who regulate other people should have a minimum of 15 years general experience of trades . They should also be able to assist traders to ascertain better business practices as well as assist traders to become more profitable where necessary .	Peter	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-25 03:41:59	No I do not	More red tape	It is difficult running a horse yard . Having the muncipality interfering with no knowledge is just wr	Laura	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 03:47:37	No I do not	More red tape	As a small business owner we are already burdened with so much red tape that takes away from actually running the business. It costs a lot of money just to stay compliant with every new bit of government interference that keeps being implemented and this is yet another one. We should be implementing strategies to boost businesses so we can boost our economy urgently	Andrea	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 03:57:30	No I do not	More red tape		andries		
	2025-11-25 04:33:44	No I do not	More red tape		Leeza		
	2025-11-25 04:35:48	No I do not	More red tape	This is not very economically constructive. Although some form of regulations is needed, but this is going overboard and just making another way for corruption, costs to taxpayers as well as not giving anybody an opportunity to start a business. And those racist ANC people need to stop their nonsense.	Rikus	KwaZulu-Natal	Non-profit
	2025-11-25 05:01:28	No I do not	More red tape	To have municipalities perform more tasks, yet the ones they currently have in terms of potholes, water and lighting et cetera are not being fulfilled.	Winston	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 05:04:35	No I do not	More red tape	More people being paid to do nothing with no reason to be doing it.	Joy	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 05:14:58	No I do not	More red tape	This bill will be an obstacle for personal growth and to provide for my family.	Jonathan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 05:26:26	No I do not	More red tape	Can you allow South African to have business without being punished for trying to create jobs and financial freedom in the country that is only carrying about other people not their own. A street vendor must have license really. Cost implications the queue what about fraud in the very same process where deserving people will no longer get that license. Can you for once think of a South African child not yourselves	Phindile	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:34:20	No I do not	More red tape	To save the economy, it should be easier to start and run a business. Not harder. This is clearly just another way for officials to be corrupt and make skelm money. Sies. Whoever thought of this bill is a thief themselves.	Rozelle	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 05:37:55	No I do not	More red tape		Ian	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-25 05:43:02	No I do not	More red tape	Will create more jobs for redundant and inefficient officials. An enormous mess of unnecessary procedures.	Brian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 05:54:35	No I do not	More red tape		Yolande	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:54:45	No I do not	More red tape		Ignatius	North West	
	2025-11-25 06:01:53	No I do not	More red tape		Louis	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:05:49	No I do not	More red tape		James	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 06:07:34	No I do not	More red tape		Lori	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:07:53	No I do not	More red tape		Ian	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:10:25	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses are already under pressure government so focus on less red tape not more!	Pieter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 06:12:15	No I do not	More red tape		N	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:12:28	No I do not	More red tape		Elaine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:25:07	No I do not	More red tape		William	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 06:28:38	No I do not	More red tape		Paul	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 06:37:47	No I do not	More red tape	What is defined as a business, many people run an online business, pay taxes etc. yet it is not a formally registered business as the individual is acting in their personal capacity as an affiliate or brand partner.	A		
	2025-11-25 06:45:32	No I do not	More red tape	No I do not agree with this. Our economy is struggling as it is and large amounts of people are currently unemployed. We should be making it easier for people to start businesses in order to encourage employment and solve the current economic and unemployment crisis rather than making it more difficult. Businesses, employers and accountants have enough red tape to deal with as it is without more being added.	Mandy		self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:45:56	No I do not	More red tape		Henora		employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:50:18	No I do not	More red tape		Charles		
	2025-11-25 07:03:24	No I do not	More red tape	When the government should be creating improved conditions for South Africans to create sustainable businesses, it instead proposes new legislation to thwart entrepreneurial activity. You should not have to have pay for a 5-year license to be economically engaged and to potentially create employment. This is government overreach. More red tape means more ways for government officials to fleece SA citizens.	Beth	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:20:50	No I do not	More red tape	We already spend so much time on red tape - from dealing with the local municipality, to the PPRA, to SARS, etc. As business people we need to focus on our businesses to grow the economy. Gov can’t even regulate the informal sector on the most basic level. Until that is done and all business, formal and informal, are treated the same this is nothing more than discrimination against the legal businesses running our economy. Gov needs to focus on service delivery and crime rather than more regulation. It is no longer worth the blood, sweat, and tears to build a business. We may be a small business, but we sustain 30 staff and their families. When it becomes easier to close the business with all this regulation, what will happen to all these families?	Hendrik	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:20:51	No I do not	More red tape	We already spend so much time on red tape - from dealing with the local municipality, to the PPRA, to SARS, etc. As business people we need to focus on our businesses to grow the economy. Gov can’t even regulate the informal sector on the most basic level. Until that is done and all business, formal and informal, are treated the same this is nothing more than discrimination against the legal businesses running our economy. Gov needs to focus on service delivery and crime rather than more regulation. It is no longer worth the blood, sweat, and tears to build a business. We may be a small business, but we sustain 30 staff and their families. When it becomes easier to close the business with all this regulation, what will happen to all these families?	Hendrik	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:21:21	No I do not	More red tape	The proposed Business Licensing Bill 2025 poses significant risks for small and micro enterprises, as it may impose additional administrative burdens, licensing costs and bureaucratic barriers that these businesses are ill-equipped to manage. The requirement for uniform municipal registration could discourage entrepreneurship, exclude informal traders, and expose vulnerable enterprises to inconsistent enforcement, delays or misuse of sensitive data. Rather than enabling growth, the Bill risks stifling innovation and undermining the very sector it seeks to regulate.	Tino	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:24:08	No I do not	More red tape		Candice	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:26:49	No I do not	More red tape	I’m already registered with CIPC. No need for additional red tape and money. Like most laws this will make it harder for honest businesses but won’t stop illegal businesses.	Wiets	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:29:36	No I do not	More red tape		RC	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 07:29:49	No I do not	More red tape		Janine	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:34:31	No I do not	More red tape		sassa		
	2025-11-25 07:34:53	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support this bill. This just adds red tape to the inefficient system. This will stifle economic growth. It is also easily exploitable by bad actors in the government and can lead to discrimination.	Jacques	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:34:58	No I do not	More red tape		Arline		
	2025-11-25 07:43:41	No I do not	More red tape	Just let us run our business without being regulated by government. They must first clean their own house.	Nicky	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:46:36	No I do not	More red tape		Banele	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 07:53:46	No I do not	More red tape		Antony	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:55:20	No I do not	More red tape	Making it harder for whomever to do business is against the Constitution of South Africa. It is prejudiced and predatory.	Alison	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:59:14	No I do not	More red tape		Thabo	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-25 08:06:40	No I do not	More red tape	There is enough regulation and not enough support from the government. Use tax money to develop support systems, not more constraints!	Justine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:06:41	No I do not	More red tape	There is enough regulation and not enough support from the government. Use tax money to develop support systems, not more constraints!	Justine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:12:15	No I do not	More red tape	This will curtail or distract business operations at large and is costly with administrative challenges on the government side. There is no outdated legislation if the process is functional effectively. No new regulations or adjustments introduced by the government has helped our business community or country. Don't fix what is not broken	Arnold		
	2025-11-25 08:17:20	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities in South Africa vary greatly in competence. Some are well-run; many are dysfunctional or bankrupt. bankrupt. If every business must register locally, it means: Corrupt or failing municipalities can control whether you operate or not Licence approvals can be delayed for months Officials may solicit bribes Political interference increases Small and informal traders—spaza shops, hawkers, home-based businesses—will be required to get licences. This enables: Increased police raids Confiscation of goods Fines for operating without a licence Selective enforcement (targeting foreigners, certain communities, or political opponents) South Africa already has multiple registrations: CIPC SARS UIF Compensation Fund Sector-based permits Adding another layer contradicts government's repeated promise to reduce red tape. If a municipality decides your business: Doesn’t “comply with zoning,” Doesn’t meet vague “public interest requirements,” Is “unregistered” even due to admin errors… …your business can be forcibly closed. Many municipalities: Don’t have working billing systems Can’t process building plans Lose documents regularly Take months to respond to email Now imagine they must license every single business in their jurisdiction. If there are: Registration fees Inspection fees Annual renewal fees Compliance costs Small businesses may not survive. A national record of all businesses can be exploited for: Political intimidation Targeted taxation Data leaks Surveillance of business activities Given SA’s governance issues, this isn't far-fetched. Although the stated intention seems harmless, in the South African context the Bill could: ⚠️ Create opportunities for corruption ⚠️ Harm small businesses ⚠️ Enable harassment of informal traders ⚠️ Add red tape instead of removing it ⚠️ Give struggling municipalities excessive power ⚠️ Fuel xenophobic enforcement ⚠️ Allow the state to shut businesses down arbitrarily	Philip	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:18:50	No I do not	More red tape		Greg	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:20:22	No I do not	More red tape		Ina	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:21:23	No I do not	More red tape		Umr	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:25:14	No I do not	More red tape		Johnny	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 08:27:56	No I do not	More red tape		Mary	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:31:21	No I do not	More red tape	Dictatorial, bureaucratic, and takes the entrepreneurship away from business. Sick and tired of government bureaucracy which costs millions and produces nothing positive	Ron	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:32:40	No I do not	More red tape	As correctly pointed out, small businesses will. create jobs that our country so desperately needs. Any additional red tape and granting officials overrreaching power will result in small businesses never becoming successful and employing persons in our society.	Rudi	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:35:19	No I do not	More red tape	NO!!! The government has done ZERO work to build my business, they tax us to death, and we see NO evidence of our taxes being spent on the citizens of SA. We are not opening our doors to "inspectors" to demand cooldrink money and if we refuse, threaten to close our doors, etc. It is a PRIVATE company and creates jobs for 4 families, now this corrupt government wants to steal that too? Absolutely NOT! It's difficult enough making a living in SA, now they are intending to make it even harder. Just leave us (SA citizens) alone to do what we can to survive and live our lives. The rand is so weak against the dollar, South Africans are suffering under the ANC Government. They waste our tax money on unimportant things, or on their own stuff. It is a ridicules thing to do, South Africans are struggling to survive, and the government just wants more and more - my answer is NO I DO NOT SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT.	Marina	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:43:25	No I do not	More red tape		Lukas	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-25 08:47:43	No I do not	More red tape		Ofentse	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:49:59	No I do not	More red tape		Andrew		retired
	2025-11-25 08:51:22	No I do not	More red tape		Henri	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:58:09	No I do not	More red tape		Jack	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:03:37	No I do not	More red tape	This further discourages small business entrepreneurs who cannot waste time on further administrative tasks	Francois	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-25 09:06:33	No I do not	More red tape	We already complete an Annual Return for CIPC for every business every year. Painful red tape and costs money. For all the reasons above (red tape, power of inspectors, preferential licencing) it is a TERRIBLE idea to also require a business licence every 5 years !!! We need more entrepreneurs and have to GROW business in SA to generate more jobs. This will stifle new business and turn investors off.	Kim	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:11:07	No I do not	More red tape		Jane	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 09:17:41	No I do not	More red tape		Martin	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-25 09:21:00	No I do not	More red tape	Just another unfriendly business tax and red tape regulation to comply with . and another Government department to employ more workers with no benefit to our GDP or any positive benefit to the citizens of our Country	Neal	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:21:21	No I do not	More red tape	Create an environment to create jobs. Don't make it more difficult. we are over regulated !!	Steven	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:26:00	No I do not	More red tape	Impact on employment: Any additional burden on businesses—whether financial, regulatory, or operational—risks slowing down hiring or even reducing staff. In a country where unemployment is already high. Governance and accountability: If new systems give government more control without transparent checks, the fear of misuse or fraud grows.	Natasha	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 09:27:34	No I do not	More red tape	Thank you for sharing the information regarding the proposed Business Licensing Bill. After reviewing its contents and the concerns raised by various stakeholders, I wish to state unequivocally that I do not support this Bill. In my view, this proposal represents yet another obstacle to economic growth in South Africa. Instead of enabling entrepreneurship and encouraging investment, it introduces additional layers of bureaucracy and compliance that will make it even more difficult for businesses - particularly small and emerging enterprises - to operate. At a time when the country urgently needs to stimulate growth, reduce unemployment, and attract foreign investment, government should be removing barriers, not adding new ones. The role of government should be to create an environment where businesses can flourish, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to the economy. Unfortunately, this Bill does the opposite. A national licensing system, enforced through municipalities, with compulsory renewals every five years and broad enforcement powers given to inspectors, has the potential to become burdensome, inefficient, and open to abuse. I further concur with NEASA's position that the Bill introduces discriminatory elements that are deeply concerning. Their warning that certain provisions amount to "BEE in disguise" should not be taken lightly. Any system that risks excluding groups from eligibility for business licensing based on demographic or national background is not only unconstitutional but detrimental to investor confidence and economic inclusion. Economists, business bodies, and employers' organisations have already cautioned that the Bill is unworkable and potentially damaging for jobs and investment. These warnings should be acknowledged seriously. South Africa cannot afford legislation that deters entrepreneurs -local or foreign - from participating in the economy. In summary, this Bill is an unnecessary regulatory barrier that threatens to undermine business	Andre	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:27:48	No I do not	More red tape		Elizabeth	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 09:28:11	No I do not	More red tape	We don't need more licensing, the government doesn't need more power. Just leave business alone to get on with things, sheesh.	Jeremy	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:30:58	No I do not	More red tape		Cathy	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 09:32:37	No I do not	More red tape	After reviewing its contents and the concerns raised by various stakeholders, I wish to state unequivocally that I do not support this Bill. In my view, this proposal represents yet another obstacle to economic growth in South Africa. Instead of enabling entrepreneurship and encouraging investment, it introduces additional layers of bureaucracy and compliance that will make it even more difficult for businesses - particularly small and emerging enterprises - to operate. At a time when the country urgently needs to stimulate growth, reduce unemployment, and attract foreign investment, government should be removing barriers, not adding new ones. The role of government should be to create an environment where businesses can flourish, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to the economy. Unfortunately, this Bill does the opposite. A national licensing system, enforced through municipalities, with compulsory renewals every five years and broad enforcement powers given to inspectors, has the potential to become burdensome, inefficient, and open to abuse. I further concur with NEASA's position that the Bill introduces discriminatory elements that are deeply concerning. Their warning that certain provisions amount to "BEE in disguise" should not be taken lightly. Any system that risks excluding groups from eligibility for business licensing based on demographic or national background is not only unconstitutional but detrimental to investor confidence and economic inclusion. Economists, business bodies, and employers' organisations have already cautioned that the Bill is unworkable and potentially damaging for jobs and investment. These warnings should be acknowledged seriously. South Africa cannot afford legislation that deters entrepreneurs -local or foreign - from participating in the economy. In summary, this Bill is an unnecessary regulatory barrier that threatens to undermine business	Ernst	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 09:34:57	No I do not	More red tape	State cannot try and control more and to the financial cost of our country and its citizens.	Amelia	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:39:45	No I do not	More red tape	Instead of making more rules for existing law abiding business to exist and grow target the illegal operations. Sort out corruption in high places !	GP		
	2025-11-25 09:46:27	No I do not	More red tape	The whole idea of licensing a business is nonsense. No value is added anywhere.	Christiaan		
	2025-11-25 09:48:26	No I do not	More red tape	Our Municipality is useless so no!	Nakisai	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:54:49	No I do not	More red tape		Lorna	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 09:55:58	No I do not	More red tape	An attempt by govt to control businesses, bad news. Will become a race based issue. Brides and further corruption. This will have massively negative impacts on business	Trevor	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 09:57:23	No I do not	More red tape		Andy	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 09:58:20	No I do not	More red tape		Ruth	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 09:58:21	No I do not	More red tape		Ruth	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 09:59:02	No I do not	More red tape	Small and medium business will not be able to survive with such pointless bills and laws, more corruption and a different approach to BEE	Corrie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:07:25	No I do not	More red tape		Buckley	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:11:57	No I do not	More red tape		Gina		
	2025-11-25 10:12:20	No I do not	More red tape	This appears to be yet another costly authoritarian exercise to collect more taxes, apply more legislated red tape and create employment for yet another army of corruptible officials. This will be a hugely costly and impractical exercise to legislate, implement, train officials, set up systems, police, prosecute offenders and the like. It will NEVER be able to net the multi-billion Rand informal business sector, but is more likely to be onerous on the already overtaxed, over-regulated formal business sector. What do you do for sole traders, or retirees with a small income-producing hobby and the like. You'd have to redefine the terminology 'business'. Is a Sunday craft market trader who barely feeds his family a 'business'.? Are sex workers a 'business'? Is a single taxi owner being paid in cash, a business that could be registered and monitored.?	Will	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 10:16:19	No I do not	More red tape	There is absolutely no reason for government to get more power, and milk more money, from hard working South Africans. Time to start focusing on service delivery, and stop trying to financially ruin people, while simultaneously giving officials more power to help themselves to goods from people not found to be "compliant".	Amy	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 10:16:52	No I do not	More red tape	I do not trust this it seems like extortion and more red tape to make owning businesses more difficult which is already difficult because of BEEE is totally unacceptable and racist	Perry	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 10:24:14	No I do not	More red tape	In a shrinking economy, the pressures on private business are ever increasing. This exact policy have proved itself to worsen corruption and cause the withdrawal of foreign investment in most African countries. Instead of learning from their our fellow Africans' experiences, our government is only seeking short term financial goals, with long term detrimental effects on the whole economy of SA.	Leon		
	2025-11-25 10:26:23	No I do not	More red tape		Louis	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 10:28:17	No I do not	More red tape	Just a way to control us , everyone is trying to earn a living. Just another money scheme to enrich themselves. How can any business survive these demands & move forward, we are taxed to the brim!!!	Glenda		employed individual
	2025-11-25 10:31:20	No I do not	More red tape		Jessica	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-25 10:34:02	No I do not	More red tape		Dirk	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 10:34:14	No I do not	More red tape	There is enough regulation at present. Rather make business easier to operate instead of adding more regulations.	Olin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 10:39:51	No I do not	More red tape	More nonsense to deal with for business. Only the large corporate entities which have the wherewithal - aka shareholder capital) can deal with this - and they are also eyeing the future with a looming wariness of a government wanting to exert control. Shrinking economy, increasing unemployment, investment drought, labour laws, abandoned municipal responsibility, corruption, broken policing ....the list goes on. But more rules on the way! I bet whomever comes up with these ideas earn zero risk salaries (probably sponsored by the state) - no ways they have ever run a business!	Mike	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 10:40:08	No I do not	More red tape	There is already a host of rules and regulations in place that business owners need to jump through. This will just add more of the same onto all the existing businesses, whilst simultaneously discouraging micro business.	Tiaan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:41:07	No I do not	More red tape		Ganasen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:49:40	No I do not	More red tape		Jos		

	2025-11-25 10:53:37	No I do not	More red tape		George	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 10:55:21	No I do not	More red tape	more bureaucracy to hinder and control the citizens of South Africa	Garrick	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-25 11:08:52	No I do not	More red tape		Glen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 11:08:53	No I do not	More red tape		Glen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 11:08:57	No I do not	More red tape	PLEASE ! let us be welcoming to businesses, let us try to rebuild this economy that is so damaged! STOP doing everything in your power to make it the least attractive country for investment!	Lesley	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 11:11:00	No I do not	More red tape	To Whom it may concern; I strongly object to the proposed municipal licensing regulations proposed for business. We are already compliant by being registered with SARS / CIPC / UIF / SDL and are members of industry employer associations like NEASA. Municipalities have no mandate nor jurisdiction over the constitutional right of any citizen to pursue any legal economic activity. Failure to comply with existing legislation should be enforced by the respective agencies mentioned above and in particular, the licensing and compliance of informal traders should be the focus point of municipalities in applying their own municipal by-laws. In any event the majority of municipalities are failing to do so as can be seen in the shambolic state of compliance in the informal sector broadly. Adding an arbitrary layer of additional and costly administration to an already over-regulated formal private sector, to be administered by officials and municipal managers with a political affiliation and agenda, the majority of whom preside over financially distressed municipalities , as documented by the Auditor general of South Africa, will not improve the job creation potential in the formal sector but rather open the door to further race-based policies and regulatory abuse.	Des	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 11:12:46	No I do not	More red tape		Paula	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 11:14:48	No I do not	More red tape	Having started a business in the last year it has been exhausting with all the red tape and oncosts needed to start up a business in South Africa. To add more regulation, especially with dysfunctional municipalities overburdens the small business owner further. We will be waiting forever for licences. I say no to more red tape. It is counter productive to trying to promote those who want to start a small business	Julie-Anne	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 11:15:27	No I do not	More red tape	Stop to regulate everything , business included, This will caust more job losses	Gerhard	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 11:22:15	No I do not	More red tape	More bureaucracy and inability to follow through.	Steven	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 11:25:36	No I do not	More red tape		Ryan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 11:29:35	No I do not	More red tape	We do not trust anything this ANC government does. Nothing ever improves from changes they make.	Ray	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 11:33:14	No I do not	More red tape	Small business is already reeling from the amount of red tape. Also the powers that the inspectors will have is totally unacceptable. We already feel like we are walking on eggs.	BRUCE	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 11:39:15	No I do not	More red tape		linda		
	2025-11-25 11:42:14	No I do not	More red tape	This not conducive to creating jobs. The ANC has a proven record of decimating manufacturing, business in South Africa. This is nothing but desperation to stay in power at all costs	Herman	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 11:42:15	No I do not	More red tape	This not conducive to creating jobs. The ANC has a proven record of decimating manufacturing, business in South Africa. This is nothing but desperation to stay in power at all costs	Herman	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 11:48:38	No I do not	More red tape	I have serious reservations about granting municipalities expanded business licensing authority under this bill. My concerns center on three key issues: Lack of Specialized Expertise: Municipal administrators typically lack the specialized knowledge required to evaluate industry-specific business operations effectively. This could result in arbitrary decision-making that fails to account for legitimate business needs and operational realities. Administrative Bottlenecks: Adding another layer of bureaucracy risks creating significant delays in the licensing process. Businesses, particularly small enterprises and startups, require timely approvals to remain viable. Overburdened municipal offices may lack the resources to process applications efficiently, leading to economic stagnation and discouraging entrepreneurship in our communities. Corruption Vulnerabilities: Any system that grants discretionary power over business approvals creates opportunities for abuse. Without robust oversight mechanisms, transparent criteria, and clear timelines, such a system becomes susceptible to favoritism and corrupt practices that disadvantage honest entrepreneurs.	Oreste	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 11:48:49	No I do not	More red tape	We should be reducing and simplifying the existing laws as it makes it very difficult for entrepreneurs to establish new businesses as the bureaucracy is Draconian already.	Johan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 12:08:35	No I do not	More red tape	Government is making room for more corruption. Officers / inspectors soliciting bribes is a reality. This is not acceptable practices.	Heidi	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 12:25:58	No I do not	More red tape	Most of our municipalities cannot cope with running basic day to day duties, all this will do is create another loophole for corruption. I want a licence, muni wont give, so i pay the goverment employee a nice brown envelope, licence granted. Does this ring any bells??	jenny	Limpopo	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 12:26:01	No I do not	More red tape		Hendrik	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-25 12:26:08	No I do not	More red tape		David	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 12:26:28	No I do not	More red tape	open to corruption, plus just another way to tax us again and again it just never stops (gatvol)	faghri	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 12:34:49	No I do not	More red tape	The burden on businesses is onerous enough. Very few municipalities have a clean bill of health in SA. Adding this system to their responsibilities opens another layer of potential corruption.	Natasha	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 12:35:18	No I do not	More red tape	There is no rational reason for burdening businesses with excessive red tape. This restrictive process will inhibit the development of businesses in South Africa.	Michael	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 12:39:53	No I do not	More red tape	No I do Not	Llewellyn	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 12:46:04	No I do not	More red tape	Government should be making business easier as a number one priority, not putting new obstacles and costs in place.	Alan	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 12:49:38	No I do not	More red tape		Carla		
	2025-11-25 12:53:35	No I do not	More red tape	I see no point in this licence - in order to run a legitimate business - one already has to re-register annually with CIPRO - this seems to be a duplication of this!	BENITA	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 12:54:58	No I do not	More red tape		Marietchen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 12:59:46	No I do not	More red tape	This seems like yet just another ploy by government to rake in more money, due to incompetence, corruption and greed by the ANC officials! We THE PEOPLE of South Africa are Sick and Tired of being drained of our hard earned money!!! I have been unemployed since 2012 as a direct result of the Covid "Plandemic"! I am not able to get permanent employment for the simple reason that I am "Too white" to get employed and also because there are just NOT ENOUGH JOBS for the people of South Africa, this is a DIRECT result of poor government policies in the MOST RACIST country in the world!!! DOWN WITH THE ANC, their corrupt officials and their incompetent policies!!!!!!!!	Clifford	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 13:05:33	No I do not	More red tape	JUST ANOTHER WAY TO LOOT MONEY AND CORRUPTION	SONJA	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 13:05:57	No I do not	More red tape	To grow the economy, research is showing that easier access to start a business reduces barriers to entry and employment.	Heather	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:07:45	No I do not	More red tape		Anita	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 13:13:26	No I do not	More red tape		Logan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 13:15:51	No I do not	More red tape	This is nonsense! Leave us be to be productive, run businesses and employ people - isn't that what Government is supposed to do! Stay out of our business.	Lilian		
	2025-11-25 13:23:54	No I do not	More red tape	This draft could cause a loss in economy as business owners wait for authorisation, just not practical and another way of controlling income.	Wendy	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 13:24:48	No I do not	More red tape		Marti	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 13:31:43	No I do not	More red tape	This will definitely not help grow jobs or create a better future by all.	Marcello	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:39:20	No I do not	More red tape	This will definitely not help grow jobs or create a better future by all. And the future is us as Small and Medium Businesses..... never forget that!	Maverick		business owner
	2025-11-25 13:46:27	No I do not	More red tape	This is a strategy used to control the masses and further strangle the few tax paying and law abiding citizens of this country.	Elaine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:54:17	No I do not	More red tape	If you keep piling on and keep enabling unproductive poeple to threaten, shackle and harrass productive businesses... it will be on our heads when m,ore poeple lose their jobs, when the business enviroment becomes more hostile then the destruction and death is on you. You make it hard to not hate you, you make it hard to think you dont hate poor people.	Jacobus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 13:56:12	No I do not	More red tape	Transparency in the ruling government is null, thus opening gaps for corruption and 5-yearly fund generating as part of re-registration. Instead of scrapping the annual driving license as a burden to financially derived communities, they're increasing hurdles.	Tullu Joseph	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-25 13:56:16	No I do not	More red tape		Johan	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-25 13:59:44	No I do not	More red tape		Bonita		
	2025-11-25 14:02:12	No I do not	More red tape		Suana	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 14:02:29	No I do not	More red tape	Another making racket by Municipalities, more licences more silly fines. They should be encouraging small businesses to grow not restricting them	John	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 14:02:35	No I do not	More red tape		Karen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 14:05:36	No I do not	More red tape		sally	North West	retired
	2025-11-25 14:06:07	No I do not	More red tape		Nigel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 14:06:12	No I do not	More red tape		Gert	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 14:07:43	No I do not	More red tape		Jon	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 14:10:52	No I do not	More red tape		James	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 14:12:15	No I do not	More red tape		Merran	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 14:19:32	No I do not	More red tape	This is ridiculous. Considering our sad state of economy and our atrocious unemployment stats, Government should be making it easier to do business, rather than introducing yet more uneccessary laws and legislation. It smacks of another avenue to solicit bribes, and employ yet more unskilled people in the public sector - at the taxpayers' expense.	Helene	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 14:20:53	No I do not	More red tape	In South Africa the government wants to govern everything but they cant even govern their own affairs when it comes to the country itself. Wanting to regulate the way business operate this will just open another door for for corruption to steal funds that will fall within their reach. They think they are Sovereign.	Marthinus	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:25:46	No I do not	More red tape		Julia	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-25 14:31:07	No I do not	More red tape	The proposed Business Licensing Bill is intended to further state control, enforcement of BEE and adds financial burden on businesses. Therefore it is undesirable and ought to be stopped! There are multiple problems: 1. The NBLP is another compliance burden, that will require time and effort and money. 2. The delegated powers to inspectors at municipalities is very problematic. 3. The NBLP is yet another tool to subjectively enforce BEE. In a country where unemployment especially for youth is extraordinarily high, and the policies of the last 31 years have not worked one would expect the government to allow the private sector to flourish. But hey, they rather opt for more control and kill enterprise.	Heiko	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:31:35	No I do not	More red tape		Edmond	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 14:33:43	No I do not	More red tape	Bureaucrats and academics must stay out of business. They have no cooking clue on how to generate wealth. But it looks like they make it their mission to make it as difficult as possible to do business. Government must stay out of business. They contribute nothing with more red tape. There are already enough laws governing business activities in this country. It is clear that they do not know how to enforce and implement these laws, so they resort to extra taxes and red tape and make the entrepreneur guilty until proven innocent.	pieter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:41:09	No I do not	More red tape		Marita	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 14:41:44	No I do not	More red tape		Bradley	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:45:55	No I do not	More red tape		Jennifer	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 14:46:08	No I do not	More red tape		Elmari		
	2025-11-25 14:48:54	No I do not	More red tape	This proposed Business Licensing Bill furthers unhealthy state control, enforces BEE by the back door and is a further financial burden on our country's private sector. It will not kick start our economy, but have the opposite effect. This bill is a non starter! Some of the multiple problems: 1. The NBLP is a state induced compliance burden, that does'nt empower a vibrant market economy and offers no benefit to this country's citizens. 2. The delegated powers to inspectors at municipalities are a problematic red flag. 3. The NBLP is yet another tool to subjectively enforce BEE.	Rhode	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 14:49:38	No I do not	More red tape		Paul	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 14:57:26	No I do not	More red tape	We already have such poor economic growth, please stop preventing South Africans that are trying to grow our economy!	Carli	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 15:07:18	No I do not	More red tape		Elmarie	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 15:09:31	No I do not	More red tape	This is just more corruption in the country.	Estie		unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 15:10:17	No I do not	More red tape	Elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. The provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Sarah	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 15:11:20	No I do not	More red tape		Gillian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 15:16:24	No I do not	More red tape	We already have such poor economic growth, please stop preventing South Africans that are trying to grow our economy!	Daniel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 15:16:57	No I do not	More red tape		Salmon	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 15:21:05	No I do not	More red tape		Cindy	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 15:23:40	No I do not	More red tape		Pietje	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 15:26:53	No I do not	More red tape	Communist control of each business on the way.....!!	Martin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 15:27:22	No I do not	More red tape		Chantelique		
	2025-11-25 15:31:21	No I do not	More red tape	It is preposterous for the government to add another level of potential interference in the business sector. The current terrible state we find ourselves in, as a country, is directly attributable to Government interference. The government should concentrate on creating a safe and secure environment for business to flourish. That is all.	Mark	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 15:33:49	No I do not	More red tape	I completely not agree to give Government more say in small businesses.	Neill	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 15:38:03	No I do not	More red tape		Phillipa	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 15:38:05	No I do not	More red tape		Phillipa	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 15:41:04	No I do not	More red tape	It is just another way off today's government to extract more money from a people and businesses that are all ready under heavy strain	Willem	Mpumalanga	self-employed

	2025-11-25 15:51:20	No I do not	More red tape	Main negative points: More red tape: Adds heavy bureaucracy for small and informal businesses. Too much power to inspectors: Risk of abuse, corruption and harassment. Hurts informal traders: Many won't cope with the admin or costs and could be pushed out of business. Corert centralisation: Gives too much control to national government, weakening local flexibility. Possible discrimination: "Preferential licensing" looks like BEE through licensing and may distort fair competition. Vague wording: Terms are unclear and open to abuse or inconsistent interpretation. Unrealistic for municipalities: Many simply lack capacity to implement it properly. Risk to job creation: More barriers = fewer new businesses = fewer jobs. Bottom line: Good idea in theory, but badly designed — could harm small businesses more than help them.	Catherine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 15:55:02	No I do not	More red tape		Margaretha		
	2025-11-25 16:00:50	No I do not	More red tape		Jennifer	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 16:06:16	No I do not	More red tape	As a country we should be aiming for less government involvement in business, NOT MORE!	Brian	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 16:06:18	No I do not	More red tape		Janean	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 16:16:11	No I do not	More red tape	This new idea by the government will not be helpful to attract investors. The red tape will be immense and time consuming. It prolongs the waiting period to run or open businesses, i.e. also for workers who are waiting to be employed. It will not reduce the unemployment rate.	Connie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 16:26:57	No I do not	More red tape	Ridiculous. Things work just fine	M	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 16:27:59	No I do not	More red tape		Wayne	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:28:09	No I do not	More red tape		Leigh-Anne		
	2025-11-25 16:35:15	No I do not	More red tape		Henri		self-employed
	2025-11-25 16:43:05	No I do not	More red tape	I object to the Bill on the following grounds, each tied to its potential to undermine economic growth, job creation, and constitutional principles of fairness and efficiency: 1. Excessive red tape Universal licensing for even low-risk and home-based businesses imposes heavy compliance costs on SMEs, creates municipal backlogs, contradicts the Bill's own "minimal regulatory burden" principle (s 9), and discourages informal traders from formalising. 2. Increased corruption risk Warrantless confiscations, broad inspector powers, and vague "suitability" criteria (s 6) invite extortion and abuse in an already corrupt environment. 3. Discriminatory provisions Preferential treatment based on demographics (s 9) repeats B-BBEE flaws, violates constitutional equality (s 9 of the Constitution), and excludes entrepreneurs on racial or historical grounds. 4. Harm to SMEs and informal traders Mandatory licensing of street trading and informal activities (s 30) threatens livelihoods, risks mass displacement, and will drive jobs underground in a country with >32% unemployment. 5. Implementation failures Under-resourced municipalities cannot cope; unclear definition of "designated undertakings" (s 4) invites over-regulation; lack of functional digital infrastructure will increase costs instead of reducing them. These provisions undermine economic growth, job creation, and constitutional rights, and must be substantially revised or withdrawn.	Craig	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:44:56	No I do not	More red tape		stuart	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 16:46:22	No I do not	More red tape	This Bill feels less like modernisation and more like a regulatory chokehold on the very businesses keeping South Africa afloat. We can't claim to be driving economic growth while creating a licensing system that municipalities don't have the capacity to run, empowering inspectors with unchecked authority, and introducing preference criteria that can be used to exclude entire groups from economic participation. Instead of supporting SMEs, informal traders, and local entrepreneurs, this Bill risks collapsing them through delays, fines, confiscations, and administrative red tape. Investors need stability, not another layer of bureaucracy. Jobs need oxygen, not another hand around their neck. South Africa doesn't need more licensing. We need functional municipalities, predictable policy, and a state that enables entrepreneurship instead of policing it. This Bill, as it stands, is not workable and not aligned with the economic realities on the ground.	Nthabiseng	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-25 16:53:49	No I do not	More red tape		Arthur		retired
	2025-11-25 17:08:35	No I do not	More red tape		Tersia	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 17:08:59	No I do not	More red tape		Elize	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 17:17:10	No I do not	More red tape	If a full explanation is provided why businesses are required to register when it's registered with SARS, CIPC and The Labour Department, unless it's for these operations businesses that served food, operated health facilities such as massage parlours, or entertainment venues, these should be licensed with local authorities.	Rodney	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 17:17:44	No I do not	More red tape	The useless corrupt Municipalities cannot handle such sensitive case of business licensing.	Jeanine	North West	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 17:27:06	No I do not	More red tape	The Bill places business in the hands of incompetent public servants who cannot currently carry the administrative burden and municipalities who does not have the financial means to support the objectives. Business should be free to produce, sell give service or do any commercial activity to ensure that the enormous unemployment is reduced.	Johannes	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 17:33:40	No I do not	More red tape	Another racial discriminatory process. We call voted against this sort of discrimination on 1994 and have gone backwards.	Cobus	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 17:51:00	No I do not	More red tape		Pieter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 18:12:05	No I do not	More red tape	Dit gaan werkverrigting verder verstrengel in rompslomp, die belastingbetaler meer kos en werkloosheid vergroot.	Alvin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 18:19:14	No I do not	More red tape		Patrick		retired
	2025-11-25 18:52:05	No I do not	More red tape	We do not trust government, efficiency of government and their implimentation of any laws just opens us, the public, up to be hassled and squeezed for bribes. i do not like or trust this	Nick	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 18:54:01	No I do not	More red tape	An enabling government does not do what our current one is attemting to do. We have SARS, we have CIPC, we have POPIA, we have RICA, we have FICA but you still manage to EFF everything up and let criminals run rife. Clean up and reduce the red tape.	DAvid	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 19:03:02	No I do not	More red tape		Klaus-Peter	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 19:07:48	No I do not	More red tape	This is open to more corruption from inspectors and government ideology of the day and has the power to close small businesses providing desperately needed employment. Businesses need more freedom not more control. Its hard to make profit in SA.	Cathy		employed individual
	2025-11-25 19:07:49	No I do not	More red tape	This is open to more corruption from inspectors and government ideology of the day and has the power to close small businesses providing desperately needed employment. Businesses need more freedom not more control. Its hard to make profit in SA.	Cathy		employed individual
	2025-11-25 19:11:20	No I do not	More red tape		Mantwa	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 19:13:55	No I do not	More red tape		Delice	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 19:31:57	No I do not	More red tape	So you wanna kill more businesses?	Evelyn	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 19:37:13	No I do not	More red tape		Cornelia	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-25 19:41:40	No I do not	More red tape		Brian	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-25 19:43:07	No I do not	More red tape		Ian		business owner
	2025-11-25 19:46:47	No I do not	More red tape		Brad		
	2025-11-25 19:51:22	No I do not	More red tape		Dave	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-25 20:33:50	No I do not	More red tape	This bill will further depress our already struggling economy abdclimit free trade. Sounds like another communist/socialist tactic to gain control over tge economy and people.	Maxine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 20:44:04	No I do not	More red tape		Money	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 20:45:06	No I do not	More red tape		Kirsten	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 20:54:09	No I do not	More red tape		David	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 20:54:55	No I do not	More red tape	This bill should be abolished as there is no need for it. There are enough laws to control businesses in this country, all these unnecessary extra new bills will chase investors away - with our high unemployment this is the last thing this country reads. We need to make people want to invest in South Africa, not turn away due to unnecessary control laws. There are more disadvantages than advantages, this law should be stopped before it causes more destruction.	Stella	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 20:59:14	No I do not	More red tape		Val	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 21:07:38	No I do not	More red tape	Licence must be based on the ability of the person making the application, no race or BEE rules to be applied.	Basdeo	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-25 21:08:31	No I do not	More red tape		Riana	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-25 21:09:23	No I do not	More red tape		Gysbert	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 21:12:06	No I do not	More red tape	Corporation vampires sucking our People dry. Sies man, Baal , mammon worshipers No heart, no soul, just MONEY. Eish.	No		self-employed
	2025-11-25 21:28:17	No I do not	More red tape	A economy does not grow when you make it difficult.	Dewald	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 21:28:18	No I do not	More red tape	A economy does not grow when you make it difficult.	Dewald	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 21:29:59	No I do not	More red tape	This will be bad for job creation.	Lindie	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 21:33:45	No I do not	More red tape		Turkessa	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 21:42:57	No I do not	More red tape		Mel	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 22:02:08	No I do not	More red tape	More hurdles to discourage entrepreneurs. Small business needs to be encouraged, not hindered. Preferential awards of licences will discourage otherwise skilled and competent people to develop business where it is easier to do business. This municipality does not have a skilled administration to take on more bureaucracy.	Ian	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 22:05:53	No I do not	More red tape		David		self-employed
	2025-11-25 22:09:01	No I do not	More red tape	We are already struggling as small businesses without support from the Government. We are getting more and more red tape. More and more things to distract us from building a profitable business. Leave us in peace so we can build the economy, employ more people and make a better country for all.	Bernard	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-26 02:23:35	No I do not	More red tape	I already have to comply with the HPCSA, BHF, pharmacy council and property business licensing. And everything costs money. Now this? It is unnecessary and another way of getting government revenue that will be misappropriated anyway. No thank you	Charlotte	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 04:41:02	No I do not	More red tape		Stella	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 05:03:59	No I do not	More red tape	Trying to obtain any feedback alone from a non-existing municipality, is still-born for any proposed business. Forget about getting this business registered.	Johannes		
	2025-11-26 05:52:57	No I do not	More red tape		Lloyd	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-26 06:14:02	No I do not	More red tape	This becomes another form of apartheid. Municipalities will be weaponised to discriminate and might lead to more corruption whereby inspectors might demand bribes for approvals and there will have too much power over business operations. Building is already an intense process and having a lot of regulation will actually discourage growth of new businesses.	Gil	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-26 06:36:51	No I do not	More red tape	Why does the government not leave the sme to do their work to create jobs?? Why do you have to make it as difficult for sme to contribute to the ecomy of this country. Your ideas to control the businesses sucks!!!???	Carien	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 06:37:32	No I do not	More red tape		Lawson	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 06:40:33	No I do not	More red tape	Just gives the government more control over businesses they forget that they are working for the people and not the other way round	Helen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 06:42:55	No I do not	More red tape	Its a guise to allow the allow to further their corruption activities	Hemant		
	2025-11-26 06:42:56	No I do not	More red tape	Its a guise to allow the allow to further their corruption activities	Hemant		
	2025-11-26 07:29:47	No I do not	More red tape		Stuart	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 07:37:51	No I do not	More red tape	passed, will be abused by inspectors thereby propagating cronyism. Furthermore there should be no race based policies disguised as redress or such.	Dana	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 07:54:53	No I do not	More red tape	This will open the door for more corruption.	Alexander	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 07:56:04	No I do not	More red tape		Linda	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 07:57:10	No I do not	More red tape		shaun	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 08:10:23	No I do not	More red tape		Roxanne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 08:12:50	No I do not	More red tape	A source of Government control and more money to steal .So they can force you to do as they say especially on staffing .	Willie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 08:37:32	No I do not	More red tape	Starting and running a business is difficult and any more barriers will compromise people and ultimately be negative on the country	Allistair	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 08:45:00	No I do not	More red tape		Fritz	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 08:54:52	No I do not	More red tape	This cannot be allowed because it won't just damage our individuals and family lives, but we will see a massive increase in the unemployment rate from all ages not just the youth and young adults. If this bill passes, then it's in the same direction of our neighbour country ZIM.	rogan	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-26 08:59:47	No I do not	More red tape		Fred	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-26 09:02:01	No I do not	More red tape		hayley	Western Cape	
	2025-11-26 09:08:43	No I do not	More red tape	It is ridiculous to apply every five years. The bureaucracy to tend to your application will take forever.	Daniel	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 09:11:34	No I do not	More red tape		Celeste	North West	student
	2025-11-26 09:28:28	No I do not	More red tape		Preggy	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-26 09:28:28	No I do not	More red tape	The current government has done enough to destroy businesses already. The less they are involved in business, the better.	John	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-26 09:33:43	No I do not	More red tape		Ganasen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 09:38:26	No I do not	More red tape	It will be too costly for citizens to register a business in every province.	Nkhetheni	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 09:47:54	No I do not	More red tape	This amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. This is nothing but BEE in disguise!!!	Nicola	Western Cape	business owner

	2025-11-26 09:51:45	No I do not	More red tape	This is an aim for bureaucratic domination, one that will make starting, running, or even maintaining a business in South Africa more arduous, more uncertain and more difficult than ever. The bill gives sweeping, vague and discretionary powers to officials at all levels of government. The inevitable result will be arbitrary enforcement, rent-seeking, corruption and an ever-deepening atmosphere of uncertainty that chokes investment and suppresses job creation. I agree with Neasa that elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. Anti white policies? The provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise they preclude certain groups of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background. The approach is exclusionary and defeats the very purpose of this policy and the principles of a free market. The proposal is yet another piece of legislation adding to an already heavy compliance load for small businesses. The Bill in its current form will unintentionally impede the growth and development of small and medium enterprises, the sector which is the main engine of job creation.	Karin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 09:51:48	No I do not	More red tape		IAN	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 09:54:34	No I do not	More red tape	Until the stated claim of any new law/legislation is to make business easier and proven to be quicker and can you imagine more cost effective and efficient than I cannot support any changes. I live in BCMM and it is difficult enough, with red tape already a nightmare and in my opinion expensive and used as a tool to punish those who try to run their businesses to the law. (Bangladeshis etc. run a risk reward ratio and clearly win) On my last inspection visit by the metro officials (stormtrooper style) I believe I was racially profiled and intimidated. I was forced to close for 2 days. I kept hearing the words we are here to help you, but close your business first. My 9 Xhosa staff all got no no pay for 2 days thanks to that wonderful attitude. I suspect the municipality are racist against small white businesses and resent success. In Gonubie I believe there is one 100% black owned retail business on the main road. A hairdresser lady, and strange enough her majority clientele are white. On this main road you have 5 Bangladesh shops. (1 before COVID) Explain this to me how SA makes it easy to start a small business for foreigners but only one Xhosa lady leads the charge in Gonubie Main Road.	Warren	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 10:01:10	No I do not	More red tape		Bryn	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 10:03:27	No I do not	More red tape	If the authorities were able to monitor the existing businesses properly and end corrupt practices like importation of fake brands, cigarettes and other products it would be far more beneficial. Municipalities are too corrupt for them to try and manage this additiional task!	Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 10:04:09	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses are already overregulated in SA. This does not help in terms of Job creation as smaller businesses will close down due to bearcats, negatively impacting an already strained system. Personally, I will not open a new business in SA already do to all the silly hoops one needs to jump through. Would already rather consider opening it in one of our neighbouring countries. SA government and cANCer in particular can learn a lot from the Mauritian government in terms of attracting bussiness.	Michael	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 10:07:03	No I do not	More red tape		Phillip	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 10:48:09	No I do not	More red tape	Bill will be utilized to control free trade and to control right to trade!	Jacobus	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-26 11:15:56	No I do not	More red tape	If you have a tax income number for your business, it is sufficiant registration. Spaza shops and illegal foreigners do not pay tax. Register them as tax payers. Licensing only means that illegal foreigners still do not pay income tax and trade in SA.	Disa	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 11:25:15	No I do not	More red tape	Too much red tape from people who do nothing productive, wasting people and business time & increasing costs with no benefit to any party. Businesses do not have the manpower or resources to cope with all the existing red tape, let alone even more. This cripples the economy & leads to less collected taxes as businesses time is not productively spent satisfying the few clients that are there. This seems like nothing more than what NWO Cabal is trying to do to put, especially informal and small businesses out of business. Anyway, even if introduced we will NOT partake as it is against the constitution to be able to make a fair living. Start working for the citizens, NOT your WEF puppet masters.	Henk	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 11:31:05	No I do not	More red tape	There are so many hoops to jump through as a business owner and both CIPC and SARS add more and more each year to try and ensure all businesses are compliant/legal etc. This is not only extremely costly, but also a huge time consumer and makes running a small businesses nearly impossible. If what we have is not enough then CIPC and SARS need to audit their processes. This is nothing short of a money making scheme and another portal for bribes the be demanded.	Deena	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 11:44:39	No I do not	More red tape		Gary	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 11:46:07	No I do not	More red tape		Ingrid	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 12:33:58	No I do not	More red tape	Its exactly this type of ridiculous legislation which inhibits entrepreneurship in SA. To focus on specific racial groups makes this Bill a transgression of all free-market principles valued in most parts of the world. It's a total disgrace and should never even have reached this stage!	Christo	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 12:41:33	No I do not	More red tape	The government needs to support small businesses. This is just giving more power and money to incompetent municipalities. I cannot make even think of an alternative suggestion than this is just proof that the government is not about supporting business or employment only about garnering votes.	Pauline	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 12:52:20	No I do not	More red tape	The Bill of Rights guarantees the right to earn a living.	Caryn	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 13:32:08	No I do not	More red tape	Too much red tape, going in the wrong direction, promoting more economic stagnation.	Erin		
	2025-11-26 13:37:08	No I do not	More red tape	This seems another ploy by the ANC to gain control and powers that will, based on their governance history, be abused. This must under all circumstance be avoided.	Andreas	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 13:41:22	No I do not	More red tape	I object on the following grounds - Preferential licensing; Principles of business licensing; Powers of inspectors; More red tape. I call for the complete withdrawal of this Bill. The people of the Western Cape, and South Africans believe in freedom for all. This bill is not necessary, the Current Business Act 1991 is sufficient. Further licencing of businesses with CIPC regulates the creation of business entities, street vendors have licencing requirements are already in place through local municipalities etc. etc.. it is not clear why is this bill even necessary? For a free, prosperous, and non-racial future, this Bill should be rejected in its entirety. Entrepreneurs with small businesses have been the life blood of the Western Cape Economy.	Leslie	Western Cape	
	2025-11-26 14:02:28	No I do not	More red tape	Sick and tired of red tape control.	Greg	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 14:03:01	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support the Business Licensing Bill as it again places too much power into the hands of bureaucrats, providing little or no protection. The fact that the Bill will allow an automatic revocation of a license with no appeal process before closure appears to be an unjust administrative action that undermines the provisions of section 33 of the Constitution. Section 25 of the Bill seems to validate this view as hawkers could face harsh punishment for doing business if found guilty of this offence. The offender would be liable to a fine of an unspecified amount or imprisonment for up to 10 years or both. In accordance with section 42 any number of onerous requirements could be added under the authority of this blanket provision and the justification for this Bill. The provisions of the Bill are discriminatory as it aims to preclude any group of society from being eligible for a business license, based on demographic or national background. This is just BEE in a different form-a policy which has destroyed our country economically and socially. The broad powers proposed for inspectors must be STRICTLY regulated to avoid possible instances of abuse as this occurs too regularly in our country.	Desiree	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 14:08:43	No I do not	More red tape		Dorian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 14:17:08	No I do not	More red tape		JAN	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 14:23:00	No I do not	More red tape		Nathan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 14:25:56	No I do not	More red tape		Alexander	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 14:39:43	No I do not	More red tape	I believe in a free market. Regulation stifles the economy	Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-26 14:43:28	No I do not	More red tape	I just feel that this is another way to generate more money from the public and will put a further burden on the business 's to have to re-license every 5 years at an expense that will increase yearly. This may also mean that employment will be affected and business's will end up closing down. Its an unfair concept that will only put pressure on the business.	Lina	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 15:18:54	No I do not	More red tape	I do not as it is government overreach.	Giulio	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 15:35:04	No I do not	More red tape		Delf	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 15:37:45	No I do not	More red tape		Andries	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 15:41:35	No I do not	More red tape		Lionel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 15:48:40	No I do not	More red tape	I totally disagree as this is damaging South Africa even more. Where do they get all this insane ideas. Someone not having a job to do, getting paid but don't work so they have time for rubbish.	Heleen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 15:48:47	No I do not	More red tape		Jannie		

	2025-11-26 15:59:02	No I do not	More red tape	The Government, under the ANC has bankrupted this country since 1994, and today more businesses are closing monthly than new ones being opened. Our economy is on its back and dying, with no major investment by private or public sector. We have one of the highest rates of unemployment in Africa and now the Government wants to make it even more difficult for someone to start a business in South Africa. We have enough legislation covering commerce, so start applying these and stop thinking up more pie in the sky nonsense. You will not succeed in trying to dictate to entrepreneurs where they can start a business and with the added red tape that this Business Licensing Bill will introduce, we will loose small businesses and not gain any.	Jasper	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 16:04:55	No I do not	More red tape		Lindy	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 16:14:06	No I do not	More red tape		Debbie	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-26 16:20:20	No I do not	More red tape	We need less regulation so that businesses can be established and create work. PEOPLE NEED WORK. GOVERNMENT IS KILLING BUSINESSES THAT CREATE WORK.	Andrew	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 16:29:21	No I do not	More red tape	We do not need more red tape. We need practical busuness processes	Cornel	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 16:30:37	No I do not	More red tape	More opportunity for corruption by the cadres, more BEE, more outdated failed communist ideology. The ANC just need to get out of the way so businesses can create loads of jobs.	Michael	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 16:45:01	No I do not	More red tape	We have to much detrimental red tape which is stifling economic growth and business opertunities. Leet the market forces determine the success of small business, not heavy handed policing.	Ken	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 16:51:03	No I do not	More red tape		Andre		
	2025-11-26 16:51:04	No I do not	More red tape		Andre		
	2025-11-26 16:52:59	No I do not	More red tape	Governments are imposing more and more rules and restrictions on citizens, it needs to stop, we need to support business and the hardworking citizens by reducing legislation and the overhead to implement and maintain that and rather focus those efforts on reducing corruption, crime, bribery and lack of delivery.	Logan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 16:54:03	No I do not	More red tape	More corruption	N	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 16:55:15	No I do not	More red tape		Gavin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 17:02:41	No I do not	More red tape		Margie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 17:02:48	No I do not	More red tape		Margie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 17:02:48	No I do not	More red tape		Margie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 17:14:51	No I do not	More red tape	More opportunities to marginalise. Gateway to more corruption. Government will use any method possible to strangle businesses with more regulations.	Vivienne	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-26 17:57:20	No I do not	More red tape	This is another attempt by the ANC to stop investment in South Africa and to stop free trade. This is what communists do and we must vote them out.	Jim	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 19:05:33	No I do not	More red tape	This will be another destructive tool in the hands of corrupt officials who will be able to decide which business may continue and which not.	Tom	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 19:11:28	No I do not	More red tape	Our local municipalities do not have the capacity to handle this sort of admin, business owners do not have the time or money to comply with more regulations which are unlikely to protect consumers or grow the economy. It seems likely to incur more corruption. Things like this are completely unacceptable and will cause tragedy and chaos: the Bill speaks of an automatic revocation of a licence, if non-compliance is found, and a business owner can only appeal once the business has been closed. This does not provide a fair process for a business to plead its case before the licence is revoked. This appears to be an unjust administrative action that undermines the provisions of section 33 of the Constitution. (5) It is unconstitutional. The bill speaks about 'easy' digital processes yet most digital infrastructure is as broken as our roads. The SASSA website application process is down for months and offices refuse to process new applications saying you must go online. Most home affairs digital services do not work. How will this be any different? CIPC does a reasonable job and is the only entity I would entrust with such a task and it must be national not municipal or provincial- there is too much scope for corruption and discrimination. This is likely to hurt informal sector the most.	Siobhan	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-26 20:19:27	No I do not	More red tape	It is unconstitutional. The Bill speaks of an automatic revocation of a licence, if non-compliance is found, and a business owner can only appeal once the business has been closed. This does not provide a fair process for a business to plead its case before the licence is revoked. This appears to be an unjust administrative action that undermines the provisions of section 33 of the Constitution. (5) The bill speaks about 'easy' digital processes yet most home affairs digital services do not work. How will this be any different? CIPC does a reasonable job. leave it that way! There is too much scope for corruption and discrimination and will be tools in the hands of corrupt officials who will be able to decide which business may continue and which not.	Ingrid	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 20:20:11	No I do not	More red tape		Ferdinantus	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 21:03:22	No I do not	More red tape	To. Many laws, stop trying to control everything, focus on the current corruption that plagues the government today and keep them accountable.	Reginald		employed individual
	2025-11-26 22:20:38	No I do not	More red tape	This is an I'll considered interference in the economic activity of the key drivers of the economy. Stay away.	Alan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 22:22:28	No I do not	More red tape	Seems further red rape to further complicate business with heavy handed penalties for, perhaps, inadvertent non compliance with prescripts - AND WHAT PUBLIC INTEREST is this intended to serve? If we want economic growth encourage business, don't provide further impediment. (40 years in small business)	Dennis	North West	retired
	2025-11-27 03:06:58	No I do not	More red tape		Derek	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 04:36:02	No I do not	More red tape		Geraldo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 07:05:05	No I do not	More red tape		Boitumelo Eva	North West	business owner
	2025-11-27 07:17:42	No I do not	More red tape	The last thing SA needs is more red tape preventing the economy to grow.	Bruce	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 07:32:44	No I do not	More red tape	I strongly object to the Draft Business Licensing Bill and call for its total withdrawal. This Bill adds unnecessary red tape, fees and delays on every business, from spaza shops and street traders to formal companies, exactly when South Africa's 31.9% unemployment demands deregulation, not more obstacles. Giving municipal inspectors power to impose R100 000 instant fines, seize stock and shut businesses without any court order will breed corruption and extortion. The Bill contradicts the National Development Plan and GNU promises to support small business and job creation. It must be scrapped completely.	Trevor	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 08:02:49	No I do not	More red tape		Rudi	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-27 08:27:57	No I do not	More red tape		Matie	Northern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-27 09:33:05	No I do not	More red tape	Municipalities do not function properly at the moment so why give incompetent party elected people more powers to hold over businesses . Imagine a business takes a few years to build up to it's potential and then some official decides not to renew the licence. How ridiculous is that.	Jenn	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 09:36:59	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape more personal prejudice and more administrative nightmare to operate a business. There is already so much regulation and insufficient monitoring. How is this new bill creating jobs? We already have CIPC for company registrations and other Acts that govern various industries and licensing. Just another easy income stream for corrupt pockets. There are so many regulations that companies need to employ people full time just to comply. Small businesses can't afford this. Look at the unregulated industries that are not paying taxes etc, go after those people. Again government is going after compliant people/entities and not the non-compliant ones - easy targets.	jason		self-employed
	2025-11-27 09:38:56	No I do not	More red tape	We already struggle with the local municipality to get all our paperwork done. Now they will have more reason not to help us or have a reason not to help us. The 5 years make no sense. We have been in business now for more than 20years. To apply for a new license every 5 years will create more unnecessary paperwork and corruption.	Dion	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-27 09:55:35	No I do not	More red tape		Malcolm	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 10:31:44	No I do not	More red tape		Shaun	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-27 10:32:03	No I do not	More red tape	Businesses are registered with SARS, as well as any other requirements for the industry in which they are placed. to have another licence is superfluous and unnecessary and just another money making for government - an unnecessary TAX	quentin		
	2025-11-27 10:33:31	No I do not	More red tape	Om die ekonomie van die RSA aan die gang te kry benodig meer klein besighede en minder wetlike vereistes.	Jan	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-27 10:51:38	No I do not	More red tape	Let corporate businesses with turnover R500 million+ register, but allow small and medium businesses to trade under current legislation, as they are the one's experiencing poor economic circumstances, and are finding it hard to survive. They also do not have the knowledgeable staff to do all the regulatory functions, and have to use consultants to assist at unaffordable costs.	Deon	North West	business owner
	2025-11-27 11:22:13	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 11:37:12	No I do not	More red tape	Let corporate businesses with turnover R500 million+ register, but allow small and medium businesses to trade under current legislation, as they are the one's experiencing poor economic circumstances, and are finding it hard to survive. They also do not have the knowledgeable staff to do all the regulatory functions, and have to use consultants to assist at unaffordable costs.	Paul	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-27 11:38:05	No I do not	More red tape	Stop trying to take more from many who have the least. You have run out of ideas to steal and come up with creative things like this, to try and take even more. Get out of the way of business.	Glenn	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 11:44:15	No I do not	More red tape	This bill will most certainly negatively affect the jobs in a country which already has one of the worst unemployment rates in the world. Businesses are registered with SARS, as well as any other requirements for the industry in which they are placed. to have another license is superfluous and unnecessary and just another money making for government - an unnecessary TAX.	Dalene	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 12:04:03	No I do not	More red tape	The future of South Africa is off the back of small to medium enterprises and entrepreneurs. This is the global trend that is requried and arriving with all the problems that are present within culture and societies across the world. South Africa is in a unique position of being able to support its own economy through the innovation that has always been South African. This bill is in direct contrevention of that. By providing more red tape - you are strangling the small enterprises that are required to support the informal and local eco-systems, grass roots and families that need to secure themselves and their community right now. This is not a future or forward thinking initiative - it is steeped in old paradigm control.	Shirley	Western Cape	self-employed
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	2025-11-27 12:11:57	No I do not	More red tape	All this bill will do is increase the red tape faced by business, who are already battling with too much. Small and medium sized businesses are the backbone of SA's economy and to add to their difficulties, in an economy that has been wrecked by the government's inefficiency and corruption is insane. It's time to start making things easier for businesses to flourish instead of trying to hobble them.	Patrick		
	2025-11-27 12:28:58	No I do not	More red tape	South Africa already has record high unemployment. Government should doing everything in their power to incentivise enterprise, not additional admin to stifle growth even more. Less regulations and red tape should stimulate and encourage growth which is what the country desperately needs. The propsed licence merely opens the door to the possibility of even more corrupt ion in government if that is even possible.	Neil	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-27 12:49:35	No I do not	More red tape		Dawid	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 13:46:13	No I do not	More red tape		ernst	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 14:14:52	No I do not	More red tape	Complicated,unnecessary and a waste of time	Timothy	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 14:26:49	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another bureaucratic hurdle for running business and does not help to easy the running of business. The current regime of legislation is hurdle enough. We do not need more legislation.	Khethiwe	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 14:36:31	No I do not	More red tape		Deana		
	2025-11-27 14:57:34	No I do not	More red tape	Trying to conduct business at the moment is hard enough with ridiculous rules and regulations resulting in many people losing there jobs. By introducing this bill as it is will result in higher unemployment!!	Clive	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 15:06:40	No I do not	More red tape		Helen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-27 15:49:16	No I do not	More red tape	What is the value in all of this? How does this benefit the country, the municipality, or the business?	Pulane	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-27 15:50:32	No I do not	More red tape	Impractical for small business owners and terms to be applied not supplied so the implementation could be arbitrary and inconsistently applied	Karen	Gauteng	retired
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	2025-11-27 16:03:46	No I do not	More red tape		Tim	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 16:11:58	No I do not	More red tape		Louise	Gauteng	
	2025-11-27 16:16:04	No I do not	More red tape	The business sector is already over burdened with regulations. This will lead to unfair practices. Also, the local municipalities are already not functioning well- how on earth will they manage to issue licences to all the businesses in their town. Every 5 years! Probably at cost to the business as well. How will one stop bribery and corruption ?	Jennifer	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-27 16:17:56	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another money-making racket.....	Jill	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-27 16:24:44	No I do not	More red tape	This will create more red tape making it harder for businesses to start trading. It is also open to abuse.	Leanne	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 16:34:20	No I do not	More red tape	It adds NO VALUE and just creates red tape AND creates opportinuty for non-contributors to the economy to bribe and waste time of the contributors to the economy.	M	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 16:35:57	No I do not	More red tape		Mary-Ann	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-27 17:04:30	No I do not	More red tape	This is a red tape for small businesses.	Phanuel	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 17:10:39	No I do not	More red tape	This will only make it more difficult to do business and all small businesses will close down. Unnecessary red tape and rules. In order for South Africa to become effluent is for government to be lenient and give local business the opportunity to be free to make business (I do not say that there should be no regulations, but currently it is very difficult already for businesses to survive because of too much interference).	Helena	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 17:35:31	No I do not	More red tape	I propose that Governmemt fill the vacancies of EHP's to ensure Quality assurance rather then infringing on the informal markets with red tape in an already challenged economy	Angeline	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-27 17:39:47	No I do not	More red tape	Once again the ANC is showing what crap they can cause. No doubt a fee will be charged and corruption will flourish. Inspectors will apply some of their OWN rules to enhance bribes and who knows what else. The ANC are again proving what kind of C*nts they are.	Donald	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 18:25:21	No I do not	More red tape	Unfair and over-regulatory.	Dr. Adele	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-27 18:49:34	No I do not	More red tape		Matthew	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-27 18:53:38	No I do not	More red tape	Daar bestaan genoegsame wetgewing (alreeds te veel) wat besigheid en besighede reguleer. Dis net n verdere manier om totale beheer en burokratiese beheer oor besighede te kry wat negatief op werk verskaffing en op die ekonomie en ekonomiese groei sal wees .	Philip	Gauteng	business owner
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	2025-11-27 19:42:11	No I do not	More red tape	It is difficult enough to run a business in SA and now the government wants more laws, rules and taxes. Get off our backs and let us get on with our lives in this failing economy. Take away laws and regulations don't add more. Government is supposed to support businesses not hinder them. Too much red tape. Abolish BB-BEE and race quotas in business.	Lynne	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-27 19:46:31	No I do not	More red tape	Allow people to be entrepreneurs to care for their families; the economy is bad as it is, job opportunities almost none existent	Anna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 20:14:23	No I do not	More red tape	This laws are against the democracy and south Africa as a democratic state/ country I don't expect us to be having such kind of law cause they are against the citizens rights & freedom of practicing free trade....Political influenced inspector and political figures will use their power to abuse business and business owners...it will be hard for non political connected people to get involved in business industry.....some official will use vent their personal difference using this laws....it will be easy for politicians to sabotage business by doing regular unexpected inspection... It will badly affect informal business that are playing a huge role in combating high unemployment rate... informal business owners might not afford licences which will lead to dispute and conflicts with officials and law enforcers and many more..... this law will lead to the dismally collapse of South Africa and its economy	Mulaudzi	Limpopo	business owner
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	2025-11-27 20:42:38	No I do not	More red tape	this wont work for businesses as it brings government interference	Floyd	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-27 20:49:30	No I do not	More red tape	This goes against our human rights.	Lynette	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-27 21:01:28	No I do not	More red tape	This bill will kill small business and entrepreneurs. Government should aid small business, not obstruct it. I will cost the proponents of this bill very heavily in future elections.	Paul	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 21:28:17	No I do not	More red tape	This bill would be harmful to small businesses, employees and the economy.	Stefan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-27 22:56:58	No I do not	More red tape	I object to the Business Licensing Bill. I cannot believe that our government would be that incompetent to even come up with such nonsense. You honestly look for every opportunity to get more money into your pockets and by doing so you ensure that millions starve. Its about time that every position in government is replaced with people who actually care about this country, people who are currently on the ground volunteering to save what we have left. This Bill is to be scrapped!	Elna	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-27 22:58:47	No I do not	More red tape	I do NOT support this bill. It is just another way to cause people to suffer and face more hurdles and hardships while trying to survive.	Laela	Western Cape	
	2025-11-27 23:44:58	No I do not	More red tape	Majority of municipalities are incompetent. We require less governance not more	Penny	Western Cape	
	2025-11-28 06:06:27	No I do not	More red tape	The government should stop wasting energy on making more laws. Rather use energy on urgent infrastructure shortcomings!!	Desiree	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 06:17:41	No I do not	More red tape		Ben	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 06:19:18	No I do not	More red tape	Government cannot keep the lights on, or the water running but they want to poke their fingers in yet another initiative to control people who are trying to be self sufficient and not Government reliant. Government cannot control their internal delinquents (refer to the madlanga and ad hoc committee investigations of corruption at senior official level), but they feel they have the capacity and capability to micro manage every other citizen ? I suggest they conserve their energies to fix up all our failing/failed systems before start with over-reaching/over-extending themselves into areas that really do not need their input ?	Andrea	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 06:29:32	No I do not	More red tape		Shirley	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 07:00:47	No I do not	More red tape	The industry i am in cannot be regulated, and what ever small percentage it makes up will be damning to the overall sector of ehich millions rely on.	Chris	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-28 07:40:59	No I do not	More red tape		GERT	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-28 07:41:00	No I do not	More red tape		GERT	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-28 08:11:19	No I do not	More red tape	Hello, this bill will crush commerce with the low income bracket and who need it most. Fining R100,000 is insane. Most people don't even earn that in one year. This license is open to much abuse I'm a country that is already strangled with corruption and unemployment. This proposer BILL is definitely not for the people.	Gina	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 08:18:43	No I do not	More red tape	This is nothing less than the economic suicide which is exactly what the WEF told the ANC to implement. Diseducate, destroy, regulate and impoverish, these are the tools of demonic destroyers of lives, livlihoods and opportunity. This legislation should never even see the light of day, I look forward to the end of the ANC idiocy in our government. I cannot carry on paying 28 peoples salaries if this law passes, but I am white so that is probably a good thing as far as you politicians think, too bad for the 24 non white people.	Michael	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 08:19:06	No I do not	More red tape	The government's role is to assist in establishing a stable business climate. not to control it so much that it is incapable of operating. The ability of businesses to generate jobs will be adversely affected by this bill.	Dr Hannes	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 08:27:53	No I do not	More red tape	This bill will cause further job loses contributing further to unemployment. It provides no benefit to business and provides government with additional means to affect the daily running of business. Meaning corruption and theft will continue unchecked.	Murray	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 08:53:03	No I do not	More red tape		Brendon	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 08:56:52	No I do not	More red tape		Willem	Western Cape	
	2025-11-28 09:01:48	No I do not	More red tape	The country needs less red tape and beaurocracy to grow and thrive, not more red tape. This opens things up for more corruption.	Josiah	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 09:03:41	No I do not	More red tape		previn	Gauteng	
	2025-11-28 09:22:28	No I do not	More red tape		Ian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 09:23:22	No I do not	More red tape	Starting and running/maintaining a business in South Africa is known to be incredibly difficult, and so obviously a reduction in "red tape" sounds good. However, many economic and job experts have raised serious concerns - which I think are valid: potential for arbitrary enforcement of this new bill and potential for related corruption and rent-seeking. One of the main commentators has said it may cause an "ever-deepening atmosphere of uncertainty that chokes investment and suppresses job creation.". As such, it looks to be a draconian, centralised bill that is counter to improving the well being of South African citizens, who are already overstretched in their looking for, and keeping, work. Other commentators who have their finger on the pulse of how businesses are doing in this country have expressed concern that the bill is potentially exclusionary and discriminatory (i.e. BEE in disguise) not to mention simply adding an even higher admin/regulatory load to small businesses. As such I cannot support this.	Warwick	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual

	2025-11-28 09:30:57	No I do not	More red tape		SIEGMUND	Free State	retired
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	2025-11-28 09:40:29	No I do not	More red tape	Our people are starving. We dont need more red tape to prevent them from puting food on the table	Susan	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 09:42:20	No I do not	More red tape		Leigh		retired
	2025-11-28 09:52:45	No I do not	More red tape		Ockert Espag	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-28 09:53:41	No I do not	More red tape		Philip	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 09:53:52	No I do not	More red tape	This should not be allowed to pass. It is a way for government to kill the economy while exploiting the poor.	G	Gauteng	
	2025-11-28 10:12:04	No I do not	More red tape	Honorary minister, I believe that the main function of government should be able to stimulate business growth, to drive unemployment, in a country where the real unemployment is over 50% (not the govt official figure of some 32%). In my view, the licensing process should be modeled on countries where there is significant growth in business startups and also in existing businesses, like the USA, and not on countries like Zambia. The countries mentioned as being models are low growth countries. There are already licensing laws in place and shortcomings in implementation of these are inefficiency and incompetence, corruption and also in enforcement of existing laws. These new bills will only enforce these wrong behaviours and do nothing to eliminate them. Surely the emphasis should be to say we want to to go out and create as many jobs as possible, as long as it is non-discriminatory. The primary driver of the new bills is redress, which is after 30 years of the democratic dispensation, is discriminatory. It should be on economic gtowth. There is nothing in the new bills which will promote economic growth. Making licenses only valid for 5 years is also negative. If you want someone to start a business, and saw you can grow and employ people and in 5 years you could lose your licence is going to create uncertainty and not encourage businesses to invest and create growth. The concept of regulatory certainty works for large businesses and industries, but the small businesses these aimed at do not need more regulations. Also, giving huge powers to inspectors, where there is already unfairness and corruption in many areas, is not going to be a positive step. What I believe we need to do is create an environment where there is so much jo creation that the number of people unemployed shrinks rapidly. I trust and pray you will give serious consideration to my suggestions. My passion is ot see more jobs in abundance for all South Africans. Yours sincerely	Alan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 10:16:13	No I do not	More red tape		Rochelle	North West	business owner
	2025-11-28 10:36:34	No I do not	More red tape		shaun		retired
	2025-11-28 10:42:25	No I do not	More red tape	We as a country are already so regulated in bushiness that this is just one more hurdle to do business, there is already CIPC that runs companies and to further burden small business is not going to help at all. Please rather create an environment where business can grow not be hampered by more and more red tape.	William	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 10:47:06	No I do not	More red tape		Grisselda	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 10:50:55	No I do not	More red tape	This is entirely unnecessary. Another money-making scheme from ANC.	Monique	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 11:02:06	No I do not	More red tape	Entrepreneurship is key to this country's economy. Introducing any barriers threatens our already weak economy and will prevent valuable job creation. This also opens up the opportunity for preferential licensing. Working with our municipalities is difficult enough and should be limited at all costs.	Mareli	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 11:04:37	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape and taxes on what's left of South Africa's struggling economy. More regulation in an over regulated economy is not the cure. Government requires more regulation and for the corrupt to be held accountable.	Andrew		
	2025-11-28 11:05:24	No I do not	More red tape		Pierre	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 11:05:51	No I do not	More red tape	Scrap this bill. Stop trying to fill your pockets and making the rest of SA poor	Bradley	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-28 11:09:53	No I do not	More red tape	I object!!! You will kill all business in a country that is already suffering. Can you not for once just think. All you are concerned about it how you can get hold of more money by charging the poor. Every single government official lives a life of luxury. You have no idea what it's like to live not knowing where your next meal will come from. This bill is to be scrapped.	Kai	Eastern Cape	student
	2025-11-28 11:16:39	No I do not	More red tape		Linette		
	2025-11-28 11:18:46	No I do not	More red tape		Sharon		
	2025-11-28 11:19:29	No I do not	More red tape		Pieter		
	2025-11-28 11:20:03	No I do not	More red tape		Rina		
	2025-11-28 11:23:50	No I do not	More red tape	The more our inept government interferes in the affairs of BUSINESS (and everything else) the worse our economy will perform, and all except the ELITE will suffer.	Clifford	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 11:25:14	No I do not	More red tape	It seems if the government want to make difficult for people and specific race based to have their own businesses. It's time to forget about the past and focus to the future where we all can grow together.	Marius	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 11:31:44	No I do not	More red tape		Colleen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 11:57:04	No I do not	More red tape	It is ironic and ridiculous that the Bill is proposed by the ANC department claiming to develop Business and now they want to choke and kill every free market initiative, even the elderly person selling apples or porridge and chicken on a side-walk to enable him/her to feed those dependant on her. The more our inept government interferes in the affairs of BUSINESS (and everything else) the worse our economy will perform, and all except the ELITE will suffer.	Johann	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 12:01:45	No I do not	More red tape		Natalie	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 12:06:07	No I do not	More red tape	We may think that Trump is a bombastic clown, but he has stated what SA's faults and our government do not like what they hear because the ANC top brass will lose their spoils from BEE, corruption, and mismanagement. We must: 1. Scrap BBEEE! this has prevented the majority of our previously disadvantaged from improving themselves, and resulted in thousands of employers leaving the country. 2. Appoint a competent police force, and concentrate on the security of the farmers. 3. Scrap theft of property without compensation, under the guise of land appropriation. Don't waste time on additional admin restrictions. Lets fix our problems first! This will	Trevor	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 12:34:09	No I do not	More red tape	This government is attempting to regulate and control every facet of human life in South Africa. Their Marxist philosophy overrides any common sense and leaves no room for individual rights and freedom. Every component of society is being targeted. They even want to regulate and control religion. Just imagine life in this country when nobody can earn his daily bread without a communist cader's written permission. Time to consider emigrating to Ukraine. They are serious about saving their personal, individual freedom against Russian slavery.	Cornelis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 12:34:12	No I do not	More red tape	This government is attempting to regulate and control every facet of human life in South Africa. Their Marxist philosophy overrides any common sense and leaves no room for individual rights and freedom. Every component of society is being targeted. They even want to regulate and control religion. Just imagine life in this country when nobody can earn his daily bread without a communist cader's written permission. Time to consider emigrating to Ukraine. They are serious about saving their personal, individual freedom against Russian slavery.	Cornelis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 12:37:39	No I do not	More red tape	It's a little crazy to regulate every small business and tie them up in red tape when the economy is as junk as it is.	Liz	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 13:19:16	No I do not	More red tape	Why more interference from a struggling governmemt!!!! Pplease, please support businesses don't be a further hindrance	Maria	Western Cape	self-employed

	2025-11-28 13:22:08	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support this bill! Don't even know where to start objecting, it is absolutely crazy.	Maryke		
	2025-11-28 13:40:22	No I do not	More red tape		Christopher	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 13:43:18	No I do not	More red tape		Christopher	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 13:55:26	No I do not	More red tape	This government is attempting to regulate and control every facet of human life in South Africa. Their Marxist philosophy overrides any common sense and leaves no room for individual rights and freedom. Every component of society is being targeted. They even want to regulate and control religion. Just imagine life in this country when nobody can earn his daily bread without a communist cader's written permission	Dave		business owner
	2025-11-28 14:51:31	No I do not	More red tape	The government needs to get out of the way, stop legislating business into a coma and allow the economy a chance to start growing.	Ian	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-28 15:07:05	No I do not	More red tape	More red tape. I have already registered my business. Why must I do it again If I must, I will close it	Tim		
	2025-11-28 15:25:28	No I do not	More red tape	Considering the numerous hoops and hurdles businesses need to undergo to be compliant ie. Vat registration, PAYE registration, Business renewal and registry, I feel it would be a waste of time to incorporate this in reality. We already have ways to inspect businesses who are registered through CIPC which becomes it's own registry to inspect businesses. Any further addition of red tape for a business to start trading will further turn people away from starting a SMME which will negatively impact the country, turn away further international investment and demotivate the South African populi	Joshua	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 15:27:45	No I do not	More red tape	More money to put in their pocket … they are an absolute disgrace to humanity	Elizabeth	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 15:48:24	No I do not	More red tape	I reject the Business Licensing Bill 2025 in its totality. This will create an additional admin burden as well as additional costs to a lot of small businesses who are already struggling. It will create unnecessary red tape and punish those trying to earn a living. In a country with an already high unemployment rate, this bill will lead to even more unemployed individuals where licences are not issued. In short, the whole economy of South Africa will suffer severely if this bill is implemented.	Stephanie	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 16:19:58	No I do not	More red tape	Enough with all the endless red tape and hindering growth.. Corruption to the end!	Noel	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 16:21:49	No I do not	More red tape	Besides the invasive, controlling and discrimination by authorities this simply amounts to another form of unacceptable taxation. The added costs to businesses are inflationary with already over burdened consumers carrying the final costs.	Bruno		business owner
	2025-11-28 16:28:56	No I do not	More red tape	Less not more red tape is needed to create employment	Carl	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-28 16:49:37	No I do not	More red tape	It's just a money making scheme for Government. Like changing if number plates fie cars. Changing street names. All these attract cat and the Government is making millions from ordinary citizens . Please follow the Madlanga Commission. That's what we r creating to steal.	Anil	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-28 17:04:03	No I do not	More red tape	Enough with all the endless red tape and hindering growth. Businesses already have to comply with a lot of laws, rules. This will be cumbersome. Instead of focusing on growth, economy and employment, business will be expected to comply to rules. This will stifle the creativity of business to do more with less due to the economy being on its knees.	Lerato	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 19:15:32	No I do not	More red tape	Jobs will be lost , and investment on a micro and medium level will drop drastically	Aslam	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 19:22:41	No I do not	More red tape	I do not support the proposed Small Business Licensing Bill 2025. It places unnecessary administrative and financial burdens on small businesses, many of which are already struggling in a tough economic climate. Instead of helping entrepreneurs grow, the bill risks slowing down innovation, discouraging start-ups, and adding another layer of red tape to an already complex system. South Africa needs policies that ease entry, reduce compliance costs, and support small enterprises—not additional hurdles.	Frieda	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 19:27:13	No I do not	More red tape	This will destroy small businesses, it is unbelievable. There is already so much red tape and SA is already considered one ofthe most regulated, complicated countries in the world in which to do business. I suspect the true aim is to destroy small business in SA in readiness for "stakeholder capitalism"	Faunce	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-28 19:28:49	No I do not	More red tape	ANC ARE DESTROYING EVERY BIT OF OUR COUNTRY!	Dalene	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 19:36:06	No I do not	More red tape	There is a huge unemployment problem in SA. Thousands of people have no alternative than to try earn an income solely to help look after their families. Thousands of people are the sole breadwinner aswell as their partner has been unable to find employment.	Ondene	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 19:39:27	No I do not	More red tape	More rules and regulations to kill small businesses	L	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-28 19:43:16	No I do not	More red tape		Greg	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-28 19:44:13	No I do not	More red tape	Empowerment and economic growth do not come from government regulation, but from free people exercising their own agency. We have far too much government regulation already, and it is stifling growth and causing unemployment to skyrocket. If the aim is to facilitate growth, especially in the small business sector, this could be much more effectively achieved in many other ways. For example, reform the VAT legislation and increase the sixteen-year-old VAT threshold.	Bruce	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 19:44:16	No I do not	More red tape	This is just another tool to loot money and cannot be policed	Julia	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-28 19:47:25	No I do not	More red tape	ANC want to control everything from central government like a communistic government using the legislation. A free-market system cannot develop, create jobs, under communistic government control.	Christopher	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-28 19:48:46	No I do not	More red tape		Kate	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 19:48:51	No I do not	More red tape		Juanita	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 20:10:12	No I do not	More red tape	This is ridiculous.	Carey		
	2025-11-28 20:47:12	No I do not	More red tape		Marco	North West	business owner
	2025-11-28 21:12:21	No I do not	More red tape		Sharonteddder@gmail.c	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-28 21:17:22	No I do not	More red tape		Mary		employed individual
	2025-11-28 21:23:36	No I do not	More red tape		Jacomina Jordaan	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 22:03:17	No I do not	More red tape	Shut this down !	Martin	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 22:55:09	No I do not	More red tape	Small businesses need to be focused on growing and strengthening productivity, not who needs to get more money for not helping them grow.	Morne	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-28 23:13:53	No I do not	More red tape		Jacques	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-29 06:13:25	No I do not	More red tape		Gaye	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-29 06:23:54	No I do not	More red tape		Nadine		self-employed
	2025-11-29 07:31:39	No I do not	More red tape		Paul	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-29 09:23:24	No I do not	More red tape	Small business have the right to operate and make a living.	Josina	Limpopo	
	2025-11-29 12:06:38	No I do not	More red tape		Jacqueline	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-29 13:00:01	No I do not	More red tape	GOVERNMENT STAY OUT OF BUSINESS	Elzabe	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-29 13:16:37	No I do not	More red tape	Just another 'red tape item' which incurs more unnecessary costs for struggling, small businesses trying to provide for their families. If this licence is truly what it says it is, then it should be free. Being forced to fork out money again just to get a mandatory piece of paper is ridiculous.	Mi	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-29 14:17:19	No I do not	More red tape		Beantha		business owner
	2025-11-29 14:59:39	No I do not	More red tape	I do not believe that the government should clamp down on us while life is so tough.	Katlego	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-29 15:06:46	No I do not	More red tape	As a small business owner and accountant, the red tape around businesses is already astronomical. CIPC is in effect a licence to do business, a sole prop is a "licence" to do business when registering at the bank as such. This is just another way to collect another tax as one would most likely need to pay for this licence as nothing is for free. The other concern of course is what happens if the powers that be decide that you dont qualify for a licence....more unemployment. Bringing this in will just damage the economy. I cannot see how this ACT can be constitutional.	Sandy	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-29 15:14:22	No I do not	More red tape	Instead of hampering the development of small businesses, why does government encourage it as the small business will help the economy grow and eventually create jobs etc	Dyane	Western Cape	business owner

	2025-11-29 17:19:00	No I do not	More red tape		Zowie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-29 17:45:29	No I do not	More red tape	BCMM Municipality, East London is already dysfunctional and cannot do what is are supposed to be done. Enough is enough!! This will only lead to more corruption. We do not need more new laws. As no one implements any of our laws anyway. We have a lawless city and country!!!	Brenda	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 17:59:23	No I do not	More red tape	What is going on. Just now we shall require a licence to breathe. To eat. To drink water. To pass wind . To attend church. More red tape which is stifling and oppressive to any growth. This is also over reach, and unconstitutional. We were born free . Not to be shackled by oppressive and totalitarian PUBLIC SERVANTS . There's something very wrong when the servants become the masters.	Morwen		
	2025-11-29 18:05:32	No I do not	More red tape		JC	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-29 19:03:52	No I do not	More red tape	This will make it more difficult for everyone to make extra money to supplement their income. It will inhibit small business owners from forming low cost start up businesses that might grow into something bigger.	Yolindi	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-29 19:22:40	No I do not	More red tape		Odette	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 19:24:34	No I do not	More red tape		Carina		
	2025-11-29 19:30:48	No I do not	More red tape		Karin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 20:39:17	No I do not	More red tape		Philip	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-29 21:14:16	No I do not	More red tape	Government must stick to what they are for, protect our borders help people who can't help themselves not interfere with people who want freedom to live and thrive with out harming others	Terrence	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 22:34:01	No I do not	More red tape		Indigenous Monarch	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-29 23:00:19	No I do not	More red tape		Ghalib	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-30 08:15:50	No I do not	More red tape	This will kill small businesses and create even MORE POVERTY AND HARDSHIP AND MORE UNEMPLOYMENT! Stop with this BS and abuse of power...it is just another way of sucking more money out of hardworking citizens and another way of implementing BEE!! Is this new "law" going to affect every single person in South Africa that has a small business or only a certain racial group??	S	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-30 09:58:55	No I do not	More red tape	The law doesn't encourage entrepreneurs. We need more entrepreneurs for new jobs. And each industry already has their set of compliance to fulfill to be part of that industry so this will be more red tape and will allow people to make or break a business.	Corleen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-30 10:36:31	No I do not	More red tape		Warren		self-employed
	2025-11-30 11:20:50	No I do not	More red tape	There is only one way South Africa can prosper and it is bt building commerce. Whether it is small one man enterprise or large Corporations. What is not required is more laws or regulations from Government or other authorities. All the lawmakers are concerned with is how to keep themselves employed in well paid jobs. The focus should be on the population who have no jobs and no prospects only a Government who pass never ending laws but who do not promote business or education	JOHN	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-30 11:56:34	No I do not	More red tape	To create jobs we need more businesses and we need those businesses to be able to grow. More regulations from government that restrict commerce and make it more and more difficult for businesses to start and succeed and create opportunities for the unemployed	Jonathan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-30 12:08:06	No I do not	More red tape		Eldere	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-30 12:20:47	No I do not	More red tape		Mariska	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-30 17:14:20	No I do not	More red tape		Mal	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-30 17:34:23	No I do not	More red tape	Who comes up with these idiotic ideas. Looks like they really want to break the economy. More red tape , more money to steal , more cadre deployment. and the bussiness owners get screwed.	mark	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-30 17:49:58	No I do not	More red tape		Margaret	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-30 18:07:49	No I do not	More red tape		Taryn	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-30 20:42:10	No I do not	More red tape	Totally unnecessary and why can’t you monitor things that actually matter!	Kirsty	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-30 22:45:34	No I do not	More red tape	Massive over reach by goverment.	David	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-30 23:12:22	No I do not	More red tape		John	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-12-01 06:13:59	No I do not	More red tape		Bafana	Gauteng	
	2025-12-01 08:02:01	No I do not	More red tape	Just another money making scam by the ANC, and to further perpetuate more corruption, and fleece tax payors. Rather get rid of all the undocumented foreigners who are messing our country up and stealing our resources. Also prosecute and jail all the corrupt ANC and other thieves, who are mostly Black Entitlement Empowered.	Gregory		
	2025-12-01 09:00:51	No I do not	More red tape	Yet another Law and just another petty interference by Government which will place yet another responsibility both financial and administration on SMEs. Does the Minister think all the informal traders in the townships will comply?	Mrs L A	Western Cape	retired
	2025-12-01 09:00:51	No I do not	More red tape	Yet another Law and just another petty interference by Government which will place yet another responsibility both financial and administration on SMEs. Does the Minister think all the informal traders in the townships will comply?	Mrs L A	Western Cape	retired
	2025-12-01 09:48:03	No I do not	More red tape	WE DON'T NEED MORE LEGISLATION! Municipalities are not equipped or able to take on such duties, as they have no track record of providing basic services to the various communities. This law will increase corruption and decrease economic growth.	DANIEL	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-12-01 10:09:17	No I do not	More red tape	More interferance by racial laws and a racial government. Its quite sufficient to be a registered provisional tax payer.	Gordon	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-12-01 11:09:42	No I do not	More red tape	This bill are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	CJA	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-12-01 11:11:38	No I do not	More red tape	This bill are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	E	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-12-01 11:14:46	No I do not	More red tape	This bill are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	M	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-12-01 11:38:28	No I do not	More red tape	This bill would do the opposite of what it is meant to achieve. Just another poorly thought through idea with no substance from another out of touch ANC member	Glenda		employed individual
	2025-12-01 11:52:25	No I do not	More red tape		Abigail	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-12-01 11:58:21	No I do not	More red tape		christo		employed individual
	2025-12-01 12:47:07	No I do not	More red tape		Fiona	Gauteng	
	2025-12-01 13:13:27	No I do not	More red tape		Izaak	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-12-01 13:47:40	No I do not	More red tape	To much interference and once again more red tape and off course more levies and taxes and less control over your own business,just another way to destroy business and end up with less taxes,they must wake up,if they can	Henny		
	2025-12-01 13:47:41	No I do not	More red tape	To much interference and once again more red tape and off course more levies and taxes and less control over your own business,just another way to destroy business and end up with less taxes,they must wake up,if they can	Henny		
	2025-12-01 13:47:49	No I do not	More red tape	To much interference and once again more red tape and off course more levies and taxes and less control over your own business,just another way to destroy business and end up with less taxes,they must wake up,if they can	Henny		
	2025-12-01 14:06:08	No I do not	More red tape		Michael	Gauteng	
	2025-12-01 18:34:44	No I do not	More red tape		Gusta	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-12-01 18:40:03	No I do not	More red tape		Gaye	Gauteng	
	2025-12-02 05:07:58	No I do not	More red tape		Pricilla	Gauteng	retired
	2025-12-02 09:06:16	No I do not	More red tape	Too much bureaucracy is already choking the economy—now you want to pile on even more.	Emma	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-12-02 10:08:21	No I do not	More red tape		Frik	Free State	retired
	2025-12-02 10:31:24	No I do not	More red tape	We must understand that government dont care about businesses- they want everything to collaps so that the elite can thake everything. They dont care about theire voters More regulations will make it harder for businesses to operate	Dewald	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-12-02 11:01:04	No I do not	More red tape		Leonard	Gauteng	retired
	2025-12-02 11:44:50	No I do not	More red tape	More ways to fleece the public with no real improvement (streamlining) to business	Sherina	Western Cape	retired

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	2025-11-19 16:46:07	No I do not	Other	I have never supported this government, especially as it has stood by while many law-abiding South Africans — including minority communities — face growing insecurity, violent crime, and failing protection. A government that neglects its duty to safeguard its people is not acting in line with the biblical mandate given to leaders in Romans 13. The proposed Business Licensing Bill, forcing businesses to renew licences every five years, is another step toward unnecessary state control. It opens the way for race-based interference, political manipulation, and yet more opportunities for connected elites to benefit while productive citizens are burdened. We have already seen how these kinds of policies fail. Zimbabwe collapsed under similar racialised business laws and excessive government control. Here at home, BEE procurement has often enriched only the politically connected while driving up corruption and costs. Cadre deployment in state enterprises has wrecked Eskom and Transnet, showing clearly how political interference destroys rather than builds. This bill follows the same failed pattern. It will not empower South Africans; it will only weaken the economy and increase division. Our country needs leaders who protect freedom, support hard work, and put the nation first — not more policies that punish those trying to keep South Africa afloat.	M	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-19 17:02:50	No I do not	Other	Business licensing open the door wide to corruption and increased red tape, resulting in more business closures, less employment and more poverty. The shackles should be taken off business and NOT added.	Gert	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-19 17:16:07	No I do not	Other	Money making scheme for Municipalities and creating jobs for clueless 'Inspectors'...	Jeanne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-19 17:19:32	No I do not	Other	Will reject fully as its total nwo/wef line up to vontrol people and rob them of everything they can ,i see clearly througb this bs and will never agree or even accept or adhere to it ,first they are destroying cash and then track , trace and screw you over ,nope it will not be permitted	Tiago	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-19 17:20:51	No I do not	Other	People will not be chosen on merit. Buddies with no experience will be given licences. We see the uselessness of the municipalities and this government every day. There will be more poverty and hunger. Disgusting!!!	Adele		
	2025-11-19 19:15:58	No I do not	Other	All of above. The suffocation of life, earning income, using own brain is already overregulated. Technology is used just for pure control of those who try to obey, but it became training in how to survive all this regulatory nonsense that you start thinking as a gangster ?	Halina	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-19 19:41:23	No I do not	Other	1)Another money grab 2)Just another disguised BEE presentation 3)Open ended in that it lends itself to full scale corruption!!	Mark	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-19 19:46:28	No I do not	Other	No, enough of this nonsense! South Africa's economy has been shrinking and people are loosing jobs because of legislation that is out to harm businessses and chase away investors. We say NO MORE of government interference in businessses!!! The pathetic service levels at Municipalities are enough evidence that it will just further hurt our country's economy and the people of South Africa are already financialy struggling!	Lize	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-19 19:56:16	No I do not	Other	This will stop business from trading, meaning more companies will close doors, more people without jobs, also this is another revenue stream created by government for wasting	Nicolette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-19 23:35:19	No I do not	Other	This is at its core, a fundamental attempt to create the ultimate leverage, under this guise by creation of a database for "EEA and BEE" compliance, to actually collecting money for the ANC's ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AGENDA. Leverage bluntly: Pay and you will stay in Business, don't pay and your license will be revoked. i.e. Listen to the ANC's plan or go under! This will, in the long run undermine entrepreneurship, initiative with the ongoing targeting of specific minorities... at a grave cost to the economy and the country. Over regulation and a long strategy to plunder an already sinking ship...	Archie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-20 03:31:25	No I do not	Other	ALL ARE CONCERNS!!!

	2025-11-21 16:15:15	No I do not	Other	It is a known fact that this useless government do not want to encourage entrepreneurs. This bill will kill entrepreneurship at its roots. Shame on these oxygen thieves. They have killed this country and economy ???	HEATHER		
	2025-11-21 16:17:31	No I do not	Other	Stop controlling everything. Government to step aside and make it easier to do business	Gawie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:20:42	No I do not	Other		Talib	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:27:28	No I do not	Other		Ricardo		business owner
	2025-11-21 16:30:02	No I do not	Other		George		
	2025-11-21 16:30:54	No I do not	Other	The government is destroying business potential with bureaucratic over regulation. Yet another idiotic way to inhibit potential entrepreneurs.	Dudley	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:31:04	No I do not	Other	All the ways the ANC tries to control business it creates another way to kill business and move slowly towards communist control. It will never work it will only add more to corruption and extortion legally	George	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:34:14	No I do not	Other	This government out of hell, has NO interest in growing industries, or have any creation of jobs and they should STAY out of private businesses. This corruption invested government must be jailed, because the majority are criminals !!!	Johan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:39:05	No I do not	Other	All of the concerns in the drop down are applicable!!	Hardus	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:43:28	No I do not	Other		Ricardo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:48:40	No I do not	Other	Marxist Ideology... useless ANC!!	Phillip	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 16:50:51	No I do not	Other	Please, this is just another way to discriminate against the White South African and enforcing BEE, not to mention probably exhorbitant licencing fees, which business already pay to CIPC and to SARS.	Sandra kay	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:50:51	No I do not	Other	Please, this is just another way to discriminate against the White South African and enforcing BEE, not to mention probably exhorbitant licencing fees, which business already pay to CIPC and to SARS.	Sandra kay	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:51:46	No I do not	Other	I believe that this opens the doors to even worse corruption than we already have. I think that this is another ploy to enhance BEE, it will bring south Africa to its knees	Cindy	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 16:53:36	No I do not	Other	All the options in the Dropbox. How badly does the government want to destroy this country? I am not aware of too many people in the cabinet starting businesses and keeping them productive. So how can they know what's best. This is just another hidden tax which will be misappropriated by corrupt officials who will also be collecting lunch money.	Amanda		unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 16:57:49	No I do not	Other	Destroy creation of jobs, more doors for corruption. No positivity.	Navin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:59:23	No I do not	Other	This proposed bill is yet another piece of racist legislation trying to be pushed through by this useless government!!	Sean	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:01:34	No I do not	Other	Just creating a new avenue for bribery and corruption. By whom and how are licences to be issued - massive opportunity for renewed bribery and corruption!!!!!!!	Ockert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:05:45	No I do not	Other		Barbara	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:09:24	No I do not	Other	BEE	Walter	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:16:08	No I do not	Other	Dit is nog n poging tot die Marksistiese benadering tot beheer. Dit sal mense uit besighede hou deur nog n hindernis in die pad te plaas. Dit bring ook nog geleenthede tot korrupsie en omkoping. En dit plaas nog n verborge belasting op besighede	Johan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:21:17	No I do not	Other	I do not support this bill in entirety!! It is another form of BEE discrimination and will result in many delays in obtaining licences if passed. Our metros and other councils will be unable to manage this process.	John	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:22:17	No I do not	Other		Paul	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 17:23:04	No I do not	Other	95% of the Municipalities are in disrepair, now we must ask those that cannot run a Municipality for a licence to run our own businesses.	Maurice	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:28:19	No I do not	Other	Stinks of racism	Krishna		retired
	2025-11-21 17:32:14	No I do not	Other	More racism to slowly lock me and my family out.	Sean		
	2025-11-21 17:32:32	No I do not	Other	All of the listed objections. This bill will be an absolute disaster for small business, employment and tax revenue.	Benjamin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:32:32	No I do not	Other	There will still be unregistered companies avoiding sars so whats the use if there is no accountability and inflated tenders given to BBBEE companies but the funds are not recovered from these BBBEE companies	Joanna	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:33:08	No I do not	Other	This allows more control. If you want to open up the economy open up business to everyone without any BEE. Giving owners freedom to carry on business, employ whoever . This register is just another step backwards and we don't need it.	Hendrina	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 17:37:54	No I do not	Other	All of the above. This will affect all businesses in the country AND will add to the negatives for overseas investment. Red tape of any sort in this country is a nightmare as it is. e.g. Police Clearance Certificates can take 4 months to issue. NO in the strongest possible terms. The faster businesses can start operating the better; we do not need more delays.	Jane	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:38:04	No I do not	Other	All of the above. Business sectors are already regulated. It is a constitutional right to earn an honest living.	Quentin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:42:51	No I do not	Other	Once again a proposal is being tabled which if imposed is totally unmanageable and is an extenstion of BEEE (how many E's now?) which is already doing a grand job of killing off enterprises for all the wrong reasons, never mind enabling politicians to line their pockets and further their own interests even farther than they have already managed so far. So every street vendor will have to apply for a 5 yr licence? Helooo - which planet are we on?	Nick	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:46:21	No I do not	Other	This is just another way to prolong feeding at the trough of public funds. The system will enable "inspectors "to elicit bribes for acceptance or compliance. Municipalities who have squandered collectively trillions of rand are now going to regulate Business. If they knew anything about business, they would not be in the dire situation they now find themselves. SDBIP is just another phrase and regulation that must be part of the budgeting process - it is not to be complied with. it ts just for show! Whoever came up with this plan is smoking his sosks or a more pungent 'baccy. It is also designed to stop immigrants, legal or illegal, from "Stealing/taking our jobs!" Until the immigrant arrived in a particular place there was no shop or business. Once it was going it stole the job from a local who, up until then had not bothered to see the opportunity in front of his eyes! N i am not in favour of this particular last-ditch attempt to acquire as much as possible from the national purse!	John	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:56:05	No I do not	Other	This is the exact model used by the communists. The aim is to be in control of every business dealings. This is open to discrimination, favoritism, bribery and corruption. The registration of each and every business gives the municipality and ultimately the government control of everything. It is both a infringement on the rights of every citizen and a open door for the ANC to pilfer and loot smaller business the way theu have been doing with big business. There is NO WAY that this can be implemented in a fair and just manner	Jan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:57:01	No I do not	Other	All the above might violate healthy business growth in SA	Y'rusha		
	2025-11-21 17:57:58	No I do not	Other	Making a law that forces you to have a licence to do business is sure way that the government can control who can do business and who can't especially if you don't conform to there rhetoric.	Warren	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:00:36	No I do not	Other	In my opinion, this is just another form of BEE... this current Gov are hell bent on getting ALL whites out of business if they had it their way	Anton	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:02:22	No I do not	Other	More laws and red tape will squash businesses and cost jobs. Government should stay out of businesses and allow a free economy, free from draconian requirements	Warren		
	2025-11-21 18:03:45	No I do not	Other	It is hard enough having to now register as a PTY Ltd as opposed to the Clised Corporation. As an entrepeneur the cost of registering a business, along with the required returns basically eliminates every cent of the small profit, which is too little for me to even draw a salary.	Melinda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:10:09	No I do not	Other	All of the above	G.		retired
	2025-11-21 18:12:45	No I do not	Other	Our country is so corrupted and riddled with bribes and people looking for opportunities to get money. This is just another initiative for it and takes a way from hard working individuals who just want to provide a service and take care of their families.	Patricia	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:12:51	No I do not	Other	The complete proposed bill. Business in South Africa is already a nightmare. Only certain colour groups are employable while the rest of the population goes overseas for a brighter future. Those unable to afford a ticket possibly turn to crime in an effort to subsist. How do we know that "inspectors " are going to be honest….their authority will open up for massive corruption to occur. For goodness sake, open the country up for business before it's too late……	Denise		retired
	2025-11-21 18:14:57	No I do not	Other		Ellynn		
	2025-11-21 18:16:05	No I do not	Other	Just another opportunity for bribery & corruption.	Erica	Mpumalanga	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 18:22:11	No I do not	Other	The whole idea is ludicrous. The government has no idea what they are doing in key decisions and pivotal moments. The politicians are not the ones on the ground, in the streets struggling just to survive. This will kill more businesses and cause more corruption. Go to any dumpsite and see the poverty caused by racial laws	Adam	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:23:16	No I do not	Other	Remove all business licencing requirements, it was originally introduced to control who could be in business and should be done away with entirely so that the economy can build without redtape strangling it.	Sidney	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 18:29:40	No I do not	Other	I disagree with the new bill in its entirety.	Muhammad		

	2025-11-21 18:35:18	No I do not	Other		Clyde		
	2025-11-21 18:35:40	No I do not	Other	I disagree with the bill in it's entirety. Inept and corrupt government should mind their own business instead of trying to control everyone else.	Darryl		retired
	2025-11-21 18:41:04	No I do not	Other	Just another corrupt money making scheme	Theo	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 18:43:11	No I do not	Other	Just more ways to manipulate, Missmanagements and over Regulator to the Point that we'll have less private Business, and more unemployed people.	Svea	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 18:46:42	No I do not	Other	I disagree with the new bill in its entirety.	Muhammad		
	2025-11-21 18:50:24	No I do not	Other	Another bloody anc ploy to prevent white people from putting foid on the table . My concern is that DEAR SOUTH AFRICA is powerless to stop them (how many successes have you had ?) How many signatures do we need to get rid of the government	Daniel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:51:35	No I do not	Other	All the aspects are of concern. Given the states propensity for corruption, this system can be abused. Also amounts to state overreach and authoritarian control, puts too much power in the hands of so-called authorities and stifles business growth and opportunities.	Ken	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:51:52	No I do not	Other	Communism. I do NOT support it. It will kill the economy.	Vasti	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:52:28	No I do not	Other	Expansion of BBBEEE	Dave	North West	retired
	2025-11-21 18:54:58	No I do not	Other	The whole premise is based on selective control, set up for abuse and as it stands today, the government cannot implement the existing laws effectively ...my experiences it had taken 2 and half years to correctly apply to the dept of labour consequently I lost a large business opportunity...this is an example of local efficiency .... now its said all can be done in 30 days...please get real! Oh, the fines will be real, and the closing down of small business will be done with the utmost efficiencies and of course the rejections will be fast an furious ...instead, sit down and work out an effective model that would aid in encouraging and assisting small business with minimal government interference... this is what grows a stable economy	leo	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:58:16	No I do not	Other	I do not support this bill, the whole thing is preposterous. It does not promote ethical business	Christopher		
	2025-11-21 18:59:56	No I do not	Other	Another way of this corrupt racist "government" and all their corrupt cronies to try and control or get rid of certain race groups. It is by time that a dramatic change take place and all of the corrupt person be sentenced for their crimes against the country TREASON	James	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:01:39	No I do not	Other	The ANC can't run a bath. This is just another government employment opportunity to burden an already sinking administrative ship.	Janey	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:03:05	No I do not	Other	This will just become another bureaucratic nightmare with cadres and BEE allocation getting preference. The current system works fine with CIPRO and no further "modernising" is required. This is just another power grab made by government and needs to be crushed in its infancy.	Richard	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 19:03:12	No I do not	Other	Besides all the above…CONTROL, CONTROL, CONTROL. The country is in shambles snd you want to shackle the only ones who can help. The mind boggles! Obviously there is a sinister ulterior motive.	Marita	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:04:32	No I do not	Other	It is another means of the goverment extracting money from businesses for their gain and no benefit for the business. and more graft will be introduced. TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE	Donald	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:11:55	No I do not	Other		Elize		
	2025-11-21 19:12:44	No I do not	Other		Eufemia		
	2025-11-21 19:18:05	No I do not	Other	Costs involved which already " red tape " burdened South Africans can I'll afford. Do these regulations correspond to worldwide businesses practices?	Ronald	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:18:06	No I do not	Other	Costs involved which already " red tape " burdened South Africans can I'll afford. Do these regulations correspond to worldwide businesses practices?	Ronald	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:23:57	No I do not	Other	Ot smacks of overreach to control,by the govt. And also is very socialist in its intention. We need to be a free market economy ,for unemployment to be addressed. 30 years of ANC rule has spiraled us into current crises. They dont care about the poor. And are captured	A		Non-profit
	2025-11-21 19:29:33	No I do not	Other	ALL CONCERNS ARE OURS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! DON'T DO THIS PLEASE!!	Michael	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:33:11	No I do not	Other		Isolde		
	2025-11-21 19:36:40	No I do not	Other	All of the above mentioned. These sound like more race based laws, designed to criple an already "bleeding" country. They need to be stopped before destroying our country as a whole	Lizelle	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:40:08	No I do not	Other	All of the above. Discrimination, corruption, extra red tape, incompetence. Implement it and see millions more out of jobs as the businessmen take their businesses and leave.	Greg	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:42:50	No I do not	Other	All of the above reasons as this is just another BEEE ploy, power, cadre preference, and making money	Sue	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:50:01	No I do not	Other	The corrupt evil looting conniving hateful incompetent communist cANCer Regime must go to Hell! Clear enough? ???	Johan	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-21 19:50:21	No I do not	Other	Concerns range far and wide. Unethical bill. Innappropriate. Communist law. To control every aspect of running your own business. All rights are being taken.	Janine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:50:49	No I do not	Other	The municipalities are dysfunctional corrpupt and thieves. This is hijacking economy and unconstitutional to use legislative authority, knowingly to cooerce and engineer people's rights to being dependent on corrupt avenues . Unacceptable	Faheemah	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 19:51:52	No I do not	Other	It is another peice of communist rhetoric., designed to limit entrepreneurship and stifle the economy. Its designed on racial lines and is of no value to the country. Ideology is being promoted and not an easy passage into starting a business.	David	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:53:36	No I do not	Other	all the laws and rules that this corrupt covernment which is the the anc implemented was for the benefit of their own pockets and not for the benefit of South africa and the taxpayer'i stronly disagree	willie	North West	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:55:37	No I do not	Other		Pat	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:58:07	No I do not	Other	The bill in its entirety is just another way to enforce BBEEEE	Ilse	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 20:03:12	No I do not	Other	Another way to get more money into government coffers to steal. Simple as that. Exactly the same as the EAAB.	Shelley-Lynne	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:04:56	No I do not	Other	What is wrong with current legislation? Is the ANC so bent on dragging us back into being the slaves of another nation, that the obey whoever comes along? These ones only want control us! ANC we voted for you to bring us freedom, but you are simply making us slaves! No more! Maba hambe!	Dumisani		
	2025-11-21 20:04:58	No I do not	Other	This is another scheme to benefit comrades and enrich the anc government.	Clariska	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:05:14	No I do not	Other	This is going to lead to less job creation, businesses being closed due to lack of municipality not being able to process the required documents, prefential granting of licenses and even more corruption as people will threaten or buy licenses from corrupt municipal workers! Delays in licenses will be common. Really this is just another way government wants to, and will, destroy the financial structure in South Africa and this cannot be allowed! They have been the cause that millions of people can't get work and now they want to take it further that those that developed a means of creating an income for themselves and others will also be destroyed! Stop this!	Maureen	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:09:20	No I do not	Other	Concerns especailly for small businesses are: BEE more costs in a an economy that is already struggling Informal traders could be harmed as well as street vendors and spaza shops that create an ecomomy in rural areas where transport and money are tight Paper work and forms that dont have easy access to data and computers. Right to equality Right to food and livelihood (via socio-economic rights) Risk of abuse by municipalities Enforce discriminatory zoning Privacy concerns (Section 14) How can the Government even think of implementing such a bill This will be the end of private and small business enterprises,the backbone of our country and lead to further increase in unemployment	Margaret	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 20:11:04	No I do not	Other	Literally all of these concerns come to mind, so I could not choose just one. Our local municipality is such a shambles, it would be a disaster in every way. From losing applications, to preferable/fraudulent licencing, to opening up the risk of bribery, to delays because if the utter ineptitude of the municipality... I could go on and on	Robyn	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:30:10	No I do not	Other	Just another plan for ways to fraud and abuse	wynand	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-21 20:40:48	No I do not	Other	Just another way of government making themselves more rich!!!	Paul		
	2025-11-21 20:41:31	No I do not	Other	Small enterprises and innovators are completely overwelled with the amount of regulatory compliance requirements and it is unlawful to start licensing private initiative that is not harmful to society and the environment.	Willem	North West	
	2025-11-21 20:50:18	No I do not	Other	Unworkable. This bill will damage businesses and further worsen the unemployment rate. Really guys. I do not understand the logic behind this ludicrous bill.	Pierre		
	2025-11-21 21:03:05	No I do not	Other	What happens when a business, licensed for 5 years, is refused a renewal of the license? Is that the moment when the state seizes ownership of the business. No need to nationalise. Just legalize the theft of businesses to fit in with the theft of all properties that hard working people havecworked for. I cannot support this legislation at all.	Mark	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 21:05:49	No I do not	Other	Corruption and Bribery . There are very many small businesses that exist in this country,s the government would cripple these small businesses.	Janet	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:07:52	No I do not	Other	The South African regulatory environment is onerous. I will NEVER support yet another bureaucratic process for both the national and incompetent local government to add more hurdles for small businesses. You should be getting out of the way, not becoming more obstructive. If the FIRST key intervention was to rescind all other regulatory requirements for small businesses and replace them with this one license, then maybe.	Michael Brian	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:12:56	No I do not	Other	Communists at work. I rather close my QSE	Marius	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:33:46	No I do not	Other	Fix existing problems instead of creating new ones. This is just another avenue for corruption and inspector bribery	Tilana	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 21:45:50	No I do not	Other	In order for business to thrive in a country there should be limited licensing and other forms of control. Our country needs to create jobs, not control!!!!	Stephen	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 21:48:44	No I do not	Other	Racist laws.....less is more ....all licences bills witch allways need renewing in this corrupt anc government is to steal money from and steer communism against its people's wishes.....	Stefan	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 21:49:32	No I do not	Other		Laetitia	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 21:54:22	No I do not	Other		Bobby		retired
	2025-11-21 21:55:06	No I do not	Other		Derick	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 21:56:13	No I do not	Other	More room for corruption. Extortionary practice. Anticompetitive behave. If I have a competitor I will collude with the inspection or someone at the municipality to block the renewal. Why if we have things that work we have to corruption alise it.There are just to many room for underhanded operation. Business licenses I believe has to be handled by Independent business chamber with regulatory powers where laws and bylaws can be implemented and recalled or amended. A body that's business it will be to promote free and fair market conditions. GOVERNMENT CAN NOT BE TRUSTED let business regulate business let municipal fix the infrastructure that's it's core business.It can't fill a pothole how can we trust them with a fundamental base of economic growth. There is a Afrikaans saying that say " Mag in die handed van n dwaas is Soos n skeer mes in die hand van n bobbejaan" Just leave things that work please I beg of you. You are useless except it we did we just holding on for better days. I thank you for deciding to do nothing just sit back and make paper jets don't strain yourself.	Melvin	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 22:01:36	No I do not	Other		Armand	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 22:01:59	No I do not	Other	Just another ploy for corruption.	Carin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 22:02:58	No I do not	Other	There is no free market system and is very bad for the growth of our economy!	Aletta		retired
	2025-11-21 22:07:02	No I do not	Other	The current laws are sufficient for business registration(s) and regulation thereof. Local Council or municipalities should not be responsible for business licence registrations and granting thereof as it will be an over reach. The SAPS already have the ability to seize counterfeit goods or stop illegal operations if required. I do not support the draft business licencing bill in its entirety.	Francois	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:13:13	No I do not	Other	Hampers develpoment. Red tape, Discriminates against the poor and those trying to earn a honest living. Makes business difficult for all except those involved in corruption. Takes away freedom from the people and restricts equality.	Imtiaz	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:13:16	No I do not	Other	This is not democratic....another scheme by cadres. Few municipalities have clean audits.	Miles	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:25:13	No I do not	Other	Government intrusion into the business world is draconian and dangerous. This bill should be voted down and never see the light of day again. This is just another Communist tactic to take over South Africa.	M	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-21 22:31:52	No I do not	Other		Annique	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 22:33:12	No I do not	Other	All of the above	Kim	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:36:01	No I do not	Other	Besides all the points listed, corruption and inefficiency are also a huge concern	Kim		
	2025-11-21 22:38:16	No I do not	Other	Just another way for the government to ensure prefrential treatment to a sector of the populaion. What happens to the goods been confiscated? Destrloyed or funneled to to cadres?	Jacqui	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 22:38:59	No I do not	Other	Tyranny in disguise	Tania		
	2025-11-21 22:51:35	No I do not	Other	What is the point of this licensing other than to squash the entrepreneurial spirit of people trying to survive in an already bureaucratic and over taxed labour environment that already makes it hard to employ people let alone just start a business. This is another form of tax and is ridiculous. Does this mean that every little informal trader will also have to be licensed? Government must stop killing businesses. Municipalities can even operate as an efficient business themselves and now they are to be given more powers to abuse . Our government is astonishing in its ability to chase new ideas to bring in taxes while making no real effort to eliminate all the corruption and tax evaders.	Gina	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 22:53:54	No I do not	Other	Corruption	S	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 22:54:53	No I do not	Other	Local governments are totally incompetent and should not be given any additional powers as it cannot deliver on the most basic of functions.	Barend	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:59:47	No I do not	Other	More unnecessary control, corruption, overreach, BEE-type blocking and exploiting, additional red-tape, excessive powers, etc. Extremely bad idea. They can either stop new businesses outright or suddenly stop a long-standing business on a whim.	Dudley		
	2025-11-21 23:02:09	No I do not	Other	Local governments are totally incompetent and cannot deliver on their most basic of mandates. It would be moral failure to allocate more power and resources to these incompetent institutions. You might as well give that money to Afriforum. At least a pothole will be fixed unlike the goveeb try	Barend	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:02:11	No I do not	Other	Local governments are totally incompetent and cannot deliver on their most basic of mandates. It would be moral failure to allocate more power and resources to these incompetent institutions. You might as well give that money to Afriforum. At least a pothole will be fixed unlike the goveeb try	Barend	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:12:31	No I do not	Other	All of the above	Lesley	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 23:14:26	No I do not	Other	It will just open another floodgate for corruption and A NC cronism tenderpre Neurs and all the same old bs we see everyday.	Androzette	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 23:16:57	No I do not	Other		Chantellé	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 23:44:18	No I do not	Other	I forsee corruption taken to the next level . Most of us won't be able to renew because we will not succumb to paying bribe so that you can be considered for renewal. That's absurd	Xoliswa	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 00:01:03	No I do not	Other	This is another form of draining the economy, for corruption, finding another avenue to collect revenue to the deteriment of businesses that are trying to survive in our current economy. This has a potential of loss of investment into our country, and bribery in the department that will adminster this. I am not in agreement for his bill to pass.	Maria		
	2025-11-22 00:35:07	No I do not	Other	This is just more goverment control witch will end up in a totally socialist state.	Jacobus		retired
	2025-11-22 00:41:26	No I do not	Other	My concerns are all the reasons given to make it a no! Unemployment is at an all time high, why create more barriers to jobs? So that the GVT can wrack up more debt and hold people hostage for generations to come? This is a fantastic way to fill up the corruption coffers and apartheid in reverse. We are all SA's and need to move beyond blacks first as the brown people of colour are long time forgotten. So NO to this bill, the little corner tuckshop with the aunty selling Sunday koesisters to eke out an honest living will just be marginalized.	tasneem	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 00:50:49	No I do not	Other	"He who governs least governs best"	Dirk		
	2025-11-22 01:04:52	No I do not	Other	- Why do business have to be licenced at all. Exceptions where there is already legislation regarding specialised serviced, such as medical, dental, pharmacy, Liquor, etc. There the licencing authority is though not the Municipality. - Municipalities are barely able to function, how on earth are they supposed to make decisions about businesses, about which municipal workers know nothing as they have no busines background. - Does this include informal businesses? How are collapsing Municipalities going to employ and finance inspectors for the informal sector? - Total idiotic bill serving no-one, except bribe taking petty officials.	Jürg	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 01:11:32	No I do not	Other	This is absolutely asinine ! Who needs such interference and meddling from regulatory—potentially corrupt—government bodies? The only beneficiaries would be the already corrupt government	Ray	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed

	2025-11-22 02:43:37	No I do not	Other	It is just another way to get more money from the public and we are over indebted	Tersia	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 03:09:50	No I do not	Other	I'm concerned with all of the above.	Michail		
	2025-11-22 03:18:22	No I do not	Other	Bee and power and more coruption	Braam	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 04:48:20	No I do not	Other		Triens	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 05:19:57	No I do not	Other	The government is further trying to kill the economy by wanting to do this.	Stephany	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:42:24	No I do not	Other	Another door opening for corroption and bribes!	Geja	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:52:01	No I do not	Other	This is nothing more than another totalitarian control measure. It will bring with it more race based persecution, and of course a lucrative gravy train. Every single thing this government has touched since they came to power has been fleeced for every cent possible to pay for their luxury life styles, causing collapse of all government run entities. This will extend this disaster to the business sector, resulting in collapse and job losses.	Harry	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 05:54:43	No I do not	Other		Charl	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:04:42	No I do not	Other	I do not agree with any of the above. As this is bad for this country that we are not allowed to have businesses and all is running from the government with the BEE.... And all the other E's. This is all to do with cutting out the minority group from having it owning a business.	Teresa	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:06:38	No I do not	Other		DENNIS	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:10:37	No I do not	Other	Speaking as an elder of this nation, I must caution that this bill, if enacted, will lead to more businesses closing their doors and more jobs being lost.	Anneke	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:11:56	No I do not	Other	Dis nog n verdere kommunistiese gesentaliseerde vorm van beheer wat die vrye mark ignoreer vir ideologiese gewin.	PGP	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:11:57	No I do not	Other	Dis nog n verdere kommunistiese gesentaliseerde vorm van beheer wat die vrye mark ignoreer vir ideologiese gewin.	PGP	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:12:55	No I do not	Other		Tanya	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:20:41	No I do not	Other	Business are already struggling. You're not helping the economy by doing this.	Viné	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:28:31	No I do not	Other	The G20 Summit is a joke and a waste of Taxpayers money. Until all the corruption is eradicated, law and order prevails, whatever the ANC government plan or want to do is another scam for them to rake money from.	Patrick	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 06:40:02	No I do not	Other		Caroline	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:43:58	No I do not	Other	Businesses in South Africa are already choked through over burdened regulations having to jump through an insane number of compliance loops. This new bill not only adds to that but will also be complicit in furthering preferential treatment and race based discrimination. Inefficiencies in local government allowing for a 44 day timeline (30 + 14 additional) to issuing of licenses is ludicrous and, as is evidenced abundantly, highly likely to be overshot for the most. Yet again, government's true intentions are to micro manage all aspects of daily life and to bring everything in society it possibly can under State control. The proposed bill is nothing other but that, a cloaked guise of deception and wilful ill intent.	Noel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:56:00	No I do not	Other		Annelie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 06:57:23	No I do not	Other	Apart from there being more hamstringing unnecessary bureaucracy, this is another attempt at centralizing control by govt. This should be rejected with contempt.	Theo	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:58:34	No I do not	Other	Nothing about this bill is good for this country and it's future.	Michelle	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:01:12	No I do not	Other	Anybody, who is a legal citizen of S.A. and who wants to run a business, should have the right to do so. Nobody should be advantaged or disadvantaged based on their background. The proposed bill is just further interference from government in the economy. An economy which the messed up over the past 30 years. The vast majority of Municipalities cannot manage their current administrative tasks, and will not cope more red tape. Powers endowed to inspectors will simply lead to more abuse of power and corruption.	Johannes	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 07:03:17	No I do not	Other	It is totally astonishing that Government should be looking at restricting and managing business operation when they should be encouraging businesses in a stagnant economy with enormous numbers unemployed. Shat is also shocking is that they want what is surely the most mismanaged part of the State to do this. Most of our municipalities are incapable of running their own business, placing incompetent cadres into positions of authority, who are more interested in their own dirty business, looking for ways to make quick bucks through paybacks for dirty businesses to get contracts. And totally incompetent cadres are put into positions they cannot control. If the Government want to look at responsible, crucial management of businesses they should manage their own dirty business first. SHOCKING!	Donald	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:07:02	No I do not	Other	Another form of control & another way for bribery …..	Brenda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:08:58	No I do not	Other	The proposed Bill is a modified version of a copy of an economic model that is based in treachery. It is just so ridiculous. An Unnecessary Economic Slave System gone rogue. Visualize a clown on a tricycle with the wheels falling off as the tricycle uncontrollably slip, slide and roll downward from the top of capital hill as it slips into the abominable abyss of nothingness. The Great Reset is The Great Taking is taking peace from the human family, including all products and services that foster a high moral and ethical standard of living that is built by small businesses. Doing business within a 'free will-free trade positive economy framework of prosperity' is the answer and we have what we need to establish this type of economy. First look at the relationship that is the initial condition of provision on Earth: ultimately, no human being can own/possess Earth, people or anything within Earth. You are a steward that has a responsibility to care for and complement the integrity of the Earth, humanity and human civilization, within this divine Earth that is life-giving, supportive and beautiful. You are of the Earth, you are the salt of the Earth. I am here to help you make the difference for people everywhere on Earth. I am a business designer and provider of solutions on the director's table. You are welcome to contact me in this regard for a consultation. PEACE, LOVE AND JOY TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN! Nicolas	Nicolas	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:10:50	No I do not	Other	This is ridiculous. It is just another way of disempowering already struggling businesses. The power of inspectors opens more doors for corruption and intimidation. Rather spend the time spent on this, on the more important and pertinent issues to create jobs and alleviate poverty .	Tjaart	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 07:14:29	No I do not	Other		Susanna Elizabeth	North West	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:16:38	No I do not	Other	This alot of nonsense, more money making and stealing from business tha are already burdened	Bernie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:28:44	No I do not	Other	This is overreach from the government that is unable to regulate the quality of its own functions and responsibilities. It is a move to totalitarian power and control. South Africa's youth needs a free market for numerous entrepreneurial ventures without red tape or compliance, especially by a government that has only a track record of gross negligence, corruption and staggering inaction especially towards the future prospects of our youth. No, no and 100 times no for more control and regulations. How dare you destroy the future of our youth, just to get more power. God, please deliver South Africa, may Your Kingdom come, Your will be done in South Africa.	Rene	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:29:49	No I do not	Other	I HAVE RUN MY BUSINESS SINCE 1987 AND HAVE NEVER NEEDED A LICENSE. I HAVE TRADED FAIRLY AND HONESTLY. WHY THE UNNECESSARY INTERFERENCE NOW SAMEFULL	MICHAEL	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:37:52	No I do not	Other	This is likely to be discriminatory and be open to abuse (corruption at play again!)	Ansuyah	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:40:46	No I do not	Other	Gives government too much control on all aspects of business. No free enterprise. It's also time to do way with BEEE	Karen	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:48:54	No I do not	Other		Yvonne	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:53:37	No I do not	Other	The Bill is not Democratic.	Michael	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 07:56:58	No I do not	Other	BEE IN DISGUISE	Blair		
	2025-11-22 08:00:45	No I do not	Other	More Red Tape, Preferential Licensing, ...its nothing other than BEE in disguise!! Government must concentrate on THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES (viz. water & electricity service delivery, their organisation's widespread corruption without trial & convictions etc etc etc).	Keith	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:03:08	No I do not	Other	This is another economy killing scam that a corrupt government is trying to impose. No to any laws that this government wants to impose, the people is suffering and this will lead to even more money removed out of the economy. No no no.	Etienne		
	2025-11-22 08:17:41	No I do not	Other	This is just another way of getting their hands on more money. It opens up more opportunities for corruption, bribery, extortion, blackmail, etc. In a country renown for all this, it's like walking into a trap, knowing it's a trap, seeing it's a trap, and still want to be caught in that trap. People have seen how this government operates. They are running out of options to feed the lavish lifestyles and are manufacturing rules and laws that will fatten them even more.	Bertus		self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:22:10	No I do not	Other	Principles of business licensing plus preferential licensing and powers of inspections	Jessica	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-22 08:29:36	No I do not	Other	Another money making racket for no other purpose to control the population. Would serve no useful purpose to encourage development and business practices.	Erik	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:30:56	No I do not	Other	As of now we have 5 licenses / permits to manufacture our goods (bricks). It is not 1 pagers and entail a substantial outlay and management to comply. This exclude BBE, Employment Equity etc. The problem is that this new license can be revoked leaving the business owner with an useless investment. We are currently investigating new technology which is a large capital amount and with this new license the risk of a fruitless investment is high. Tenure is important for business owners as is consistent employment for employees.	Jan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:31:10	No I do not	Other	While I do believe informal trading could benefit from more oversight, this bill will kill all businesses in South Africa. Here are my reasons: 1. They say you have days to do things, but they (the government, local or national) take months to complete paperwork and red tape. 2. More people will need to be hired to take on the additional layer of work that will also be done incompetently. 3. Bribery, corruption and misuse of funds are already rife in local municipalities, so this will just give them more avenues to mismanage. I do believe the majority of people in this country want to be honest and they want to do their jobs, but there is a lack of training and lack of oversight on existing tasks so why bring in more tasks that can suffer from lack of oversight? Without the oversight, people with unsupervised access to funds and processes they should not have will all eventually fall under the temptation of milking the system for what they can get out of it.	Kobus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:31:45	No I do not	Other	This is just another way for the corrupt government to steal your money and if you don't pay your stock. Let get rid of this corrupt government with their idiotic ideas. Local municipality can't even provide necessary daily living entities like water and sanitation now they want to police businesses. Great idea let's rather closed own the local municipalities and put successful businesses in charge of your money that is being stolen there to run out daily lives.	Theo	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:38:07	No I do not	Other	The failed ANC and its failing municipalities have proven that they can not run anything, we, the voters and citizens of SA, will not allow them to enforce more draconian laws which will be used to garner support for desperate politicians while enforcing a disguised BBBEE on us. We need less regulation not more, to stimulate businesses to grow and employ more people - this stupid proposal will do the opposite. Down with socialist and communist policies and open up free trade to stimulate a new future for the youth.	Nic		
	2025-11-22 08:47:13	No I do not	Other	I do not agree to anything in this bill. Why change something that is not broken other than to limit people and take more control over people they are supposed to serve rather than Lord it over them as slaves. If corruption is not rooted out this will only give them more agonies to steel money from.	William	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:56:00	No I do not	Other	They want all the power	Christo	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
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	2025-11-22 08:57:40	No I do not	Other	Government must stick to politics and leave business alone, they have cocked up every SOE that was given to them on a plate.	Angus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:57:52	No I do not	Other	Already registered as pty ltd. All the goverment want to do is take more control of legal businesses. They should use their time money and engergy to combat the illegal businesses that are killing the economy and kegal companies	W	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 08:57:58	No I do not	Other	I DO NOT CONSENT IN THE NAME OF JESUS of Nazareth.	Mark		
	2025-11-22 09:01:26	No I do not	Other		imogen		self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:04:54	No I do not	Other	The Cost of registration is massive . Have recently been through this mill - cost of consultants & Municipal fees over R40 000 and still no final licence to hand	Trevor	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 09:11:55	No I do not	Other	This opens up the process to potential corruption. By handing the power to decide on who can obtain a business license to local municipalities there is no singular place of responsibility. In the same vain it opens up the process to discriminate on any bases on a local level. Instead of holding one source accountable, you know need to monitor and hold multiple sources accountable. This act also increases red tape and the potential for people to lose their jobs on a moment's notice.	John		
	2025-11-22 09:15:10	No I do not	Other	Why change what is working, oh it to gain more money and hide behind BEE which is a failure!	Joan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:20:46	No I do not	Other	Just another way of government steeling from the general citizens and a global issue of control taking away our freedoms. Writing is on the wall left right and center how control is slowly being removed little by little that you don't see it. Another way to keep you small and growing wealthy yourself. Humans are a disgrace.	Samantha	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:21:45	No I do not	Other	Just another way to extort money for misappropriations. The system is already working... why introduce something else.	Marciella	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 09:23:41	No I do not	Other	We are registered; for SARS, with CIPCA with accountant s etc. Our municipality (Msunduzi) is verging on collapse. Small business needs to be encouraged NOT smothered in red tape and bureaucracy. Us the resources to teach, train, encourage...	Karren	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:28:35	No I do not	Other	The only "benefit" of the proposals is that it creates another bureacratic empire of highly paid and highly useless people. There is no benefit whatsoever to business. Business's that need some control form a health and safety viewpoint are already controlled by other mechanisms. - eg food safety bylaws, bar council, HPCSA, Engineering council etc. The temptation for the Goverment (which consistently proves itself to be useless at any business eg. SAA, Escom, Denel SAPO, SABC, Transnet, PRASA, mining licences, starlink....and the list goes on) to tamper with market forces via preferential licencing and interfering "inspectors will be too strong. It is simply adisguised tax on business, more red tape, more expense, more risk, and no benefit to business , and no encouragement to economic growth and investment.	MICHAEL	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:29:03	No I do not	Other	Underhanded objectives...	Eugene	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:35:32	No I do not	Other	1. This is government over reach at local level. Registering a business is sufficient and then managing it ethically, with taxes paid to SARS. This can be monitored. 2. A license is just another way of taking more money for no reason than enriching corrupt government officials and workers. 3. Our government institutions are poorly run, so businesses are likely never going to get their licenses renewed on time because of back logs. 4. Preferential licensing will definitely take place, so some businesses will collapse. 5. It will also lead to more black market business. 6. For businesses that shut down due to preferential licensing unemployment will rise. 7. It is another cost that discourage or delay someone starting a business.	Shane	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:44:06	No I do not	Other	The government should not put more obstacles in the way of the general public trying to make a living.	Franco	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 09:47:17	No I do not	Other	Giving these officials more work to do whilst they can not even successfully do their jobs currently at hand, would be in nobody's interest. They must fixed the problems like water supply and fixing roads that are well in their capability - not looking for work which are out of scope of expertise.	Elise	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:48:58	No I do not	Other	SARS has all the Business info. Why another regulation ?	Susanna	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:54:29	No I do not	Other		Andre	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 09:55:43	No I do not	Other	All of the reasons set out, more red tape, preferential treatment. More money stolen by municipalities, govt etc.	Patricia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 09:59:32	No I do not	Other	This acts as further administrative hurdle to starting, operating and managing a business in South Africa. As someone who works with entrepreneurs and small business owners constantly, this is just kicking a child when they're down. The supposed ability of government to even administer a system like this is laughable. The CIPC has improved in recent years, but is still woefully behind the effective administration of the system we currently have - changing it is not going to improve anything. The 5 year period is a cash grab, a chance for corruption and illegitimate businesses to slip through the massive cracks in effective governance that this system would create, and is demonstrated globally to be a garbage, pointless, backward and self-defeating system. The powers divulged to officials is pointless. It takes MANY years for officials in an organisation like this to get to the point where there is effective operations across the board. Until then, "licenses" will get approved for the wrong reasons, rejected for the wrong reasons, there will be a feeding frenzy for fraudulent applications and business operations will be slowed even further. The scope for corruption and bribery in this process is a joke, and the government has demonstrated repeatedly that it does not have the ability or willingness to control this in the existing organisations. How about they learn to walk before they shoot themselves in another foot...? There is a lot that needs to be improved. But there are 1000 ways to bring the current systems and processes forward without garbage proposals like this one. If the goal is really to move the country forward, and not just to create another bureaucratic and criminal feeding trough, support and invest in entities like the CIPC - don't kick them out and create chaos for the entire country.	Gareth	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:03:12	No I do not	Other	More restrictions and abuse of power. More theft	Margie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:04:06	No I do not	Other	I think they should assist businesses, especially small businesses to boom again, after destroying it. They have already destroyed so many livelihoods. Make South Africa great again by empowering the people and the businesses so we can all "LIVE" again.	K	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:17:56	No I do not	Other	All of the reasons listed in concerns. Preferential licensing and powers of inspectors is an open door for corruption, racketeering which all small businesses cannot afford killing the economic growth so needed in our country. Principles of licensing and Red tape, just look at the present government run entities all done for through red tape and principles of licensing aka the dark side of BEEE , this has all but killed the economic technical greatness the country was renowned for.	Jonathan	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-22 10:21:05	No I do not	Other	Why should we need permission for useless bureaucrats to start and operate a business. This is just a power grab by useless people who want to control us. If you need permission from them, then they can also take it away. It is totally unacceptable to give this power to people who - don't contribute to the economy at all, are a drain on resources, besides being corrupt. Voetsek with this bill and voetsek to politicians who want to control 'all levers of power'. We are not China and I dont need anyones 'permission' to live my life . People who support this bill are totally naive because this power will be used against them....	Eugene	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:24:30	No I do not	Other	I'm totally against this proposed bill. My main reasons are: Preferential Licensing, Power of the Inspectors, More red tape, Principles of Business Licensing. Another is the ability of Municipalities to perform this services required from them. Most Municipalities are unable to perform their current duties, how can they be given a new responsibility. Instead of new legislation, maybe our government should focus on enforcing the current laws correctly and completely.	Hercules	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:24:36	No I do not	Other	All of the reasons listed in concerns. Preferential licensing and powers of inspectors is an open door for corruption, racketeering which all small businesses cannot afford, killing the economic growth so needed in our country. Principles of licensing and Red tape, just look at the present government run entities all done for through red tape and principles of licensing aka the dark side of BEEE , this has all but killed the economic technical greatness the country was renowned for.	Sylvia	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:25:16	No I do not	Other	Another BEEE	Steve	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 10:28:52	No I do not	Other	And business of foreigners are they also going to pay this license?	Petrus		
	2025-11-22 10:37:34	No I do not	Other	I don’t trust the anc and whet the motive is behind this. It’s going to become like a gun license ducking hard to get one and then when it needs renewal it never happens. Fuck the anc and everyone connected to them.	Cristine		
	2025-11-22 10:47:13	No I do not	Other		Armand	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 10:49:50	No I do not	Other	Hasn't the ANC stuffed up everything already? Instead of encouraging people to open and run successful businesses in order to grow the economy and help relieve the dire poverty that is rampant in South Africa, they try to hamstring every effort at entrepreneurship. Shame on the ANC.	Jill		
	2025-11-22 10:50:27	No I do not	Other		Holly	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:57:28	No I do not	Other		Mari	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 10:58:08	No I do not	Other	I'm concerned about the bill in its entirety and do not support it.	Denise		
	2025-11-22 10:58:10	No I do not	Other	I'm concerned about the bill in its entirety and do not support it.	Denise		
	2025-11-22 11:15:20	No I do not	Other	The legislation is likely to increase bureaucratic red tape, create opportunities for corruption, and impose new burdens on businesses already struggling to survive. It is another step in bureaucracy that will make starting, running, or even maintaining a business in South Africa more difficult, more uncertain and more perilous than ever. The inevitable result will be arbitrary enforcement, rent-seeking, corruption and an ever-deepening atmosphere of uncertainty that chokes investment and suppresses job creation. It is also BEE in disguise and precludes any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background. We don’t need more laws. We need to have honest people of integrity to execute what we have. Until we can do that extra laws just make the system overburdened. The licensing process will choke businesses and slow our weak economy even more.	Peter	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 11:15:46	No I do not	Other	This is communistic laws from our government	Matthys	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:16:33	No I do not	Other	I absolutely reject this nonsense. Municipalities are already so corrupt. There is no way that I want to be licensed and policed by them more than I am already.	Pierre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:16:35	No I do not	Other	Other The legislation is likely to increase bureaucratic red tape, create opportunities for corruption, and impose new burdens on businesses already struggling to survive. It is another step in bureaucracy that will make starting, running, or even maintaining a business in South Africa more difficult, more uncertain and more perilous than ever.	Marcus		business owner
	2025-11-22 11:16:55	No I do not	Other	Phumalela in Free State can hardly turn on its lights to see in the dark. Now more responsibility will be given to municipalities than cannot even deliver the most basic of services. No, no, no until all municipalities can demonstrate their ability to deliver basic services	David	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:19:33	No I do not	Other	More potential corruption and more monetary burden on small businesses.	Anton	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:41:27	No I do not	Other	Increased government control is always bad for business	Anton	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:43:11	No I do not	Other		Keagan	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 11:45:13	No I do not	Other	Municipalities cannot even tune Municipalities- now they want to have power over other business! Ridiculous! Talk about job destruction!!!!	Jacki	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:49:21	No I do not	Other	I see this as more corruption! In the Municipalities. More power for inspecters! WHY! And more corruption!	Julie	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:49:34	No I do not	Other	This is another way to cause and INCREASE Poverty as well as cause HUGE JOB LOSSES! The day the government is NO LONGER CORRUPT, then perhaps, but until then we are DOOMED AS A NATION!!!	Gillian	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 11:55:42	No I do not	Other	The anc government has been incompatent ever since by electing comrades cadres and cronies They have efficient people but choose to have cronies due to the fact that they are responsible for the big losses sustained by their looting Most of the decisions is geared up for their benefit and financial gains looting The anc is a good organization but wrong bunch in parliament	Ebrahim		retired
	2025-11-22 11:56:14	No I do not	Other		Linda	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:06:25	No I do not	Other	Another way to limit progress and job creation and more corruption.	Carol		
	2025-11-22 12:17:56	No I do not	Other	This is not a communist country and business can not be controlled by a institution who will have no idea of what the business is about and that will surely have an negative impact on the economy, or is this another strategy to crippling our country and keeping our future businesses outside the door or is it designed for only certain groups of people.	Gavin		unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 12:20:35	No I do not	Other		Caitlyn	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:27:34	No I do not	Other	Oh my goodness, local municipalities ?? The same people who other than DA run municipalities that cannot even deliver on the duties they already have? Now the ANC wants to put more work onto these poor incompetent souls? Create another avenue for bribes and corruption to flourish? It is simply not workable in the RSA at this time. First focus to get the basic things right please: Water, electricity, schools, roads, hospitals before adding more burdens to be in line with modern working states.	HM	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:29:15	No I do not	Other	This does not make sense.	Anton	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 12:32:50	No I do not	Other	Local Municipalities can not even do what they have to do at present. Give them more power to mess up the economy and persons that are trying to make an honest living. I do not think so!!!!	Adriaan		
	2025-11-22 12:39:45	No I do not	Other		Govindasamy	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 12:43:43	No I do not	Other		Meryl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:55:32	No I do not	Other	This is just another weapon the government wants to deploy in order to completely destroy whatever entreprenaurial spirit is left in South Africa's economy. It creates jobs for useless unemployable bureaucrats and penalises proactive and productive contributors to the economy. The effect of this cause will be that eventually the producers will stop producing and creating jobs, those who relied on these jobs will suffer. So here's what you can do to shape this bill - roll it up and stick it where the sun don't shine.	Justin		
	2025-11-22 12:57:41	No I do not	Other		Mark		
	2025-11-22 13:00:09	No I do not	Other		Professor Adriaan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:01:20	No I do not	Other	The Current Municipalities do NOT have the Capacity or Ability to Manage a system like that. Its is as simple as that. Replacing our Drivers License is a pain in the Butt as well. They don't get the new license in Time , you have to Buy a Temporary License its just a Pain in the Butt. They can't Paint the Street Lines, They can't fix the Pot Holes the list goes on. People driving through RED Traffic Lights not Traffic Police around. they will just not do it.	Knight	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:12:05	No I do not	Other	All of the above concerns, first small business, then large business, this is communism, your tax base will dissappear as those who get preferences will not pay tax, cadre deployment, no foreign investment, China and Russia will take this country, they have military power, the ANC has got no such power once they take over, a new Zimbabwe problem is rising	Paul		
	2025-11-22 13:24:37	No I do not	Other		Brenda		

	2025-11-22 13:36:02	No I do not	Other	I object based on all the items listed. We already have no jobs and businesses will just close, due to this bureaucracy. This is disguised racism AGAIN.	Scott		
	2025-11-22 13:41:14	No I do not	Other		Niekie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 13:50:10	No I do not	Other	This is another BEE and money making scam. This will seriously hurt legitimate businesses that have been running for many years.	Aidan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:51:48	No I do not	Other	Some are doing it for a living, to supply food on the table for their children, ad some are in very small scale. To obtain a license to do so is gonna cost them more, money and time, to adhere to standard not even applicable to them.	Izabel	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 13:53:34	No I do not	Other	This is ridiculous. Not only another method of discrimination but also another money-making opportunity to gather money that can be squandered in new and imaginative ways.	Meg	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:59:32	No I do not	Other	the current system is pathetically badly managed. the new system will be even worse. Far more difficult, and wide open to theft.	sandra		
	2025-11-22 13:59:35	No I do not	Other	We are fulfilling reversed apartheid after 30 years. Just another way to make money and put the screws on people trying their utmost to make a living and keep the country afloat. NO NO NO	Lynn	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 14:20:29	No I do not	Other	I object as the municipalities cannot run their current obligations effectively and have no skills to run this so it will be a disaster. It also compounds red tape, power in the hands of a few who may be unqualified or corrupt. A disaster of an idea in a country that has so much unemployment. CIPC registration is good enough to track business.	Ian	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:21:05	No I do not	Other		Dot	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 14:31:37	No I do not	Other	This a another race law in disguise. Use your time and money on regulations that is not been attended to and legislate businesses that are illegal or dangerous for society and economy.	Johan		
	2025-11-22 14:45:41	No I do not	Other		Ina	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 14:47:26	No I do not	Other	Huge potential for time delays and corruption.	Jenni	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 15:13:42	No I do not	Other	Another discriminatory bill being introduced by the ANC whereby they can control who gets a business license. Corrupt officials of which we seem to have thousands will be making the descisions and here again there will be money changing hands or valid applications turned down.	Athol	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:22:11	No I do not	Other	Another form of corruption	Jason	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:24:17	No I do not	Other	How come the UNEMPLOYMENT, POVERTY, HOMELESSNESS of MANY, etc., then all the everlasting POTHOLES etc., and many, many more areas which must be attended to, instead of LAWS for MORE CORRUPTION and FRAUD to take place as MUNICIPALITIES have NOT BEEN USING FUNDS ALLOCATED to MAINTENANCE in their BUDGETS for different PROJECTS paid by the HARD WORKING SOUTH AFRICANS FOR THE MAINTAIN ING ALOT of the INFRASTRUCTURE that has gone down the tubes because of MISMANAGEMENT. Plus more red tape, more costs added to businesses, which will cause prices to skyrocket. Another race based law. Unconstitutional Another way to discriminate and stifle new businesses. Another way to discriminate and stifle new businesses if it does not suit their agenda. This bill is a sure way to turn honest people into desperation which circles back to more opportunities for extortion, corruption, fraud etc. When is this GNU going to USE their GOD given BRAINS and TIME and START doing ALL THEY PROMISED DURING ELECTIONS instead of WASTING precious time on USELESS SELF CENTERED BILLS. GOD IS WATCHING EVERY MOVE THIS GNU MAKES VERY CLOSELY.	Maria		retired
	2025-11-22 15:28:04	No I do not	Other	All concerns listed are my concern. This sounds like another excuse for thieves to steal.	Genevieve	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:43:10	No I do not	Other	ALL the concerns are major concerns and once again the ANC will EXCLUDE MINORITY GROUPS based on RACE {White Citizens} and ONLY BENEFIT BEEE CADRES to line their pockets, which is YET another race based law, which is unconstitutional. Further CORRUPTION and way to STEAL Extortion, FRAUD The GNU {DA} needs to WAKE up and STOP supporting the ANC in running this country, it's economy and people further into the ground!!!!!!!!1	Hettie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 15:45:53	No I do not	Other		Evert	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:48:00	No I do not	Other	The inspectors can be bribed. There can be prejudice. Some businesses will get preference.	Andre		retired
	2025-11-22 16:00:43	No I do not	Other	This is clearly about more control for elite government employees, more tax income for the selected few and more avenues for possible corruption activities. No thank you.	Chris	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:08:52	No I do not	Other		Graeme	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:13:57	No I do not	Other	In the light of municipalities that are not capable of doing simple tasks like getting accounts right, how on earth will this work? It won't.	Elsa	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 16:14:01	No I do not	Other	This is another scheme by the ANC to get money in and bypass the promise of fairness. Secondly they do not have the honest manpower to go around and check licensing without falling for bribe offers. The channel to report to the police is also non-existing because the police that is suppose to enforce the law is un-equalized in corruption. This stupid silly proposal obviously comes from someone in the cabinet.	boet	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:14:29	No I do not	Other	This will confide companies operations and may lead to solicitation...	Nezar	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:20:04	No I do not	Other		Loraine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:32:12	No I do not	Other	This bill is unfair to the small businesses that are unable to afford extra expenses in an already struggling economy. This bill allows for unfair discrimination of businesses that are already serving the community. This bill will cripple the economy even more due to poor management in government departments to date...allowing businesses to fail while they wait for licence approval. All resulting in even more unemployment and financial strain.	Ruth	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:33:57	No I do not	Other	There seems to be an undercurrent of preclusion, even self-interest. Business is about enlightened expansion in the interests of growth, not circumscription.	Gareth	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:49:53	No I do not	Other	The proposed draft Business Licensing Bill with impact negatively on employment. Instead of more job opportunities which are desperately needed in SA, the draft Bill will destroy some of the existing jobs.	Charles	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:56:24	No I do not	Other	This will be another piece of hidden racial legislation dictating who an employer may employ, we have the most race based laws than any other country in the world, 1994 was supposed to end all the racial discrimination, instead under the ANC every piece of legislation entrenches racial discrimination.	Nigel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:15:14	No I do not	Other	Government run mafia. As it stands businesses are having a hard time staying afloat.	Ahmed		
	2025-11-22 17:20:54	No I do not	Other	The problem with this permit is that the municipalities will have a say to choose if businesses can start or not. It's like holding a potential business owner back to reach his dream. This will create more issues with employment opportunities	Collen	North West	
	2025-11-22 17:25:49	No I do not	Other	The municipalities cannot even supply correct rates invoices. This is another addition to "overworked", unqualified employees, tasks.	Dan		
	2025-11-22 17:29:27	No I do not	Other		Anna	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:33:09	No I do not	Other	Just another attempt of the ANC to keep everyone in South Africa poor and without a job. That way they beleive that they can stay in power and loot the country while giving a stupid tip to everyone else. I think this should be treated the same way as the e-Toll system. Let us join hands again, every taxi owner and spa a shop wigo out of business if this becomes a reality.	Carl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:42:38	No I do not	Other	1. Baie van die kleinsake ondernemings is nie rekenaarkundig en het nie 'n rekenaar nie. Dus, hulle sal van agente gebruik moet maak. Die kans is 90% dat hierdie agente hule sal uitbuit, finansiël en andersins. 2. Die deur gaan nou wyd oopgemaak word vir korrupsie 3. Die staat beskik nie oor doeltreffende middele om hierdie stelsel doeltrffend en foutloos te administreer nie. 4. Die stelsel maak die deur oop vir die afdwing en misbruik van mag. 5. Hier word 'n geleentheid geskep dat skurke hulle gaan voordoen as inspekteurs om hulle self daardeur te verryk.	Dries	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 17:50:21	No I do not	Other		Christopher	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:50:36	No I do not	Other	My concern is that the evaluation criteria will be abused to meet political agendas and effectively exclude Whites from owning businesses. It is already very difficult for Whites to find jobs in the formal sector, leaving many with the only option of starting a business. I fear this piece of legislation is just another means of preventing Whites from making a living.	Barbara	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-22 17:55:46	No I do not	Other		Norman		
	2025-11-22 18:19:35	No I do not	Other	Government should have no rights to say who can trade and who can't. Small businesses will not even get off the ground with so-called rules and regulations. Bribes, as usual, will fill pockets of those in charge. Instead of focusing on getting South Africa to where it was before 2000, all of these new plans to take more money to enrich "themselves", are getting more and more.	Mareta	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:32:47	No I do not	Other	Stop destroying our economy, ruining job creation and starving people!	Liezel	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:32:57	No I do not	Other	All of the above. More power to the Government, terrible idea‼️‼️‼️	Dj	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 18:43:42	No I do not	Other	By OTHER I mean all of the issues mentioned. I also second all of the comments from the other "no I do not" voters.	Petrae	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:51:21	No I do not	Other	South Africa should remain on free market principals and government should actually do they job properly to weed out illegal businesses rather then use a one size fits all approuch. This kind of thing licencing thing will hurt the S.A economy badly.	Dave	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:55:39	No I do not	Other	Job losses and business closer Ur.	Bernard	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 19:01:00	No I do not	Other	That really looks like Government wants even more control and this to me would do more harm then good.	Rosemarie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 19:11:23	No I do not	Other	Another racist legislation aimed at destroying the economy.	Ben	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:13:41	No I do not	Other	Nothing about this is good for the average South African. Specially white south Africans	Alexis		
	2025-11-22 19:18:26	No I do not	Other	Government overreach.	Jan		
	2025-11-22 19:23:20	No I do not	Other	This will inevitably create yet another controlling money laundering scheme We are all witnessing how government hospitals money were stolen without hesitation by thugs and criminals These so called license funds will dissappear into a few privileged pockets... unless business taxes will be reduced I not for a moment think the money will be utilized to create more jobs or grow the economy This is only another method to control and eliminate healthy economic growth especially minority groups.... the city council can not handle their workload as is..... I can only imagine the chaos this intended system will create.	Elize	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 19:23:54	No I do not	Other	Potential for fraud, discrimination, and targeting certain businesses.	Marc	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 19:33:39	No I do not	Other	They should rather spend there time going after businesses that are not registered legally or businesses that are not VAT registered. The rest of us that does business the correct way should be left alone. They can check on CIPRO for registrations, this is just an excuse for more corruption.	Lourine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:35:17	No I do not	Other	I dont support this bill	Arthur		
	2025-11-22 19:49:27	No I do not	Other	Just a move to more control over every person's life. If I have a little business that hardly makes enough money to buy bread for a month, why does government want to control it?	Louise		
	2025-11-22 20:11:15	No I do not	Other	Sick of these racists laws hampering the country and its prosperity	Marco	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:11:18	No I do not	Other	Sick of these racists laws hampering the country and its prosperity	Marco	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:21:22	No I do not	Other	Actually all of the reasons apply. The cANCer are power mad. More corruption ... More laws to stifle the economy.	Nanette	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 20:22:44	No I do not	Other	Discrimination against white business owners.	J. J.		retired
	2025-11-22 20:37:56	No I do not	Other		Chris		
	2025-11-22 20:53:33	No I do not	Other	This will not boost our economy in anyway at all...just more red tape and opportunity for bribes and corruption. NO NO NO	Lyn	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 21:06:09	No I do not	Other		Clive	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:21:33	No I do not	Other	No no no	Antoinette		
	2025-11-22 21:44:37	No I do not	Other		Vivian	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-22 22:22:46	No I do not	Other		Pierre	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 22:50:52	No I do not	Other		B	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 23:05:28	No I do not	Other	Strangling our fragile economy. Put effort into giving people an environment to make small businesses that are sustainable. It's already so hard to survive. Some people I spoke to said they would rather close their business than comply, leaving more people unemployed.	Eugene		
	2025-11-22 23:12:39	No I do not	Other	It is clear that not any other race, except the black empowered cadres and their accomplices will benefit from this. If you dig deep enough you will clearly see who will benefit from this new idea. Our country is ruled by a select few who pull the strings so that the law makers are forced to play according to their rules. As said before and coming forth with all the commissions of enquiries that we are in the hands of the "anc" mafia rulers! They do not care about small businesses going under and the increasing number of starving people in South Africa. In Afrikaans we say "baantjies vir boeties. I did you a fovour and now it is payback time.	Martie	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 00:39:46	No I do not	Other	Fuck the government and the bill kill all the officials	Cyril	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 04:47:07	No I do not	Other	The bill will not only place more administrative burden on SMMEs, but it will also open the door for discrimination. The licensing authority will have final say over whether a SMME can trade or not, and this gives off "Animal Farm" vibes ... Practically, this bill is also flawed as this will need to be applied to school entrepreneurship events, hawkers, informal traders and unregistered businesses ... Instead of focusing on drafting such bills, rather reduce existing red tape for SMMEs and make SARS compliancemore simplified. The main focus should not be to deter SMME growth, but rather to promote it.	JP	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:50:43	No I do not	Other		Ismail	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 06:16:16	No I do not	Other	As one drives around SA, all we see is decay, destruction and the effects of corruption. Piles of rubbish everywhere. Informal vendors selling drugs; children begging. Unemployment is rife. BEE only works for the leadership. Thousands of companies and high paying tax individuals left SA and are still leaving. There's no emphasis on doing a job well. No emphasis in growth, ethics and commitment. If BEE hasn't worked till now, should not a different approach be found? Don't these leaders ever wonder who will carry on paying their bills and filling their pockets once SA is bled dry and no one else wants to come and do business here ... except those who are already raping the country with no regards for the locals? What is it going to take for them to wake up? Is perversity so rampant that there's no regard for those who are suffering?	Gracie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:21:37	No I do not	Other	Adorability of the license. As a sole-entrepreneur and a freelance accountant it is costly to start a business, and where one can save funds you try. This license will be reason why I will discontinue my businesses, and others will do the same.	Ruth	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:30:10	No I do not	Other	No I do not - this will just close down tax paying businesses & ultimately lose taxes received & add to the unemployment rate	Dawn	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 06:32:05	No I do not	Other	The current regime has as a principle not to enforce existing laws, bylaws and regulations. Placing more red tape on paper will do nothing to prevent the proliferation of money laundering businesses in municipalities (cell phone shops, spazas, general stores, barber shops, etc.) The owners of these fronts for criminality will continue their operations unhindered. Anyone with a legitimate business will simply not register, knowing that policing and the legal system are ineffective. Or they will close their businesses - or join the massive flow of people leaving the country.	Justine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 06:43:20	No I do not	Other		Mary-Ann	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:51:42	No I do not	Other	Discrimination - my view is only certain businesses will be targeted and it won't include all the unlicensed Spaza shops etc. It aims to own all the businesses which are producing large profits for their own gain. I know what the outcome will be, more unemployment and reduction in production.	Deanne	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 07:15:59	No I do not	Other	We are drowning in compliance and regulation, requiring an ever expanded public sector. We need to get the basics right before implementing any new regulations. This will not add any value to the country's development!	gisela	Free State	
	2025-11-23 07:18:50	No I do not	Other		Mellissa		
	2025-11-23 07:18:50	No I do not	Other		Mellissa		

	2025-11-23 07:20:07	No I do not	Other	The government want al power over it people. That's not a republic , that is communism.	Dewald	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:21:04	No I do not	Other	Everything is a concern. Stop turning South Africa into a socialisting country where you just line your pockets with your corrupt schemes	Jaco	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:21:47	No I do not	Other	Just another way to enforce ideological concepts which do not work in the real world. The only benefit is to line their already greased pockets. My answer is no - a very definite no.	Luana	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 07:26:04	No I do not	Other		Annesia	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:27:46	No I do not	Other	The ANC is desperate to control every facet of life and business for south Africans. Because they have created an economy where a very small percentage of the population are expected to support the majority (which ties in with their NDR), they want to now extend this even further. THE BIGGEST OBJECTION IS THAT INSTEAD OF A NATIONAL STRUCTURE, BUSINESSES WOULD NOW BE AT THE MERCY OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF A LOCAL MUNICIPALITY. AROUND THE COUNTRY THE MAJORITY OF MUNICIPALITIES ARE IN A STATE OF DISARRAY, RIDDLED WITH CORRUPTION AND UNABLE TO MAINTAIN EVEN THEIR OWN BOOKS OF ACCOUNT. HOW ARE WE EXPECTED TO OPERATE AS BUSINESS (OR NOT) ON THEIR SAY SO?	Jonathan Kent		business owner
	2025-11-23 07:34:17	No I do not	Other	I do not support this for all the reasons given in the selection. I have no faith or trust in anything that a corrupt government system wants to implement.	Sibylle	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 07:39:02	No I do not	Other	Why should municipalities have any control over small businesses? Municipalities are already struggling to function and corrupt. This will create another venue for corruption and blackmail. Small businesses are creating so many jobs and have to be registered wirh other bodies, why involve incompetent municipalities that can't even maintain infrastructure?	Mariet	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:39:57	No I do not	Other	More costs and additional ways to misappropriate tax payers money.	Gareth	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:42:56	No I do not	Other	Another ridiculous economy killing policy that entitles a select few. I do not support this at all, including the ridiculous BEE policies, both economy killing causing mass unemployment. I have had enough of these ridiculously pathetic "bills" and wont be investing or starting any new business in SA until these "bills" are reversed. What do you think implimenting this will result in? Employment? NO, it will result in fewer entrepreneurs actually bothering to start a business, leaving more unemployment, with no economic growth, and whatever international investors are still looking at SA for viable business opportunities, will go look elsewhere. Restricting anyone on how, where and when they can rightfully make an honest living is ridiculous.	Robin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:45:24	No I do not	Other	Just another opportunity for corruption to thrive and red tape to constipate progress	Gray		retired
	2025-11-23 08:02:40	No I do not	Other	Another way to work out the minorities of this countries. Nothing more than a government scam!	Stephanie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:03:11	No I do not	Other	Yet more red tape to stifle business and raise indirect taxes.	Hugh	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:04:03	No I do not	Other	Our local governments should never have such powers of granting licences. Amongst other problems it will provide a massive opportunity for bribery and corruption practices. Our politicians both local and national cannot be trusted with powers such as these.	Michael K	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 08:06:48	No I do not	Other	This will damage the economy. This is a step closer to communism.	Renier		
	2025-11-23 08:07:37	No I do not	Other		Jeanette	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:10:13	No I do not	Other	It does not give us a clear direction or answer where the new policy is taking us. What is the issues with the old policy and outline the exact direction of new policy. The explanation here is to broad.	Sid	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:12:42	No I do not	Other	This is BS. Another opportunity for corruption.	Spencer	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:15:43	No I do not	Other	The State does not have the moral right or the constitutional authority to unreasonably restrict the rights of the individual. This is my main reason for my opposition. There are also the reasons of, among others, the policy of imposing socialism and others.	Johan	North West	retired
	2025-11-23 08:17:53	No I do not	Other	Racial discrimination	Don	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:25:39	No I do not	Other	Racial discrimination. Small business owners would never be able to afford it in this struggling economy. It's just another way of extorting money from citizens who are trying to survive. Government gets more than enough taxes as it is.	Yolande		
	2025-11-23 08:30:35	No I do not	Other	apart from preferential licensing ...and with our corrupt gov/officials this will happen!! your business after 5 years is finalky stable and making money AND YOU HAVE TO APPLY FOR TO RENEW the license which may not be granted. WHAT AN ABSOLUTE IDIOTIC GOVERNMENT WE HAVE TO EVEN CONSIDER THIS.	Lorraine	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 08:39:53	No I do not	Other	Why does we register at cipc is this jit enough. What us the hidden agenda ....more income for municipality to spend where???? What are they going to do with the licence money. Make it disappear again or mis spend. More red tape for pushing BEE. One man business compromised.	MaryAnne	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:44:33	No I do not	Other	Municipalities are incapable of running themselves and are politically influenced, so will lead to corruption as to which businesses will get a licence	Barbara		self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:48:24	No I do not	Other	Another layer of bureaucracy for individuals who can provide services, but who do not want a formal business structure for delivery.	Helen		retired
	2025-11-23 08:53:50	No I do not	Other	More corruption. Municipalities are bankrupt and do not deliver. Another moneymaking scheme.	Wilna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 08:54:57	No I do not	Other	This is just another way to make taxpayers pay more. Municipalities are already struggling to be good stewards of Eskom and other service delivery charges. This will just add to there inability/unwillingness to steward these processes. This will also open the door for preferential treatment and an overreach of governmental powers. All this can lead to more people being part of the unemployment statistics.	Hannelene	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:57:55	No I do not	Other		Johann		
	2025-11-23 08:59:23	No I do not	Other	Ridiculous notions by the government , you can barely servive with a busseniss as it is today then they want you to pay more, where are we supposed to get this from?	Gert	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:59:25	No I do not	Other	Ridiculous notions by the government , you can barely servive with a busseniss as it is today then they want you to pay more, where are we supposed to get this from?	Gert	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:09:10	No I do not	Other	MORE unnecessary control. MORE ways to disrupt business. MORE ways to stop white people owning or doing business. And since when does a municipality have ANYTHING to do with the running of businesses? Since when do THEY decide whether you can have a license, or whether it can be extended? No ..... it's exactly their way of more and more and more control by idiots, who WILL destroy or take over those businesses that are still working!	Carol	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 09:09:37	No I do not	Other	South Africa being a democratic country ,is supposed to governed by the constitution. The anc creates laws that is racist,and unconstitutional. Due to the high levels of corruption within all government structures ,this proposed law will only empower the corrupt . Also this mafia controlled government only looks to create further division amongst the people of this beautiful land. This law is being created to self serve the anc in trying to garner the last vestiges if support to try and stay in power . Given that we are going into 2026 elections ,the anc hasn't got a sure footing to hold on the the power and this is just a way to show the people that the government is doing something for them. Truth be told it's that same mentality that will come back to bite them because everything the anc has done has not been for the people ,but for themselves . Politicians become wealthy with corruption while the people are unemployed and starving. Without water ,electricity and without proper education and medical. That's the reality of the rule under the anc.	Desmond Christopher	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 09:19:55	No I do not	Other	Tyrannical government control to kill the free market....	charl		
	2025-11-23 09:27:02	No I do not	Other		Fred	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:32:50	No I do not	Other	Can be discrmatory, Muncipalities are disfunctional and driven by cronyism, corruption and political agendas. Busines need less rules not more dysfunctional legislation	Nick	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:38:04	No I do not	Other	If I start a business and run it for 5 years, logging away., then a corrupt inspector refuses to renew the licence for some nonsense reason. The inspectors could tell a friend that the business would be up for sale soon as they won't renew and get a kickback. Corruption is rife in SA. this wouldn't be unreasonable to assume.	Nolene		employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:39:24	No I do not	Other	So much red tape that it discourages people of setting up own business. Crashing of economy here	Cathy		self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:52:59	No I do not	Other	More government control - and we know that's not going to end well....	David	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:54:44	No I do not	Other	My concern is more Goverment control at the cost of the citizens which doesn’t promote business and investment.	Esto		retired
	2025-11-23 10:01:23	No I do not	Other		Godfrey	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:13:17	No I do not	Other		Karen		
	2025-11-23 10:13:31	No I do not	Other	We have enough legislation to cripple any business	Carol	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 10:22:39	No I do not	Other	Allows discrimination on all fronts	Andy	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:23:13	No I do not	Other	This will create more unemployment when small businesses can't get a licence due to bureaucratic red tape and some form of BBBEE or whatever. This is also just another money pit where corrupt officials will be looting from. This is against the constitution.	Anzel	Western Cape	self-employed

	2025-11-23 10:25:39	No I do not	Other	I am concerned about the Act as a whole. The ANC government has proven that it cannot be relied on to Manage anything with success, there is no accountability, no consequences and no reason for anyone to adhere to anything. This would just be another piece of legislation that will be abused and used to discriminate against minority groups, once again potentially racist.	Sue	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 10:26:03	No I do not	Other	To give any more power to a dysfunctional municipality like the Msunduzi is a sure way of creating more corruption. A business person would have to pay a bribe to be able to get their business licensed. The government is supposed to be creating jobs, but then another department in government passes a law to hinder this growth.	Beverleigh	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 10:26:56	No I do not	Other	Why would we need to license the business when we already have to register it with CIPC. This is going to cause so many problems for business owners. The government only wants to be greedy and wants to take control of everything and take basic rights away from all South Africans. This may lead to an economic collapse in an already struggling one. More joblessness to follow as owners will close, just to prevent all the hassle.	Nadine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:31:33	No I do not	Other		Santie		
	2025-11-23 10:32:19	No I do not	Other	Instead of wasting time and effort or creating another hurdle for business start ups, use the resources to help stimulate and empower new business. A country like ours with a growing unemployment rate requires less red tape and formalities for business	N	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 10:41:40	No I do not	Other	Sole proprietors will especially be in the firing line of this very clear communist/socialist agenda. What about street vendors and door to door vendors? The list goes on...	Jan		
	2025-11-23 10:50:07	No I do not	Other	Preferential licensing, powers of inspectors, red tape and principals of business licensing. Too much control in the hands of current incompetents. Business cannot thrive when it is so overregulat. Stop All this control!!?	Ina		
	2025-11-23 10:55:33	No I do not	Other	This government has shown that it cannot be trusted and should not control business as well. We're supposed to live in a free country.	Calla	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 10:56:08	No I do not	Other	Yes stop creating this communist outpouring .I thought that you had finished destroying the country but you are set on creating a Gaza hammer environment	Robert	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:02:51	No I do not	Other	Fix what you as a Government should. Give us first class education, world class roads (both in residential, towns, cities and highways), hospitals, decent child, disability and old age grants, etc in simple terms, PUT YOUR ACT TOGETHER and then bring on the fair and just licence rules and regulations. we cannot function to survive in the present economic climate based on foreign nationals who infiltrated almost every sector of the economy free from income tax, minimum wage, uif, wcc and not obliged to take out insurance and medical aid. HOW DO WE COMPETE WITH THAT when our initial expenses are the above??? small and medium businesses are barely surviving and imposing any stringent regulations or laws will simply shut them down!!! Your municipalities must first learn how to deal with the businesses in a diplomatic and professional matter ASSISTING THEM to get the basics right first, STEP BY STEP! It would be great if governments can appoint officials to join small and medium businesses to gain first hand experiences of it's functions and challenges. STOP BEING A BULLY and become human again !	IMRAAN	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:03:12	No I do not	Other		michele	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 11:04:40	No I do not	Other		Rudolph		
	2025-11-23 11:06:50	No I do not	Other	Another way for goverment to controle us.	CK	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:07:20	No I do not	Other	These fools making up and thinking up all these rules and regulations are out to destroy people to the full. Impoverish everyone except themselves is the order of the day. Bastards!!!	Andre		
	2025-11-23 11:14:31	No I do not	Other	Only SA residents can able to have this license, not people from outside of the country.	Simphiwe	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:16:54	No I do not	Other	Stop destroyig SA's chances to grow the economy	Johan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:23:40	No I do not	Other	Just another ridiculous proposal!!	lynn	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:40:51	No I do not	Other	This smells of BEE which has broken proper economic development in SA. Power to few to control the many. More money being poured into coffers of those who are irresponsible and feathering their own beds. Legislation/laws are not necessary to educate or help people in SMEs, it does not build long lasting effective capacity. We need responsible business to open job opportunities based on real provision of real needs, not perceived ideas.	Linda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:41:46	No I do not	Other	There are far too many regulations already that stifle business already, this just more government control from a government that really has only 20% of public support. They are power grabbing and opening up more opportunities for bribery and corruption. More opportunities to favour certain groups and exclude others. It will also discourage investors, like BEE does.	Rissell		business owner
	2025-11-23 11:43:05	No I do not	Other	Preferential licencing, high potential for corruption, abuse of state power via inspectors, short duration of licence, and lack of municipal capacity to implement. The Bill in its current form is a deterrent to growth, rather than a stimulus.	Johan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:43:09	No I do not	Other	What is the CIPC for? The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, is the South African government body that registers companies, co-operatives, and intellectual property rights like trademarks and patents. Is the CIPC now defunct and surplus to requirements? Is this proposed "law" designed to give Municipalities more income? Is this another 5 year license like all other licenses where secondary taxes just increase and become more prevalent and just never stop? Is this an attempt to selectively approve businesses based on race and politics? Is this just one more GRAFT opportunity where inspectors get paid off to approve a business and these payments radiate upwards to the gravy train? Is this another MAFIA in the making? South African businesses are finding life hard enough and now the "government" wants to make life harder and choke businesses off? Is an unemployment rate around the 40% mark not good enough? Does the "government" want to increase unemployment to above 50%. Does the "government" fail to understand that personal and business taxes are likely to reduce if this ridiculous "law" is put into effect? When there is less tax income then the government may triple property rates or increase VAT or double the cost of licensing a motor vehicle..... the list of potential increases is endless. We appear to be doing what Europe is doing to itself..... making it so that the population at some point rebels out of sheer desperation, but by then the damage is done and we are in ruins as buildings burn. On a scale of 1 to 10 regarding BAD IDEAS, this is up there around 9. But then since when have really bad ideas stopped the government from acting on them? CIPC has all the company information needed, as in the companies physical addresses and nature of the business and the details of the directors/members etc. Why re-invent the square wheel, we have square wheels already?	Graham	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:44:14	No I do not	Other	The government is looking for complete control and silence the voices that proclaim freedom of how to conduct business and ultimately your life. All this is based in communism and I reject that in every way.	Annika		
	2025-11-23 11:47:26	No I do not	Other	Just another way to embed BEE and stimulate corruption in the inspectorate.	Owen	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:47:36	No I do not	Other	Government should not be involved in free trade among the populace.the danger here is that it is total control under UN sustainable development directives.its a veiled tyrannical system to shut down the peoples ability to sustain themselves independently of government and it promotes the strong arming by big business using government to do its dirty work.the future is spelled out most clearly as a collusion between global big business and government as its enforcer. This arrangement sounds the death toll for any sort of freedom for folk on the ground and the sovereignty of our country at large.this government (and the entire political system) has clearly shown that it marches to the drum of foreign unelected powers(who also controls the purse strings of our national economy and its lakeys) and clearly does no longer serve the public's interests.	Basil	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:52:26	No I do not	Other		Riaan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:59:55	No I do not	Other		Miranda		
	2025-11-23 11:59:58	No I do not	Other	This is to stop white people from starting businesses.A racist move once again.	Anthony	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:01:23	No I do not	Other	Yea no, hell no! Local municplalities are already a big fuck up as it is, they cant even keep the water flowing. As example for the past 3 months we did not have 2 days of uninterrupted water supply. Why change it? CIPC already keep a database of all registered companies, are the fat lazy poloticians too dumb to access that list?? By the way you can fuck off with your BEE shit as well, fuck that. I am personally moving my business to the USA and will have left by the time you dumb shits actually read this. You over taxed me and BEE screwed me over many times, but the "bright idea" of expropriation without compensation and also adding more tax to fund black businesses is the last straw, i have added all my employees to your count of unemployed because fuck you why should i employ 20 black people and have them be self supporting, they can now go beg or cue at SASSA like everyone else. As a bonus, i am out. No more tax from me to support your greed and coruption, you can fuck off. So fuck you and your dumb shit ideas, but as far as this new crap you want to pull now, if i was not already on the way out, then this crap would have made me think leaving south africa is a good idea.. Cheers dumb cunts, I am allready out of here, go ahead and do whatever the fuck you want, but not this dumb shit.	Cornelius	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner

	2025-11-23 12:15:47	No I do not	Other	All of the above create serious concerns. Too much red tape and bureaucracy creates barriers to entry for new small business. In our corrupt municipality there will absolutely be preferential licensing to friends, family and cadres, and the legitimate small and med businesses that form a good portion of our town's economy and employment will suffer. Unemployment will increase on one side and illegal businesses will flourish on the other, because they will try to operate under the radar when no longer allowed to be licenced. What business wants to run under threat of not having a licence removed in 5 years, at the whim of greedy bureaucrats. It communist style control and we want nothing of it. BEE is hurting the country already but this will be a death blow to the economy.	Anne	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 12:24:35	No I do not	Other	Dis absolute diktatorskap. Dit between dat geen burger van die land enige Handel mag drug sonder die regering se toe stemming en op die regering se voorwaardes nie. Besigheid is 'n week en dit sal die communities en liberale doelstelling van absolute beheer net vesterk. Vryheid sal al hoe meer ingeperk word in die reeds diktaroriale regerings bestel waar vryheid belowe en voorgestel, maar eintlik vernietig word. Dis tipiese bende/mafia beleid wat reeds op Ander vlakke in die samelewing plaasvind.	Philippus		retired
	2025-11-23 12:26:52	No I do not	Other		Peter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:29:29	No I do not	Other		Craig	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:33:13	No I do not	Other	How will this help job creation and strengthen the economy? The municipalities are falling apart (how many municipalities in the Free State are under administration already?). They won't be able to cope with the extra admin and will delay the start of the business. How will corruption be addressed and protect the individual / business owner against having to offer bribes to obtain a license.	Wilmien		
	2025-11-23 12:38:53	No I do not	Other	This Bill forms part of a global agenda to clip humanity's wings of freedom. Some business regulation is needed, but as a general rule the less government intervention the more prosperity. Especially in SA where the informal sector is vital. Businesses are struggling enough, as it is. Additionally, the danger exists, especially if we allow the imposition of digital ID, that the government can literally shut down all aspects of a person's life if that person deviates from the mainstream agenda on any given issue. So I am in favour of mlnimal government power. Don't hand them the rod to beat us.	Carol		
	2025-11-23 12:54:08	No I do not	Other	I reject everything that has to do with this CORRUPT, CRIMINAL, THIEVING government.	Anna-Mari	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:57:51	No I do not	Other	We run a guest farm znd require an annual business licence from the municipality and the Dept of Tourism. We apply every year in January. They are then supposed to arrange an inspection by the Fire Dept and the Dept of Health to ensure compliance wigh standards. This is fine because it ensures the szfety of our clients. However we receive the business licence only in June or July flooeing numerous visits and phone calls to the municipality. No inspections were done. By that time the Dept of Tourism is breathing down our necks. We need the licence to comply with Tourism. If they can't even handle tourism businesses how wil they handle the rest? Just another step where bribery will be introduced. A power play with which THEY cannot comply.	Sandra	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 13:02:38	No I do not	Other	I totally disagree why should I have a license in my Own country my business will not be told how to run my business by a failing government just look at liquor licensing how damaged is our country.Therefore it's a big No on my side.	Sunboy	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:12:46	No I do not	Other	MORE CORRUPTION ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES THEY CANNOT EVEN RUN EFFICIENTLY NOW	LYN	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:20:42	No I do not	Other		Cathy	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:22:59	No I do not	Other	It is a curtailment of free enterprise and an unnecessary extension of government reach! It opens up great danger for governmental overreach, interference and control where it should not have such jurisdiction. Businesses are generally registered anyway via VAT, SARS, PAYE etc... We need less red tape and regulation and more freedom to operate without further restrictions.	Bernard	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:24:43	No I do not	Other		Joseph	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:28:17	No I do not	Other		Kurt		self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:38:49	No I do not	Other	Government just trying to take more. More of our money and more of our rights	Tiaan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:39:49	No I do not	Other	This is 180° the wrong direction. Business licencing requirements which already exist, e.g. professional licencing, ought to be abolished.	Dawie		
	2025-11-23 13:44:02	No I do not	Other	Currently your business is registered by CIPC and as is a legal entity. This is again another money-making scheme by the government to levy extra changes onto a business. The "real" reason behind this new Bill is so that all businesses must be inclusive of BEE and as such you must hand your business over to a "disadvantaged" person to loot and steal all monies that might be available. How many of the businesses that had to give 51% to "disadvantaged" people are still operating today and contributing to the economy. This together with Education, Religion are a socialist ploy for the government to have control of your lives and thus be able to do whatever they like.	Freddie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:51:33	No I do not	Other	Discrimination and promoting BBEE . No ! No !	Sebastiaan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:53:53	No I do not	Other	Firstly, this is only going to stop investors or the general public from opening further businesses. Secondly, these licensees will more than likely have a cost attached, more red tape and be time wasting to business owners. Thirdly, municipalities are incompetent and corrupt. Giving this control to them will only cost businesses, cause business closures and plenty of frustration. Fourthly, Giving people and investors easy access to opening a business can only promote business growth where this will hinder it. This is another stupid idea by government. I fully oppose it	Brett	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:56:06	No I do not	Other	This move is TYPICAL communist takeover of minority rights - it is unconstitutional and unlawful‼️ With this, take away our right to bear arms, our right to earn a living.....what's left⁉️ Total REVOLT by the people - black, white and coloured.....	Wessel	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:03:51	No I do not	Other	The South African government mainly controlled by Ramphosa and hisbother cadres are slowly passing new laws that give them.more control of private business and in general people's private lives which is driving South Africa closer and closer towards a communistic state, no one seems to be noticing, major companies employing thousands of local South Africans are closing down down due to more and more red tape,	Grant	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:05:58	No I do not	Other	More unemployment and more corruption... In what constructive ways will the municipality or government use these licencing monies to improve our economy or create employment.. and how will this process be managed... Where is their plan and roadmap...	Nazeem	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 14:08:30	No I do not	Other	This Gov is nothing but criminally minded. The racism, theft and grafting by these lot are disgusting - to say the least. And they still want to be referred to as honourable - when there's absolutely NOTHING Honourable about these low life's !! They will steal from the poorest of the poor - a sick culture. These laws made by criminals is nothing more than more controlled sabotage of a once prosperous economy.	Anthony	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 14:13:46	No I do not	Other	The new business licensing laws proposed by the government are unworkable and potentially damaging for jobs and investment in South Africa. I agree with Neasa that elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. It is also possible that the provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and could prelude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Ansie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 14:14:26	No I do not	Other	Another way to infringe, steal money and 2030 agenda monitoring and control implementation goal.	Vanessa		
	2025-11-23 14:19:35	No I do not	Other	2nd, 3rd, and 4th as well as freedom of inspectors and municipalities to close competition to any businesses they or their families have interest in.	Colleen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 14:19:40	No I do not	Other	This is just to strangulate any business they feel is not complying with their BEE rules. It's just another agenda for government to take their corruption to a different level and less of the public being able to take care of themselves. They are trying to make the people subject to their wishes and have to rely on them. Taking away our freedom and our rights. Everything we fought for and voted for.	Norma		
	2025-11-23 14:23:23	No I do not	Other	The Department of Small Business Development, emphasis on the word "Development". How do you develop small business by charging for licenses and threatening confiscation of the very items that allow a business to "develop" ?	Paul	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 14:23:31	No I do not	Other	Municipalities cant even run themselves with success, this is just another opportunity for corruption and to steel hard working people money	M	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:36:22	No I do not	Other	If we are going to regulate our businesses with licenses, we are essentially killing free enterprise. We need to be promoting more people to open businesses not find obstacles to prevent that from happening. Further concerns with licensing, is this will be another avenue for our corrupt government to extort its citizens and unfairly control the political process in our democracy. Business and the money it generates, is a powerful means of manipulating the government and if controlled by the existing or any government will lead to an autocracy.	Rob	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:41:21	No I do not	Other	Municipalities are proven to be corrupt and extortionate. It shows in various other areas where “permitting or licensing” is required. Introducing this will only create more opportunities for corruption and bribery in addition to hurting legitimate business already VAT registered and registered with CIPC. This proposed bill should be rejected at all cost	Jaco	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-23 14:42:35	No I do not	Other	All of the concerns are my top concern. Municipalities are not going to be able to cope with this additional workload, especially in the rural areas. Won't this choke the entrepreneurial spirit that the government has been saying is the way to help South Africa out of this economic hardship over the last number of years? We already have so many people yielding their power and it doesn't benefit the average South African trying to make a living.	Tanya	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:45:46	No I do not	Other	Government over-reach… If you are self-employed by implication you are running a business!? In other they want to know what everyone is doing, so they have access to more revenue, more cadre employment in bureaucracy, more vote support. The governing class are a criminal enterprise…they are never held to account	Har		
	2025-11-23 14:49:58	No I do not	Other	Just another name for corruption.	Beverley	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 14:50:27	No I do not	Other	You should have an option for all of the above, so I had to chose other. My concerns are listed below; 1. Excessive Bureaucratic Red Tape 2. Risk of Corruption and Arbitrary Enforcement 3. Discrimination and "BEE in Disguise" 4. Stifles Entrepreneurship and Job Growth 5. Harsh Penalties Without Safeguards 6. Centralized Control Over Local Economies Smacks of more institutionalised job creation that will be given to cronies or "cadres"	Andries	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:52:16	No I do not	Other	Another attempt if the ANC to strangle the economy. They cannot handle their administration but want to control and politisise the economy. It's not enough that they decimated the SOEs.	Mikkie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 14:54:15	No I do not	Other	MY concerns are ALL the above and more. Another half baked idea from the criminal cANCer to make more money and stay in power	Brian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 14:54:57	No I do not	Other	Concerns: All the above and more. This is not just Government overreach but a clear attempt to manipulate and undermine the economy at a micro level to its ends - which I believe is towards total control. They are clearly destroying all capitalism and democracy from the inside out. A communist system below the bonnet but presenting a so called democratic polished car for the world to see.	Rob		business owner
	2025-11-23 14:55:04	No I do not	Other	The ANC decimated the SOEs and the economy, now they want a go at businesses. Their aim is to politicise business. They have done enough damage already.	Retha	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 14:58:55	No I do not	Other	This is another strategy to block u from doing business and for them to claim from ur ownership and income Corruption at its best BBEEE THATS WHT THEY WANT	Sam	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 15:02:49	No I do not	Other		Tracy	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 15:04:11	No I do not	Other	It is going to kill new and small business . And more to loot by these powers that be and the inspectors will target a certain group.	H	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:08:01	No I do not	Other	Hierdie is nog 'n agterbakse manier om om die witmense verder in die 'gutters'in te druk.En so kan ook meer en meer oneerlike lisensies uitgereik word.Hier is genoeg bedrog in die land,ons kan nie stem om nog meer kriminele in gesags-posisies te sit nie.	Hendrik	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 15:10:29	No I do not	Other	more and more control by the government and municipalities and more and more tariffs makes it more and more difficult to open business and it only leads to more unemployment, more income for state institutions, more money to miss-appropriate. please listen to reason and make South Africa open for business and prosperity.	Wenzel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 15:11:33	No I do not	Other	RED TAPE POWER OF MUNICIPALITY INSPECTORS POWER HUNGRY ANOTHER MONEY MAKING BEE NONSENSE	Dot		self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:13:26	No I do not	Other	BEE in disguise!	Karen	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 15:15:47	No I do not	Other	I don't support the bill as a whole. All the government want to do is turn this into an autocracy or at the least a communist regime. Who gives any government official the right to dictate another person's right to make a living? You want to implement regulations, then start with the government officials and politicians!	An		
	2025-11-23 15:19:54	No I do not	Other	Hierdie is net weereens ñ manier om BEE te laat geld op ñ versyeekte manier. Dis outokraties en meng in met vryheid van keuse hoe jy jou besigheid wil bestuur.	A		retired
	2025-11-23 15:23:49	No I do not	Other	All of the above. Additionally some businesses can only function effectively without government intervention eg support for abuse victims in communities that protect the abuser	Katherine		
	2025-11-23 15:24:01	No I do not	Other	Seems like more bureaucratic red tape and extra cost that most municipalities cannot afford to implement.	Jacques	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:25:22	No I do not	Other	Power grabbing politicians	Hendrik	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:35:53	No I do not	Other		Dave	Free State	
	2025-11-23 15:36:21	No I do not	Other	This is going to put even more strain on small businesses and street vendors that sells sweets or Veggies. This will become a huge burden and people won't be able to afford this as they have families to support with the big unemployment rate at the moment.	Elsie	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 15:37:18	No I do not	Other	One step closer to controlling its citizens. One by one, private businesses will be forced out of trading and everything will be state owned. NDR is the ultimate goal.	Elizabeth	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 15:37:19	No I do not	Other	One step closer to controlling its citizens. One by one, private businesses will be forced out of trading and everything will be state owned. NDR is the ultimate goal.	Elizabeth	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 15:38:25	No I do not	Other	Generally, municipalities are so useless they can't even successfully complete their current tasks. This is just going to be another source for municipalities to get additional income and create another level of corrupt officials. Its time for govt/municipalities to reduce all the red tape, leave business alone and let us get on with growing the economy and creating employment.	Jimmy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:40:23	No I do not	Other	When will you start legislation to actually stimulate business growth?	Mel	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:58:47	No I do not	Other	Discrimination and even more room for corruption.	Tamsyn	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:11:44	No I do not	Other	THIS IS JUST BEE IN DISGUISE.-FURTHER THESE INSPECTORS -this will encourage Criminalizing corruption: and we have enough of that! The Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act 12 of 2004 (PRECCA) The Act provides a broad definition for corruption, encompassing the giving, accepting, or offering of any unlawful "gratification" (which can include gifts, money, or services) to influence a person in their duties. The business licensing bill is criminal in itself as it caters only for a specific group	Rose	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 16:25:01	No I do not	Other		George		
	2025-11-23 16:25:11	No I do not	Other		Karen	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:32:45	No I do not	Other	This again seems to be the 1st step in wanting to control everything, we struggle as it is to do business, now they want to give more power over businesses.	Geoff		
	2025-11-23 16:35:27	No I do not	Other	Yet more opportunities for corruption and again Government will be chasing away existing and prospective investors	Tish	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 16:39:00	No I do not	Other	This reeks of even further racist BEE implementation. Go ahead, see how well this pans out in the eyes of the international community!	Dennis Shaun	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:40:10	No I do not	Other		Kevin		
	2025-11-23 16:50:29	No I do not	Other	Just a cover up by the NWO to force you to become a digital ID so that you can buy or sell. Without your digital ID you won't be able to buy or sell. This is the beast system the Bible teaches about. It's pure evil and people fall for it.	Allen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 16:58:31	No I do not	Other	Corruption, powergrab and discrimination against minority groups	Alex	North West	
	2025-11-23 16:58:31	No I do not	Other	Corruption, powergrab and discrimination against minority groups	Alex	North West	
	2025-11-23 17:12:54	No I do not	Other		Steve		
	2025-11-23 17:21:51	No I do not	Other	The ANC has proved itself incapable of creating the necessary business and investment environment required for growth and to address the many failures of the state and various other inadequacies facing South Africa. The Municipalities cannot cope at present with the oversight of spaza shops and other service delivery issues so where on earth will they find the time to issue thousands and thousands of business licenses? Who is going to appoint, train and pay for these officials? Another BEE train. Electricians, for instance, are required to register with the Department of Labour, why this necessity to obtain a license to run a business?	Manetta		

	2025-11-23 17:22:13	No I do not	Other	The focus here is on more regulation that only adds red tape and potentially more government jobs with unfettered powers to inspectors. South Africa and its businesses need regulation grounded in economic principles to promote enterprise, market competitiveness, and employment. Not this.	Natashia		
	2025-11-23 17:44:28	No I do not	Other	The farmers in the Karoo will be affected - they need only say. If water is polluted, what must they do? The Government can not supply water in Gauteng, so how will the government supply fresh water in the Karoo for animals? This will cause a major food shortage in RSA. I grew up in the Karoo on a farm and know what water is needed for animals.	Pieter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 17:51:31	No I do not	Other	Informal business is essential to people having employment. A massive section of society lives in inadequately structured neighbourhoods where informal lifestyle makes informal businesses thrive. The municipalities are already dysfunctional - it will be catastrophic if they have to control businesses.	Willem	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 17:54:23	No I do not	Other		J		employed individual
	2025-11-23 17:54:37	No I do not	Other	By implementing this draconian law, current legitimate businesses will be affected in that the municipalities will have control over businesses. If it is felt that there are too many builders or clothing shops in the area, they could decline the business application. NO FREE TRADE Furthermore, this will surely open avenues for more bribery and corruption	Billy	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 17:57:52	No I do not	Other	The Bill is classical overreach promoting senseless red tape and corruption, taxation and undermines fundamental rights.	Reg	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:04:59	No I do not	Other		Terry	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 18:10:35	No I do not	Other	The goverment seems to have lost the last bit of common sense they possibly could have to even consider implementing such a law. It will enable even more corruption. I am actually at a loss of words to try to describe the consequences if this gets implemented.	J		
	2025-11-23 18:13:12	No I do not	Other		Major khanyiso		employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:14:24	No I do not	Other	All of the above	Georgina	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 18:15:26	No I do not	Other	All of the above	Andrew	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 18:17:00	No I do not	Other	It will make it extremely difficult, and unnecessarily expensive for people living on the breadline, to start a business in order to feed themselves and their family	Shane	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:17:19	No I do not	Other	There are many concerns, to name a few, the government can't keep the light on, renewing vehicle licences are a problem, to get my Eskom deposit back (still outstanding for 2 years) ..... I can go on & on - harbours, roads etc etc. How the hell are they going to handle yet another draconian lot of codswallop?? Stupid doesn't even start to describe their thick, insane density!!! Sad to have fools at the helm!!!???	Paul		
	2025-11-23 18:19:16	No I do not	Other	Enough is Enough - This Government has stolen from the People for FAR too long. Small businesses are trying to make a Living -... No More Burocracy, No More FIVE YEAR license Laws - No More Inspectors -... No More government stealing STOP !!!!	concerned	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:21:11	No I do not	Other	Enough is Enough - This Government has stolen from the People for FAR too long. Small businesses are trying to make a Living -... No More Beurocracy, No More FIVE YEAR license Laws - No More Inspectors -... No More government stealing from the People STOP !!!!	Rob	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:22:50	No I do not	Other	Enough is Enough - This Government has stolen from the People for FAR too long. Small businesses are trying to make a Living -... No More Burocracy, No More FIVE YEAR license Laws - No More Inspectors -... No More government stealing STOP !!!!	Richard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 18:29:13	No I do not	Other	This business capture as the state is almost bankrupt	Greg	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:54:01	No I do not	Other	Places restrictions on constitutionally mandated freedom to pursue one's chosen filed of business. What about the professions??	peter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:59:43	No I do not	Other		Celia	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:11:18	No I do not	Other		Carol	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 19:11:36	No I do not	Other	It's just another way to grab money from the few people who have money and especially from People who can hardly make ends meet. It's disgusting.	Lena		
	2025-11-23 19:21:25	No I do not	Other		Francois		
	2025-11-23 19:21:27	No I do not	Other		Virginia	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 19:21:30	No I do not	Other		Virginia	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 19:26:34	No I do not	Other		Mary-ann	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 19:26:36	No I do not	Other		Mary-ann	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 19:28:10	No I do not	Other	More red tape with BEE the main objective.	Michael	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:32:28	No I do not	Other	Making it even harder to conduct business will lead to more job losses, higher emigration rates and a worse economic outlook for South Africa. This is just another way for the ANC to line their pockets.	Willa		
	2025-11-23 19:36:15	No I do not	Other	This would open the door for abuse and corruption. Giving too much power to the wrong people. This would weaken even more an already weak business environment. More business expenses, high fuel prices, high electricity prices, stagnant wages, higher unemployment, etc. More jobs for cadres, family and friends.	Abdul	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:36:15	No I do not	Other	This would open the door for abuse and corruption. Giving too much power to the wrong people. This would weaken even more an already weak business environment. More business expenses, high fuel prices, high electricity prices, stagnant wages, higher unemployment, etc. More jobs for cadres, family and friends.	Abdul	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:52:10	No I do not	Other		Mantis	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 19:59:02	No I do not	Other	I ABSOLUTELY do not support this Bill!!! It's just another opportunity for them to charge licence fees, on already overcharged small & large businesses! They just want more money that they can steal from! How can we have licenses only valid for 5 years?? What about leases for the premises and equipments, and loans that we took out or might want to take out? How can we offer surety, when we don't have certainty beyond 5 years? This is FKN RIDICULOUS! they want to bring in that "You will own nothing, and be happy" plan of theirs!!!	Leanne	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-23 20:10:16	No I do not	Other	This is absolutely insane it is just another way of making more bureaucratic red tape to incarcerate people who are contributing they need to start fixing potholes before making more licenses	Gregory	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:10:16	No I do not	Other	This is absolutely insane it is just another way of making more bureaucratic red tape to incarcerate people who are contributing they need to start fixing potholes before making more licenses	Gregory	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:10:54	No I do not	Other		Wandile	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:17:43	No I do not	Other	As I'm starting to build my business (at first, more self- employment), I have to wonder about what it could mean to an up- and- coming business owner. My goals are simply privinding for my family. I do not plan on being big. Maybe just 2 emplyees. This could affect the future of my family.	Deon	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:22:17	No I do not	Other	I do not believe the explanation provided. In any event how many municipalities have the capacity to professionally deal with this?	Paul		retired
	2025-11-23 20:28:42	No I do not	Other	The whole bill is a scam. If the goverment cannot even do the basics right, how will they be able to manage an environment they do not even begins to understand?	Andries		
	2025-11-23 20:33:38	No I do not	Other		Louis		
	2025-11-23 20:35:52	No I do not	Other	NO, NO, NO. This is INSANITY! Please, PLEASE, PLEASE can the ANC STOP FUCKING UP OUR COUNTRY!!!	Teresa	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:36:48	No I do not	Other		Vivienne	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 20:43:00	No I do not	Other		Johan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:49:23	No I do not	Other	Why implement first world controls in a third world country (at best). We do not receive value for taxes paid.	Cheryll	Eastern Cape	self-employed

	2025-11-23 20:56:42	No I do not	Other	More red tape, more power to inspectors, they will destroy small businesses that are creating jobs. We are already registered with CIPC and SARS	Kistamah	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:08:20	No I do not	Other		Johannes	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:20:23	No I do not	Other		Ashraf	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 21:32:23	No I do not	Other	Arbitrary power of authorities will limit economic activity. Ok to have a register. Not ok to control by licensing	Michael	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:46:26	No I do not	Other	Leave the working class alone, people have enough to deal with in order to survive, why are you trying to make things harder.	Darrin		self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:47:11	No I do not	Other	I am writing to formally register my objection to the proposed Business Licensing Bill 2025. This Bill places additional administrative and financial burdens on small businesses at a time when many are already struggling to survive. Instead of supporting entrepreneurship and job creation, it introduces more red tape and compliance obstacles that may force many small and informal businesses to close their doors. Does this government intend on breaking everything in this country until there is nothing left? The continuous introduction of restrictive policies without meaningful consultation or consideration of their real-world impact creates the impression that small businesses are being hindered rather than supported. Furthermore, whilst most people running this country go to bed with a full stomach, its own people are starving. Policies such as this only deepen the gap and make survival even harder for ordinary citizens. I urge the Department to reconsider this Bill in its current form and to prioritise practical, affordable, and growth friendly reforms that genuinely uplift South African businesses and the communities that depend on them. Thank you for considering my comment.	Natasha		
	2025-11-23 21:54:25	No I do not	Other	It is yet another attempt by government to centralise control over another sphere of South African life. Another step in the impossibly flawed NDR. Too much red tape and a golden opportunity for bribery and corruption.	Christopher	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 22:00:36	No I do not	Other	The proposed bill is a stepping stone toward turning our democracy into a communist state. The government would use it to exert power over unwanted groups and exclude them from the economy. This kind of power does not belong in the hands of the state. It is yet another example of overreach on the part of the government, interfering in ways it should not.	Martin	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 22:12:31	No I do not	Other		Marno		
	2025-11-23 22:21:47	No I do not	Other	AS IT IS WRITTEN- ANOTHER BEE IN DISGUISE- THIS LAW CAN JUST CREATE MORE CORRUPTION IN THE LONG RUN	ROSE	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 22:25:40	No I do not	Other		Rene'	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 22:40:44	No I do not	Other		Sias	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 22:59:51	No I do not	Other	This will give an already corrupt government the power to shut down small businesses for no reason. It will be the end of mom and pop shops. The beginning of the end of the middle class. It will strip you of your right to own and operate a business. This is just another step closer to communism.	Craig	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 23:05:32	No I do not	Other		Anna-Tabitha	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 23:05:33	No I do not	Other		Anna-Tabitha	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 23:06:53	No I do not	Other	The Country is a diverse mix of people who should ALL be able to participate in business activities should they choose	Melanie	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 23:16:11	No I do not	Other		Denise	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 23:18:23	No I do not	Other	End racial socialism like the NP used during apartheid. Free the economy and free the people. Allow free markets. Keep government's dead hand out of all of our opportunities..	Eric	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 23:32:51	No I do not	Other	Our business world is already over complicated with a multitude of hoops that we have to jump through. On the other hand there are businesses that do not follow any laws and are competing with legitimate businesses. This is discriminatory. That problem must be solved before any more beaurocracy is embarked upon.	Rob	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 23:35:36	No I do not	Other	Unlawful!	Christiaan		self-employed
	2025-11-24 03:21:11	No I do not	Other	My concern is business operating standards that may create differences between certain businesses and others with previously disadvantaged group getting worse as a result of not being able to meet those standards according to the scores given. Some businesses are managed by same directors but probably in the rules to come the business rules might for example need one to have a business manager employed to allow that business to run or else if such rules are not met then it has to close. This would be a problem as with the group of previously disavantaged groups some businesses take years to allow owner to be able to employ staff with certain skills and might also impact on the growth of the business and lead to a drawback if that staff member is emploued prior to having a profitable business.	Nombasa	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 03:50:41	No I do not	Other		Madeleine	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 04:14:15	No I do not	Other	All is concerning.	Liesel	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 04:18:54	No I do not	Other	I object for the 4 reasons. It just did not allow me to choose all..	Trudy	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:09:53	No I do not	Other	South Africa has a free market system. This bill will negativity affect small businesses. It is a deceptive push to further discriminate on basis of race by the government by pushing BEE/BBBEE further which is Socialism in disguise and thus the government want to push to turn RSA into a Socialist hell hole. The ANC never got the majority of the votes in any election and they can not make any laws	Louis	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 05:34:25	No I do not	Other	The government already knows who owns business. T/A through banks.....this is another car license issue then we spend our life in this line, that line. They also said the car license would be quick an easy. We the citizens need accept all these new red tape laws while the government employees steal us blind. When my electricity bill has come down by 50%, water everyday....we can discuss the new law, as things stand, you force me to register on the new system and I promise you as the sun rises in the east, I will register and move my company overseas. I dont think the government quiet realises the absolute ease us business owners can collapse the system. Technically all we would need to do is pull a CR. Head office from overseas invoices local branch reducing tax paid. All we need to do is show a slight loss one year. We now sit in a situation in South Africa where either the ANC steals your lunch or the DA where people like John will eat your lunch and the wives lunch.	Bobby	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:45:40	No I do not	Other		Clive	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 05:54:42	No I do not	Other	It is time for BEE etc. to be scrapped! This is just another form of discrimination - or to use its correct term - racism.	Richard	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 05:59:51	No I do not	Other	Why make it so complicated. One should be able to open and run a business as long as its legal.	Yvonne	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 06:04:14	No I do not	Other	No way to know or prevent ground water contamination or ground water drainage	FH	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:04:27	No I do not	Other	There is sufficient control.	Paul	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:08:39	No I do not	Other	This seems to me to be another unnecessary license. The Government is using this as a means of enrichment and excessive control.	Errol	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 06:08:55	No I do not	Other	Tightening the grip on the already very cumbersome process of opening and starting a business. With more “officials” gaining power over areas where they do not have the qualifications to. And like most other regulators, not enforcing the governance together with law enforcement will again create more opportunity for corruption and bribery. This is a futile attempt at creating more meaningless jobs. This will drive thousands out of the country and further hurt the economy. It is a dumb and ignorant proposal	Henri	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:09:41	No I do not	Other	I am a handyman for 15 years now because I could not find a job. My business is not registered, I complete all neccesary tax documentation and SARS is happy with all that. Everything going to be needed to apply for a business license will automaticly disqualify me and will have to stop working.	Francois	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:17:15	No I do not	Other	More opportunity for those in charge to rape the coffers and this starts making us look more and more Russian in every way. An elitist few running the country and getting very rich at the same time. This government are finding all sorts ways to enrich themselves.	martin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 06:20:11	No I do not	Other	Absolutely this bill will just allow more interference by government in businesses which are already struggling to operate and comply with our heavily over regulated government systems and controls. They are killing our economy and driving decline in jobs and economic growth.	Louisa	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:21:37	No I do not	Other		Vanessa	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:24:42	No I do not	Other	All of the above	Ryan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:25:41	No I do not	Other	If the municipalities cannot perform the most basic of functions like providing water and lighting how are they going to do this effectively. Small businesses are crucial to the economy, this just adds to the admin burden and takes away time that should be spent earning.	Debbie	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:35:54	No I do not	Other		Mariska		

	2025-11-24 06:36:56	No I do not	Other	All the concerns listed are a call for concern. Agree this is BEE in disguise. We can't have a free market internationally but tie the hand of salsa business domestically. SA needs to let business blossom not strangle it. Small and medium business creates jobs and we have a massive job problem.	Marco	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:37:07	No I do not	Other		Mariska		
	2025-11-24 06:37:46	No I do not	Other	We as business owners will be relinquishing our businesses into the hands of uninformed individuals, control into the hands of people who have no clue of what running a business is like. This is communism in the implementation phase. Just look around and see the Chinese investments in our country, whilst our companies are closing down and thousands losing their jobs.	Antoinette	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:43:21	No I do not	Other	B e e in disguise !!	Allister		retired
	2025-11-24 06:52:48	No I do not	Other	this looks like another way for government officials to steal or demand money from businesses/owners/workers. Don't allow this to go ahead	Rowena		
	2025-11-24 06:56:33	No I do not	Other	Concerns of preferential licensing, power of inspectors and more red tape	Mesha	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:01:20	No I do not	Other	Have they not done enough stealing all the changes they have done is running the country to the ground because they dont have a clue of what they doing	Janine	Mpumalanga	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 07:07:00	No I do not	Other		louise		
	2025-11-24 07:15:56	No I do not	Other	What does the local municipality have to do with business registration? They are the most inefficient, corrupt, unqualified level of Government we have. It just opens the door to untold corruption. Crazy!!	Judy	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:16:09	No I do not	Other	Discriminatory and unconstitutional	Lizel		
	2025-11-24 07:16:49	No I do not	Other	Government should make it easier not harder. there is already c I p c. we don't need more red tape. and controls and nonsensensical fake job creation for government employees that are bribable and municpalities that are defunct, who will mess things up and cause chaos sounds like a lovely scam to create opportunity to rake in extra cash brown packet commissions for the elite	jemz	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 07:23:33	No I do not	Other	What about all the Pakistani 's and other shops in the rural areas. Will they also be monitored?	Jan	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:23:34	No I do not	Other	What about all the Pakistani 's and other shops in the rural areas. Will they also be monitored?	Jan	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:24:53	No I do not	Other	The government cannot even execute or manage the current laws. This is aimed at job creation for politicians and does not serve the larger unemployed community. It is aimed at self enrichment.	Helena	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:28:48	No I do not	Other	This is both an attempt at centralised control of business (comminist/socialist principles) and an excuse for another tax. totall oppose.	Paul	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:30:05	No I do not	Other		Susan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:31:24	No I do not	Other	Hierdie is maar weer 'n manier van die ANC om meer geld in hulle sakke te steek deur omkopery wany jy sal moet betaalvir die voorreg om 'n besigheid te bedryf.	Frikkie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:31:27	No I do not	Other	Once again the legal and law abiding people and businesses are being targeted because you are jealous. I will say it again, SORT OUT THE GANGSTER RULE AND CRIMINALS THAT KEEPS US LIVING IN "FEAR", THEN LOOK AT THOSE POLICIES.	J	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:33:26	No I do not	Other	More red tape and Government control	Bill	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 07:36:06	No I do not	Other	Ever since the government has been in power, they have made it more and more difficult for companies to operate. More and more restrictive legislation has been brought into place. A big concern is that it is controlled by the municipalities. South Africa has 257 municipalities, and only 47 had a clean audit in 2024. At Joburg City municipality, their motto should be "How can we not help you". Try and get a new dustbin.	Dudley		
	2025-11-24 07:38:02	No I do not	Other	Total Control of a corrupt greedy government(anyone with half a brain knows this and can see this) over life blood of the citizens of this country. More ways to hold industry and Citizens in South Africa at Ransome by corrupt governance. The ultimate hold over any country is their economic sector. They already have all registered companies with the CIPC at the DTI why this new proposal? More money generation for the government and municipalities as there is not much left to line their pockets . More red tape implemented by short sighted corrupt politicians, without regard for investment and economic growth. Another step closer to Communistic regime where the government has absolute control. They are slowly busy killing this country and to unconscious and greedy to see the result of their actions .	Edd	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:52:42	No I do not	Other	It always comes down to "Abuse of power" Will Bribes start to be the future.	dave	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 07:53:34	No I do not	Other	They want to discriminate again against the white people, BEE on another trick	Jan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:58:23	No I do not	Other	The government wants even more control and it will also serve as a barrier to entrepeneurship with more red tape and unnecessary paperwork. The costs are also something SA cannot afford	Duane	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:58:23	No I do not	Other	The government wants even more control and it will also serve as a barrier to entrepeneurship with more red tape and unnecessary paperwork. The costs are also something SA cannot afford	Duane	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:00:03	No I do not	Other	There is already sufficient licencing in place - the problem is the CoJ does not have the capacity or capability to administer this or any of the other metro services for which they are responsible. I have no trust in the system. Another licence will make it more difficult for people to operate businesses and will impact negatively on employment.	Cynthia	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:00:09	No I do not	Other	There is already sufficient licencing in place - the problem is the CoJ does not have the capacity or capability to administer this or any of the other metro services for which they are responsible. I have no trust in the system. Another licence will make it more difficult for people to operate businesses and will impact negatively on employment.	Cynthia	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:00:32	No I do not	Other	You build nothing!! You create nothing!!! You manufacture nothing!!! You are so damn stupid you can not even see the wood for the trees. PEOPLE ARE UNEMPLOYED, DO YOU GET IT? AND ITS YOUR FAULT!!!!! You should be the facilitators of economic growth, not acting like terrorists and saboteurs that sit in air conditioned offices thinking up shit to ham string those that are out there trying to keep things going in spite of you and all your attempts to destroy!!! Where you are involved, you cannot even deliver basic services. Your institutions are corrupt, inept crime dens. How the hell are they going to administer this effectively for one. Oh I forgot, its not about that, its about driving your underhanded cunning agenda of empowering your own kind, the criminal. Its about taking bribes to get the license passed, and if the bribe is not paid you will just sit on it and delay the process ad infinitum !!! Just like you administer the municipal billing system. Where charges are incorrect and never rectified, where you destroy private property and refuse to fix it, where the traffic lights do not work for months, where there is no water in taps for months. Where the electricity supply is interrupted over extended periods!! Where the garbage is not collected and all the streets look like shit!! And so we can carry on..... WHY THE HELL DON'T YOU SIT AND THINK OF WAYS TO MAKE THINGS WORK FOR A CHANGE? Ahaaa, yes...you can't!!!!!	Roland		
	2025-11-24 08:01:58	No I do not	Other	This bill in it's entirety is not only just another way of locking the hard-working public into paying, yet another, recurring licenses for something they are pretty much already doing by submitting audits to SARS every year, but it also smells of subterfuge, a way to siphon money off the backs of those who are struggling to keep their businesses alive and force some legislation in the way of good business practice. In the end, it serves no one but the government / "municipalities" who can't even keep weeds from growing on the side of the road. The money collected by SARS and written into the budget is OUR MONEY - Not Yours - start using it the way in which it will actually benefit everyone and stop wasting it on get-rich-quick schemes.	Liam	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:03:23	No I do not	Other	The only reason a government makes licensing is to take more money away from the citizens	Leonard	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:07:13	No I do not	Other	Another power grab, • that only benefits the elite • discriminate to the people who keep the citizenry employed, • selectively empower a cartel like market share in any industry with its policy of license granting • will affect the job security of individuals • will also encourage fake inspectors which seems like an excuse to enable a money grab on fines imposed - money grab, corrupt officials	A	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:09:04	No I do not	Other	Potential avenue to discriminate against businesses that are not BEE, and going by the track record of the government, it is probably exactly what they will do with this law.	Daniel		self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:11:28	No I do not	Other	I do not support the Bill. While the intention to modernise business legislation is understandable, the proposed national registry and compulsory municipal licensing system will place an excessive administrative and financial burden on small businesses. Many small enterprises are already struggling with compliance costs, red tape, and inconsistent municipal processes. Adding another layer of registration and licensing will discourage entrepreneurship, limit growth, and ultimately harm the very sector that drives local economies and job creation. I urge the Department not to proceed with this Bill in its current form, as it risks killing small businesses instead of supporting them.	LUCINDA	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed

	2025-11-24 08:12:19	No I do not	Other		Michael	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:15:01	No I do not	Other	Leave people to be free. We want less government control, not more.	Henk	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 08:17:26	No I do not	Other	Municipalities are dysfunctional and corrupt, and infested with underqualified and incompetent staff who has no respect for customer service. Municipalities have become political vehicles where NO-SERVICE delivery is the norm, this must be kept away from them!	Brits	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:17:40	No I do not	Other	Another opportunity not to regulate, but to discriminate .	Hendrik	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:19:43	No I do not	Other	The proposed National Business Licensing Policy and Business Licensing Bill represent a clear shift of economic power away from an open, competitive system toward centralised state control. This framework aligns closely with global governance models promoted by bodies such as the World Economic Forum, and Government appears intent on adopting these ideas despite their poor fit for South Africa's economic realities. This is another step toward state-driven socialism: discretionary licensing, reserved sectors, and expanded inspector powers place private enterprise at the mercy of political authority rather than market demand. Given entrenched corruption and leadership's inability to move beyond outdated political narratives, this level of centralised control poses serious risks.	T	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:21:48	No I do not	Other	I take it that this will give powers to the same municipalities that have destroyed towns and cities in RSA already? This is a race to the bottom.	Sean		business owner
	2025-11-24 08:27:18	No I do not	Other	When will Dear SA put a "all of the above" button. That is what I would tick. There is NOTHING that this government would EVER do to benefit SA, only themselves.	Michael	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:33:32	No I do not	Other		Bafana Prince	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:33:34	No I do not	Other		Bafana Prince	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:38:03	No I do not	Other		Paul	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:43:38	No I do not	Other	Yet another racist BEE practice to attack those legitimate businesses and force them to comply. SA is becoming more communistic in its approach which is worrying. Rather focus on those businesses which fly under the radar and trade or operate unregistered.	marc	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:44:01	No I do not	Other	This is extremely worrisome that the government is still trying to enforce outdated communist practices to try their best to exercise control over every little part of the citizens life. We do not need more red tape we need less for business to thrive in South Africa. Government is smothering every intrapreneurial initiative on every level with their meddlesome communist practices. All to make society look like they think it should- or to the benefit of a few. Unfortunately the communist lack the ability to understand the term "Laissez-faire". The irony is that they can not even issue licenses for fire arms, vehicles, ID's, passports ext. on time or in a functional manner and now they want to also harass the public with a business license. It is already known that government labor, health and safety inspectors crossly abuse their powers of inspection only to harass or extort everyday citizens. I had to do with a case just the other day where a fish and chips shop got harassed for all the red tape they must do to clean their grillers, but just outside the shop in the street where a stream of sewage runs, the street vendor also selling fish and chips is left alone. The sad thing this is the norm and is there no indication that it will be implemented any different on ground level if this is granted. It has been proven that BEE only benefits a select few, but still the ANC government push for more of the same. (Well understandable that there elite are the select few.) Now they want to enforce their skew view of life on business too and more so the small guy-small business. Where does it end? CIPC is already a register for registered businesses, if you are a one man business it is not needed for a reason to go through the red tape to register on the CIPC. Plenty of these small business care for poor families and provide for day by day food and lodgings. Putting more red tape and government officials that misuse the processes is not helping these businesses!	Rudolf	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:46:42	No I do not	Other	Everyone has a Basic Human Right to Earn a Living - without asking for permission to do so, free from any fees.	Sandra	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:48:37	No I do not	Other		Eben	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:49:30	No I do not	Other	Racist law, does nothing to help growth, or productivity, strangle s free trade, absolutely do not support more race laws that only benefit 1 part of society	Trevor	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:49:48	No I do not	Other	Will be part of the global push for digital ID , paving the way for mass citizen control etc	Robert	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:55:00	No I do not	Other	Government need to remove all Race Based Laws and actions for our beautiful Country to Develop. ANC had 33 years and failed with actions like above. ANC need to be honest as the tide are turning on them fast.	Marius	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:56:23	No I do not	Other	Everything about this is wrong. The government cannot create jobs, yet they don't want people to look after themselves.	Tania		
	2025-11-24 09:00:36	No I do not	Other	I run two businesses and employ more than 130 persons. we are already facing many issues including the Employment Equity Act as well as BBEEE. we are an ethical business, pay our taxes and find it more and more difficult to do business. These restrictions will result in me considering the closure or sale to an Equity partner which will see most of the staff unemployed. take note that each employed staff member support up to at least 6 persons other than themselves financially. I as the sole investor and shareholder will be better off selling the goods and invest the money and have a substantially better return.	Craig	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:00:57	No I do not	Other		Jaco	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:04:28	No I do not	Other	This bill creates the problem and deems to have a solution for the problem. This is nothing but an oppressive regime at work. This country does not need more oppression and restriction for the benefit of some. It needs a workable plan that will benefit the country. A question, how is it that a governing party that has a track record of destruction can even be determining legislation for our country?	Ian		
	2025-11-24 09:04:37	No I do not	Other	FIRST, JAIL ALL THE CORRUPT CRIMINALS TO RESTORE THE PUBLICS FAITH!!! Promote small business rather than chaining them in RED TAPE. Like government, municipalities have a dismal track record. This smacks of another GADRE enrichment.	Althea		
	2025-11-24 09:12:58	No I do not	Other	Coruption will be in the order of day,	Deon	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:14:08	No I do not	Other	Powers of Inpectors and local governments would not necessarily be objective and fair - which will not affect me where I currently am but could be disaster oud for other provinces/municipalities. We are already caught up in so much red tape and now even more!	Elzabe	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:17:45	No I do not	Other	Nice words but nothing less than More Government Control, in disguise.	Andries	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:21:29	No I do not	Other		Marius		self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:22:37	No I do not	Other		Christine	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 09:23:43	No I do not	Other	This is pure BEE tracking.	Jag		
	2025-11-24 09:24:03	No I do not	Other	History and hard won experience have proven non workabilities!!!!!	Jeni		employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:24:30	No I do not	Other	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. t risks: Increasing bureaucracy Fueling corruption Hindering investment Damaging job creation Undermining constitutional rights Impeding SME development Suppressing economic growth For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further.	Roward	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:29:55	No I do not	Other	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. It risks: • Increasing bureaucracy • Fueling corruption • Hindering investment • Damaging job creation • Undermining constitutional rights • Impeding SME development • Suppressing economic growth For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further.	Leon		retired

	2025-11-24 09:31:42	No I do not	Other	This is another ploy to enforce BEE and to discriminate between who can own a business and who can not. Another control mechanism to impose the will of government and another money making scheme. This is not democratic but rather communist and goes against freedom of choice.	Mark	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:33:17	No I do not	Other	This is just another way of making money so that the coffers can be serviced. When is it going to be ENOUGH! Another ploy for BEE?	Mumtaz	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:33:48	No I do not	Other	If we allow the government to continue on the road they are on now, the only result would be that they will drive away investors and business people who want to see the economy grow and prosper, thereby creating jobs, the new legislation will do the opposite it will be the end of a once thriving country, into just another failed African disaster. Government should never be allowed to dictate business and the economy, their sole job in a business sense must be to create the conditions that would make it easier to and conducive to enable investors and entrepreneurs to contribute to the economy and thereby creating jobs that would enable people to improve their skills and improve their lives, thus minimizing the burden on the state to over tax the citizenry.The tax base would be more equitably spread thereby ensuring that the taxpayers monies would be used for the necessary services that any government is responsible for and that monies collected via taxes would be disbursed to municipal, local, provincial and national government departments for the essential services that the government is responsible for. There should be less restrictive legislation regulating businesses not more. It is time that this government start to realize once you kill the economy by over regulation, you kill the goose that lays the golden egg, once there is no more money to tax then what next. Where will the taxes come from then. Rethink this stupid overkill laws and at the same time don't be stupid and short sighted, get rid of all laws that are restricting business such as BBBEE, AA etc. You have been in power for 30 odd years, and have only managed to alienate people and groups in this country all the while destroying a once well managed, working country and only managed to enrich yourselves and your cronies, and ultimately making yourself a laughing stock.	George	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:33:54	No I do not	Other		Katy	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:36:00	No I do not	Other	This will discourage businesses. We need businesses to keep the economy viable. It will also open up huge avenues of further corruption. Just no! Rather pour time, effort and finding into our education system!!!!	Tim		
	2025-11-24 09:36:00	No I do not	Other	Businesses under current legislation has to be registered, pay taxes and adhere to certain regulations within its own industry. Industry related leadership and expectations are already in place to 'govern' good choices, actions and outcomes. Any non compliance are already being dealt with whether it be legally, or operationally. There is NO way government can/have 'experts' that are able to 'manage' or 'control' every industry of business in our country. If Government 'suspect' a business run illegally or not adhering to the law, they can follow the law/licensing to deal with it. This will lead to, bribes and corruption to 'buy' a certificate and another opportunity to 'look' the other way. There is no above board reason for this to be implement.	Trevor and Christel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:36:06	No I do not	Other	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. It risks: • Increasing bureaucracy • Fueling corruption • Hindering investment • Damaging job creation • Undermining constitutional rights • Impeding SME development • Suppressing economic growth For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further.	Brollie	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:38:32	No I do not	Other	Absolutely NO. Too much power given to failed municipalities. This is just another opportunity for undermining the rights of minorities. A School can not be build, due to much power in the hands of Mosselbaai municipality. This country has too many laws against law abiding citizens and the corrupt are in charge.	Malcolm	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:40:52	No I do not	Other	It will lead to more corruption and burden already overburdened local governments.	Jan	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:42:22	No I do not	Other	Basically all of the issues are serious concerns. Why do I need a business licence? The Gauteng municipality has not trained me, funded my business, never assisted me. Not supplied the infrastructure and services I am paying for. Have they ever run a legitimate business?[	Greg	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:42:38	No I do not	Other		Marie	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 09:42:39	No I do not	Other		Gerhard	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:43:59	No I do not	Other	Just another way for the fat cats in government to steal more from the people trying to make a living	Kotie	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 09:44:30	No I do not	Other		Louise	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 09:48:06	No I do not	Other	Corruption & fraud: BEEE	Hester	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:48:31	No I do not	Other	Although the proposed Business Licensing Bill will be dealing with counterfeit or pirated products, I agree that this Bill will further promote BEE which already caused too much harm to the economy	ilze	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:52:29	No I do not	Other	There is going to be more job losses. Already as it is most of the government enteties wants bribes. We are already registered with CIPC and SARS.	Dr Alexandre	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:52:33	No I do not	Other	Small businesses are already battling with high rents and tax.	Manuela		employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:53:29	No I do not	Other	More BEE and job losses	Kobus	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:55:49	No I do not	Other	As a concerned stakeholder in South Africa's economic landscape, I strongly oppose the draft Business Licensing Bill. While the government presents this legislation as a modernisation effort to replace the outdated Business Act of 1991 and establish a uniform national registry, the reality is that it introduces a cumbersome, discriminatory, and potentially destructive framework that could stifle entrepreneurship, deter investment, and exacerbate unemployment. Key reasons I oppose this bill: 1. Excessive bureaucracy and administrative burden on businesses. At its core, the bill mandates that every business in South Africa, regardless of size, sector, or location, must register with a local municipality and obtain a five-year license. This one-size-fits-all approach ignores the diverse realities of our business ecosystem, from informal street vendors in townships to multinational corporations in urban centres. Municipalities, already strained by resource shortages and inefficiencies, are given just 30 days (extendable by 14 in limited cases) to process applications. What happens when backlogs inevitably form? Delays could paralyse new startups and force existing operations to halt, leading to unnecessary closures and lost revenue. 2. Potential for discrimination and undermining equality. One of the most alarming aspects of the bill is its introduction of "preference systems" in the licensing process, which the National Employers' Association of South Africa (Neasa) has astutely identified as BEE in disguise. These provisions could arbitrarily favour certain applicants based on demographic or national background, effectively precluding entire groups from obtaining licenses. This is not empowerment; it's institutionalised discrimination that violates the principles of equality enshrined in our Constitution. 3. Erosion of business rights and risk of abuse by authorities. The broad powers granted to inspectors under this bill represent a dangerous overreach. These off	Hendrik		
	2025-11-24 10:00:19	No I do not	Other		Chris		retired
	2025-11-24 10:00:19	No I do not	Other		Chris		retired
	2025-11-24 10:03:03	No I do not	Other	This is yet another way to force already cash strapped people to fork out more money for a 'licence' to try and earn a living and possibly employ others. Unemployment is exceedingly high, the government is corrupt and rules by criminals, we do not want to comply any longer. Leave us alone to make a decent living.	Tracey	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:03:07	No I do not	Other	All of the above objections. More gravitating to failed communism	peter		
	2025-11-24 10:05:39	No I do not	Other		YVONNE ROHDE	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 10:05:51	No I do not	Other	WE CANNOT ALLOW ANY MUNICIPALITY ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY TO HAVE ANY INFLUENCE OR CONTROL OVER OUR BUSINESSES. CORRUPTION, INCOMPETENCE AND GENERAL CHAOS IN LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUE TO DRAG OUR COUNTRY DOWN... EKHURULENI, KNYSNA, GHEBERHA , DURBAN, BEAUFORT WEST, JUST TO NAME A FEW 'BEAUTS'...	CHRIS	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:05:58	No I do not	Other		Mbali	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 10:08:02	No I do not	Other	Municipality staff are not qualified to assess a business and it's worth to a community. The majority of municipalities in South Africa cannot pass a clean audit of their books, this points to incompetence, mismanagement and corruption, not a good starting point to begin regulating businesses and issuing licences for them. It would be a disaster for South Africa's economy.	John	Western Cape	business owner

	2025-11-24 10:08:17	No I do not	Other		Hestell	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:10:01	No I do not	Other	All four above, 1.) Preferential licensing and principles of business licensing: It will empower the department to decide who may or may not run a business at their discretion. This is a totalitarian approach that will hurt South Africa more than doing good. It is fatal because it can and will open the door to the application of tea-time rules and personal agendas that can always be disguised as legitimate reason in terms of the act, i.e. using personal interpretation or agendas and then hiding behind the act. Officials making those decisions that do not have the required industry knowlwdge or understanding or are incompetent will cause havoc leading to financial and economic decline. I say this because this is what we see every day in the aviation industry through the actions of SACAA. Time and gain management and senior management prove they do not have the practical experience in aviation or the requisite subject matter or regulatory framework knowledge to occupy the posts. They are often race discriminatory appointments. These post holders make decisions and calls adversely affecting industry both financially and in terms of being able to carry on with business and grow the aviation sector. Nobody takes responsibility for bad decisions and just passes the buck to the next department. Then it is up to industry to get them around a table to show them that they are in fact going against the self same regulations they were part of creating. What makes it even more difficult for industry is that the same management and senior management hide behind protocols so to avoid needing to directly answer for their incompetence or misguided decisions. 2. Powers of inspectors: Giving powers such as those proposed in the act to inspectors WILL lead to extensive abuse of the system to the detriment of the SA economy, job creation, and as an economy attractive to investors. 3. Adds more red tape and complications to start a business.	Alfredo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:10:24	No I do not	Other	All of the above options apply.	Chantelle	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:11:19	No I do not	Other	This bill is unconstitutional and racist. Furthermore, municipalities are severely delinquent as far as their current operational load. This country needs useful jobs which create economic value and not more bureauocratic ineptitude and ineffective laws.	M		
	2025-11-24 10:11:28	No I do not	Other	We South Africans, who love our country, are SICK and TIRED of the CORRUPTION being perpetrated by leadership and those trying to turn into LAW nothing more than another avenue for corruption. Leave our patriotic South African citizens alone, to live their lives and run their businesses within the myriad of laws that already exist, for goodness sake!	Steve G	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:11:31	No I do not	Other	SICK SITUATION ‼️?	john	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:12:07	No I do not	Other	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. It risks: • Increasing bureaucracy • Fueling corruption • Hindering investment • Damaging job creation • Undermining constitutional rights • Impeding SME development • Suppressing economic growth For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further.	Leon		
	2025-11-24 10:16:07	No I do not	Other	Once again the ANC government shows that they are not business friendly, do not understand how a free market economy is supposed to work, do not understand their role in the economy and do not actually want to reduce unemployment. This will become just another way to award and enrich those in the (very small) inner circle and make it more difficult for anyone who is not deemed black to start a business. A business that could help reduce unemployment. The ANC show clearly that they are not wanting to solve the countries economic problems, they simply want the numbers/quotas to look right. Focusing on what race a business owner is will never employ the poor, nor will it feed their families. Sadly the ANC government has lost the trust it once held with the general population between 1994 and 2007 and every bit of legislation is now seen through this prism.	Paull		employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:16:54	No I do not	Other	No other entity or person should have this amount of power over someone else livelyhood.	Kashiefah	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:17:31	No I do not	Other	This is just another mechanism for corruption at municipal level. Municipalities cannot even perform their current functions properly, let them first prove themselves. The one reason why this country is still functioning is because of private business being able to operate freely. Hands off.	Rolf	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:18:56	No I do not	Other	we know of the ineptitude of governing powers, We know that a 30 day turnaround time will never be met leading to shutdown of business and widespread corruption and pay for favour, this is another attempt by government to add obstacles to economic growth	Sean	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:19:07	No I do not	Other	It is absurd that municipalities can have the right to issue or refuse to issue licenses to conduct business to companies. It is against the Constitution.	Pieter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:21:46	No I do not	Other	As a small business owner (sole Trader) - My online business cannot afford to register and why should someone who doesn't understand a business have the right to grant or deny me a licence to earn a living using my skills and knowledge.	Sabrina	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:23:41	No I do not	Other		Jacomarie	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:24:46	No I do not	Other		Roger	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 10:25:48	No I do not	Other	What if we build a business, provide jobs, generate income and pay our taxes, contributing to the GDP, and someone decides to not renew our trading license.	Rachelle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:37:17	No I do not	Other	Control of white minority	David	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:40:25	No I do not	Other	This is another anc mixed with bbee matter to utilise a proper idea and change it to a system where people can collect money by crooked means or to run down businesses just because they do not get what they want. Municipalities are currently one of the most corrupt entities and this will worsen it.	Piet	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-24 10:40:57	No I do not	Other	EVERYTHING ON THE LIST IS A CONCERN!!! STOP THE ANC.	G		
	2025-11-24 10:42:05	No I do not	Other		Jaci	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:44:14	No I do not	Other		cristina	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:45:34	No I do not	Other	The government has no record of being efficient, but they have a record of taking bribes. What happens if after 5 years I cannot get me license renewed. That means I can't trade. No way!!!!!!!	Rodger	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:52:12	No I do not	Other	It is form of communist control over business, economics and industries in the economy. It pretends to be for the good of society but its true intention is to enforce a dictatorship style form of control - "A wolf in sheeps clothing". It will be indirectly used as a weapon to enforce BEE and other racist policies. It also overburdens the currently stressed business, industry and communities with further unnecessary red tape. Enough is enough!!!	Brendan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:52:15	No I do not	Other		Reeshal	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:54:57	No I do not	Other		Santie		
	2025-11-24 10:55:35	No I do not	Other		Johanlie		
	2025-11-24 10:58:16	No I do not	Other	The success and future of this Our Country relies on well informed, professionals, in the field of Business Management… its laws … and their expertise to plan a future for the return to the prosperous country we once were. Now a truly United country. Mandel’s Rainbow Nation.	Pam	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:59:54	No I do not	Other		heinz	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 11:08:54	No I do not	Other	Open to all kinds of skulduggery - least of all open to all kinds of bribery!	John		business owner
	2025-11-24 11:13:34	No I do not	Other	More red tape, possible abuse of power and preferential licensing. This sounds more and more like socialism and communism - more and more control - stead of a free market system. This will greatly harm South Africa.	Catherine	Outside SA	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:14:07	No I do not	Other	All the mentioned concerns are valid. This law is proof that BEE will continue to negatively impact businesses under the guise of yet another name. This will ensure further business closure of tax paying companies, due to a law which will be race based when issuing these licenses, it will encourage opening of businesses who wont pay taxes nor minimum wage, back hands, reducing citizens lively hoods and finances further, increasing unemployment, just another way cadre's get to eat and continue eating. Yet another tax avenue to steel money from an already shattered economy. Here is to stripping our country of economic growth further than the race based laws already have. Government (includes current GNU) at its finest, ensuring your hard earned money will be redirected to someone else's pocket!	Elaine		
	2025-11-24 11:14:08	No I do not	Other	All the mentioned concerns are valid. This law is proof that BEE will continue to negatively impact businesses under the guise of yet another name. This will ensure further business closure of tax paying companies, due to a law which will be race based when issuing these licenses, it will encourage opening of businesses who wont pay taxes nor minimum wage, back hands, reducing citizens lively hoods and finances further, increasing unemployment, just another way cadre's get to eat and continue eating. Yet another tax avenue to steel money from an already shattered economy. Here is to stripping our country of economic growth further than the race based laws already have. Government (includes current GNU) at its finest, ensuring your hard earned money will be redirected to someone else's pocket!	Elaine		

	2025-11-24 11:15:58	No I do not	Other	The ANC government is anti-progress. Every law made by them is an attempt at overreaching and asserting their authority wherever they can. They want to find a way to extract as much money as possible from its small percentage of taxpayers. The government cannot even keep their own criminal organization, the ANC, in check. How do they expect to prevent bribery and corruption in such a critical part of the business ecosystem? How do they intend to ensure that business who adhere aren't harassed and extorted by the very people meant to ensure compliance? How do they intend to approach the informal business sector, people who are just trying to make a living with a small stall who cannot afford the lengthily registration process never mind the reregistration every 5 years? This government continues to fail on every single metric. They are incompetent, steal from the municipalities to a level that King Midas himself would feel ill and they continually see the answer to all of our problems that THEY CREATE are somehow fixable via giving them MORE CONTROL and MORE MONEY. They are being exposed for the criminals that they are. Running the illegal copper trade. Paying disgraced public servants full salaries while they are suspended for corruption. How much further backwards do we need to go before we realize who they real enemy is? The G20 summit proved that with the tiniest amount of effort, they could make Gauteng great again however all it showed was that the government simply DO NOT CARE ABOUT THEIR CITIZENS and this proven by our statistics compared to those of our G20 partner. This will hopefully help expose the terrible rot that is consuming this nation.	Joel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:19:22	No I do not	Other	All of the above options arre a HUGE concern!!!! Municipalities cannot manage their primary focus issues (Electricity, water, sanitation) and are now expected to understand all businesses to the extent that they can reward and or penalize business operation according to some low level official....?????? This smacks of another opportunity for corruption and bribery and willnot create any value in our country whatsoever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Flush the idea down the toilet where it belongs (hoping that the sewage systems are working properly!!)	dirk	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:22:26	No I do not	Other	More legislation to increase unemployment. Government should have as little power as possible over citizens, so as to stimulate growth. Stay out of our lives, stay in your lane and do your job, which is to manage service delivery, not stifling economic growth.	Wendy		
	2025-11-24 11:23:01	No I do not	Other	The proposed Business Licensing Bill 2025 should be stopped because it risks stifling entrepreneurship and overburdening small businesses with unnecessary red tape. A national registry requiring every business to obtain municipal licences creates duplication, delays, and added compliance costs, especially for informal and micro enterprises that drive job creation. Instead of modernising, it centralises control and discourages innovation by making entry into business more complex. South Africa needs policies that simplify processes, reduce bureaucracy, and encourage growth, not blanket regulation that treats all businesses the same regardless of size or sector. This Bill undermines inclusivity and economic dynamism.	Jacques	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:23:04	No I do not	Other	So the municipality gets to decide who can and cannot earn a living? What criteria will be used when making this decision? Will they also come after online businesses? This is completely unconstitutional.	John	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-24 11:24:25	No I do not	Other	All the mentioned concerns are valid. This law is proof that BEE will continue to negatively impact businesses under the guise of yet another name. This will ensure further business closure of tax paying companies, due to a law which will be race based when issuing these licenses. It will encourage opening of businesses that will not pay taxes nor minimum wage, back-hands, reducing citizens' livelihoods and finances further and thus increasing unemployment. Yet another tax avenue to steal money from an already shattered economy and further stripping our country of economic growth . Government (including the current GNU) ensuring our hard earned money will be redirected to someone else's pocket! Just more red tape entrenching power into the hands of our incompetent corrupt government that is intent on controlling everything and that is continuously looking for opportunities to enforce compliance with their greedy, already myriad laws, rules and regulations!	Stephanie	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 11:26:18	No I do not	Other	Control, manipulation and corruption. Against our constitution .	Elsie	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 11:27:36	No I do not	Other	This is another effort by the ANC to gain control of business along with their Marxist ideologies. They will continue to destroy the economy to the detriment of all South African citizens apart from the ANC connected cronies	Kenneth	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:30:38	No I do not	Other	Preparations to decide who and who can not do business. Not on my watch.	Madelein	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:36:47	No I do not	Other	Under the constitution of South Africa each living individual human being has the right to earn a living. Requiring me to obtain a license to open and operate a business is in direct violation of this right, which in turn will violate my right to life, and dignity! The government can not dictate who can and can not operate a business, that is a violation of their mandate and if this bill is pushed through those in support if it are oath breakers and should be charged for treason. Already there is so many laws a business owner has to take into account, from LRA, BCEA, to trade specific laws depending on the market you are invovled in to taxes! This is tyranny in disguise and in direct conflict to the constitution and ethos of a Republic!	Jason	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:37:31	No I do not	Other	All of the above objections apply. Another BEE scheme.	ian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:40:51	No I do not	Other	Anything the government implement is to empower and enrich themselves. The actual business owners are constantly investigated and under a lot of compliance obligations while all the other type of businesses in our country is doing business as they wish with no obligations and no compliance and no BEE issues. Thus, it will be another way for them to just give licenses to those they want to and who bribes them. It will give yet another hold on the current hard working people to target them with all the compliances and rules and laws that never apply to themselves. If they can't even cope doing the current jobs, how will they be able to provide any such service to the community and business owners. Just another scheme that will flop and just cause more economical decline.	Heloise	North West	
	2025-11-24 11:49:01	No I do not	Other		Geetha		
	2025-11-24 11:52:23	No I do not	Other		Isobel	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 11:53:21	No I do not	Other	Like with so many other things in South Africa , the possibility of misuse and corruption is too great. We are already licensed through the CIPC and have to annually advise that we are still operating. This should be enough.	sandra	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:53:46	No I do not	Other	All that is listed is a concern, EVERYTHING about is a concern, ALL TRUST in this current government is non-existent! I believe it is as others have noted - CONTROL, CONTROL, CONTROL!!!!!	Antoinette	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:53:56	No I do not	Other	In theory this will work. In practice, it is another gravy train to be looted and abused.	Anne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:54:45	No I do not	Other	Health and well-being of the citizens	Melusi	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:57:17	No I do not	Other	Voltaire said: "Common sense is not so common." This is applicable to this proposed Bill as there is no sense in the formulation of same. As many have said it is BEE in a disguised form and one reason is that the ANC can't accept it that minority groups still find a way of supporting themselves and their families even though they are mainly excluded from the job market. Through this Bill they want to exercise complete control. At the moment, municipalities can't cope with regulating spaza shops and the delivery of basis services. How on earth are they going to cope with this extra workload? Who is going to pay for the appointment, training and salaries of the extra officials who will have to be appointed to carry out the provisions in this Bill? It will have to be the overburdened few tax payers who still pay for services rendered by Municipalities. Please leave people alone to make a living and stop this madness.	Manetta		
	2025-11-24 11:58:04	No I do not	Other	Business is driven by supply and demand only and not by the whims and wants of government. Small business should be the largest employer of people in the country.	Chris	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:58:36	No I do not	Other	This plan would allow municipalities to give preferential licensing to small, disadvantaged-group-owned businesses through simplified processes, amounts to “BEE in disguise.” It's just another way of creating more income for the ANC Cadres	Dennis	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:00:00	No I do not	Other	Not only is this another form of tax it is giving an inspector the right to shut down a business and or confiscate goods legally purchased for resale. When you establish a business, you have to register with SARS, and if it is not a sole trader, you have to register a CC or PTY with CIPC. The authorities already know what businesses are legal or not without having to put more hurdles in place which will discourage rather than encourage people to establish businesses and create jobs. The more jobs being created will reduce the number of grants being dished out. And it is one way to fill their pockets on top level where there is a lot of corruption	Antionette	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:07:12	No I do not	Other	Small businesses are overburdened with taxes (including licences) and administration. Government is killing small businesses with this. This Bill is not supporting small businesses or the business community at large.	Petra	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:08:23	No I do not	Other	The municipalities are already incapable of doing their current work correct and up to date. This is another avenue for corruption, bribes etc. to take place.	Dirkie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:09:22	No I do not	Other	This is just another means of control and money making. It improves nothing anywhere. They must rather fix up the country.	Martin	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-24 12:09:59	No I do not	Other	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. It risks: • Increasing bureaucracy • Fueling corruption • Hindering investment • Damaging job creation • Undermining constitutional rights • Impeding SME development • Suppressing economic growth For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further.	Illoma	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:10:35	No I do not	Other		Johan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:12:52	No I do not	Other	Everything about it.	Anton	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:20:21	No I do not	Other		Jan		
	2025-11-24 12:22:52	No I do not	Other	This government thinks we are illiterate and corrupt as they are. The coffers are empty. The gravy train has no fuel.	Gale		
	2025-11-24 12:25:25	No I do not	Other	State controlled, where known corruption is running rampant, I simply do not trust government at all to manage anything. This is another vehicle to generate income for the state to steal and use for their own benefits and not that of the people. While I agree that many "businesses" are basically illegal, selling stolen, pirated goods or even items that are harmful to people, animals and the environment. For this there should be regulation and oversight, but there never is enforcement with government, not equal, not unbiased, not fair, not standardized, not practicable and many other reasons why this would fail. If a business is run by a sole proprietor that person must be registered with SARS and pay incoming tax like every other citizen, there are countless small shops and owners that don't pay a cent to SARS that need to be reined in so that more people are paying taxes, not just the tiny few who are now.	Nick	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:27:27	No I do not	Other	More control over businesses through new additional bureaucratic licensing processes run by municipalities that cannot run their normal municipal responsibilities without fraud and corruption and preferential treatment is unacceptable. It can only lead to more job losses, more businesses closing doors, more businesses relocating overseas. SA's poor and unemployed need an open and honest market with less red tape, making it easier for local and international businesses to invest in SA and provide more jobs.	Dietrich	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:30:56	No I do not	Other	I do not consent to any systems of control, of any form, that restrict the freedom of a natural person to live, trade, create, or express themselves in the manner they choose, wherever they choose to do so. I stand firmly for the freedom of every individual to earn a living for themselves and their families without interference from any governmental institution. The structures attempting to maintain control are losing their influence, even as they work to hold on by instilling fear and demanding our attention. I hold no hostility toward the enforcers who may find themselves on the front lines of this shift; they are also free to step away from systems designed to suppress human potential. Our world is meant to thrive through the contributions of those who bring innovation, abundance, and possibility, not through restrictive mechanisms that aim to limit them. I think also, instead of fighting a "dying system" why not unite and just do our own "thing"?	Willa	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:36:21	No I do not	Other	It will just open the door for more fraud to take place. For them to steal more money and to control people	Dewaldt		
	2025-11-24 12:37:00	No I do not	Other	Just another instance of racist targeting by a communist government. To be expected from a bunch of evil selfish and stupid people.	Leo	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:41:53	No I do not	Other		Patricia	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 12:41:54	No I do not	Other	My concern is that the municipalities can currently not handle their own affairs effectively. The auditor general's annual reports support this statement. In addition, preferential issuing of licences, too much power in the hands of inspectors can lead to bias in decision making, which can lead to businesses unfairly and unreasonably closing. Think of the loss in taxes and job losses (negative effect for job security) as a result of this. Further a municipality with its own political agenda can lead to licence rejections on no proper basis, purely because they have the power to do so. This will put more strain on the livelihood of so many businesses which are already overregulated with red tape. In addition, this will put more strain on the livelihood of the people that works at the businesses in jeopardy if licences are withheld or rejected for reasons that are not clear and the business must close for a couple of weeks / months or even permanently. A great concern is that the licences will not be issued on time as the municipalities' administration functions does not even work properly, how will they be able to administer this process effectively? For a country already burdened with high unemployment figures, this will undoubtedly have a far greater negative impact than a positive impact. The negative implications of this proposed bill far outweigh any positive effect that it can have. The proposed Business Licencing bill should be rejected.	Karel	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:44:45	No I do not	Other	Our municipality is already non-functional and will never be able to administer this. The preferential licensing opens the door to fraud and corruption. This is just a further opportunity to advance a racist agenda. There is no reason the government should have access to data they do not need. We need less government interference, not more. We are already "licensed" through CIPC which is already unacceptable. I don't foresee any informal businesses complying with this legislation so it is just more unnecessary bureaucracy for compliant businesses to deal with, especially onerous for the smme's it is claiming to assist.	Debbie		
	2025-11-24 12:45:40	No I do not	Other	1. Constitutional & Legal Conflicts • Undermining Freedom of Trade (Sec 22): The Bill imposes an excessive barrier, turning the right to choose a trade into a state-granted privilege. • Violation of Just Administrative Action (Sec 33): Allowing automatic license revocation before an appeal denies the constitutional right to procedural fairness & a pre-closure hearing. • Breach of Cooperative Governance: The Bill's centralised approach encroaches on the concurrent legislative authority of provincial & local governments over trade (Schedules 4 & 5). 2. Negative Economic & Social Impact • Increased Burden on Small Businesses: Mandatory national licensing places an unmanageable cost & administrative burden on informal & micro-enterprises, hindering operations. • Contradiction of NDP Goals: By stifling small business growth through red tape, the Bill actively impedes job creation & works against the goals of the NDP. • Fueling Corruption: Broad, discretionary enforcement powers granted to inspectors will create increased opportunities for bribery & extortion at the local level. • Criminalisation of Enterprise: Requiring a license for economic activity fundamentally criminalises honest default enterprise, placing the state as the gatekeeper of commerce. 3. Implementation & Market Concerns • Lack of Government Capacity: departments lack the necessary resources & infrastructure to implement a complex, new national licensing regime effectively, ensuring failure. • Vagueness & Legal Uncertainty: use of vague & subjective terms for "preferential licensing" creates uncertainty & opens the door to potential discrimination challenges. • Deterrence of Investment: By introducing significant regulatory complexity & heightened operational risk, the Bill chokes investment, slowing economic growth. • Exclusionary Preferential Licensing: The system risks using licensing to enforce discriminatory socio-political criteria, rather than maintaining a free & competitive market environment.	Kyle	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:48:11	No I do not	Other	If things need to change , there needs to a full transparent scope provided to show why the new Bill needs to replace the old one. If the Bill is a viable option it should be aimed at new Businesses and shouldn't affect old business that had been in operation for a long period of time. From what i have read there is no real call for the change as not much info is given as a reason to change.	Stacey		
	2025-11-24 12:52:14	No I do not	Other	This is another attempt to control every aspect of our society so that individual freedoms are eroded or limited in their ability to make decisions free from government interference This is communism 101 in action with the state determining how business is done	Andre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:55:22	No I do not	Other	The provisions is nothing but BEE in disguise and will preclude a group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background. Never mind the level of corruption this will unleash! This bill violates many constitutional norms regarding free market rights! Go to hell you racist commie bastards!	Bruce	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:01:05	No I do not	Other	I don't agree with what government is trying to do as they will be lot of corruption . And is gonna be hard for people to get licenses when it takes so long.	Thuli	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 13:03:20	No I do not	Other	I do not support the draft business licensing Bill.	Christo	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 13:03:32	No I do not	Other	All of the above options/reasons to not agree. Government over reach and that in a declining economy is unacceptable. Yes, one can find reasons for licencing certain types of business - there are enough laws covering those already. New laws do not make up for existing laws being ignored and are not required as common sense should prevail. If the food you want to buy looks/smells "vrot", shop somewhere else. All the admin of more and more laws just eat up resources that could far more sensibly be used ...	CM		

	2025-11-24 13:07:46	No I do not	Other	I do not support the draft business licensing Bill.	Johan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 13:08:49	No I do not	Other	Businesses are already struggling and criminals will still carry on doing what they are doing. Find other ways to block these criminals and not make it harder for honest people.	Jeanette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:16:02	No I do not	Other		Juane	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:22:26	No I do not	Other		Suné	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:30:14	No I do not	Other	I am concerned with all the above listed concerns. When the state claims to be “modernizing” or “improving” legislation, but the real aim is to slowly restrict freedoms, gain more control, and limit individual liberty. Actually, perusing revenue and control. NO NO NO!!!!!! We need to STOP the developing socialism and communism structures!	Robert	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:34:13	No I do not	Other	Giving the government even more power to strangle the economy? Give government more opportunity to loot? I don't think so! NO!	Tim		
	2025-11-24 13:34:28	No I do not	Other		Oliver		
	2025-11-24 13:35:47	No I do not	Other	This would end up with the usual corruption & incompetence. Apart from the certain danger of preferential licencing and rogue inspectors, most municipalities are underperforming or not at all.	Ingrid	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 13:41:03	No I do not	Other	This is ridiculous this is BBBEEE in disguise ! Pls every spaza shop and every shebeen THIS IS LUDICROUS !!!	Maryna	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 13:41:19	No I do not	Other	are you mad do you want the unemployment rate to be 90%	sarel	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 13:42:00	No I do not	Other	Small businesses are already overburdened with compliance regulations, leaving them with no capacity for additional responsibilities that will further stretch their limited resources. Running a business is hard enough, we don't need any more pressures	JESSICA	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:44:25	No I do not	Other	Put further constraints on the country's economy.	Rolene	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:46:34	No I do not	Other	No business should have a license to trade. We pay taxes and employe many. This is another attempt for control and BEE disguise. We have a free market let’s keep it like it is! When the government starts playing with SA residents livelihood then we will see a uprising.	Josephus	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:50:06	No I do not	Other	The control of businesses in areas do need managing and controling and in places of good governance it may work - but it will still add time and cost to small businesses. Howeever the negative will far outway the envisaged positive here: *This seems to be another ratial discrimination law which is moraly reprihensible. *It clearly increases beurocracy and is very onerous on small business so this is just more money to crooks of the municipalities **The uterly usless, dysfunctional municipalities and it corrupt staff will never do the job asked of them. This just becomes another bribe cespit for the corrup officials to wallow in and who will give favours ot friends and discriminate against most businesses not prepared to or able to pay bribes. **This adds three layers of completely and unaccptable costs: - The time to do this application and follow up; cost of application - Bribes for those prepared to pay them to cut the red tape - To get around the racist BEE component implied though giving small businesses shares away to comply just cant work	Alan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:51:14	No I do not	Other		ALETTA	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:52:31	No I do not	Other		Jitske	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:56:01	No I do not	Other	Absolutely do not agree, this is just another attack on the Population that contributes to 99% of this Countries Taxes. It's racially based and typical of a Communist Regime.	Jane	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:07:46	No I do not	Other	NO NOT GOOD FOR THE CUNTRY !	Johanna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 14:19:06	No I do not	Other	All state registration facilities, for any service, both personal and business, are hopelessly dysfunctional and the cause of wasting money and time for citizens trying to be compliant. The government has proven, over and over again, that it cannot do administration (with the exception of SARS). It has no idea whatsoever how to design, develop and implement digital services and as long as SITA is imposed as the preferred supplier, nothing will improve and costs will continue to rise. The current state of affairs with all government services exemplifies the reasons why aligning business registration with all the other failures of government administration, will simply add another failure. Businesses employ people and generate taxes. Keep ANC inefficiency and corruption away as far as possible.	Michael	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:21:41	No I do not	Other	Impossible to implement for any business that does business ethically. I do not accept any quotas prescribed by this potential legislation for many reasons as well as the lack of skills in these demographics and the layoffs my business and others will have to do to current employees/shareholders who have the experience in their positions and have earned these positions on merit etc Not willing to fire and retrench employees only to go find other employees with zero experience etc just to meet prescribed quotas. I will rather close my business rather than give it away to anyone via BBBEE means or via this undercover legislation that aims to take my business from me without comensation or realistic terms So many additional comments to make regarding this legislation and each one just adds to my firm decision of NO!!	Anthony	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:23:11	No I do not	Other		Andre	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:23:59	No I do not	Other		John		self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:26:46	No I do not	Other	A big NO! If it weren't for all the entrepreneurial businesses in this country we would be in even more of a mess than now. This is an ill disguised proposal which will only open up even more areas for corruption. Focus on what matters government. Solid investment into this country to open up more jobs and businesses. Already the world finds our labour, BBBEE and business practices punitive to investing. Again the citizens who are trying to make a living for themselves - that government certainly does not provide - will be sunk in red tape and ridiculous bureaucracy.	Lucienne		
	2025-11-24 14:29:21	No I do not	Other		Christa	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 14:35:21	No I do not	Other	The proposed Business Licensing Bill presents significant practical, economic, & social challenges that outweigh its intended benefits. Firstly, the requirement for every business to obtain a licence, valid for five years, creates an administrative burden that smaller enterprises & informal traders are unlikely to meet easily. Municipalities are already under-resourced & may struggle to process applications within the 30-day period, leading to delays, legal uncertainty, & potential business closures. Extending deadlines by 14 days does not meaningfully resolve the risk of bottlenecks. Secondly, the Bill grants broad powers to inspectors, including the authority to demand licences at any time, impose fines, and confiscate goods. This creates uncertainty and potential abuse, particularly for small businesses that cannot afford legal challenges or delays caused by municipal discretion. Such powers could discourage entrepreneurship and drive informal businesses further underground, undermining economic growth and job creation. Thirdly, the provisions that allow preferential treatment for certain groups raise serious concerns about discrimination and fairness. Any licensing system that excludes businesses based on demographic criteria risks eroding investor confidence and creating divisions in the business community, rather than promoting equality or efficiency. Finally, the Bill is likely to stifle investment. Investors and businesses seek clarity, efficiency, and predictability in regulatory systems. A complex, bureaucratic licensing regime with discretionary enforcement risks deterring new ventures and expansion, ultimately harming employment opportunities and the broader economy. In summary, while modernising business regulation is important, the Bill in its current form is unworkable, economically harmful, and socially divisive, and should be reconsidered with a focus on simplification, fairness, and support for businesses rather than creating excessive red tape.	Ursula	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-24 14:52:31	No I do not	Other	1. It creates unnecessary red tape and administrative delays. Requiring every business in the country to apply for a five-year licence—and giving municipalities 30+14 days to approve or reject—adds a heavy bureaucratic burden. This slows down business activity, discourages entrepreneurship, and increases compliance pressure on already strained municipal systems. 2. It threatens small businesses and job creation. Many small and informal businesses may not have the resources or capacity to navigate complex licensing requirements. This could force them to shut down or operate illegally, leading to job losses and reduced economic participation, especially in communities that depend on small enterprises. 3. It grants excessive enforcement powers. Allowing inspectors to demand licences at any time, issue fines, or confiscate goods creates space for abuse, corruption, and intimidation. Instead of supporting business growth, the Bill creates an environment of fear and mistrust. 4. It introduces discriminatory licensing criteria. As highlighted by NEASA, the Bill allows preference systems that could unfairly influence who qualifies for a licence. This raises serious concerns about unequal treatment, hidden bias, and the possibility of excluding people based on demographic or national background. 5. It harms investor confidence and economic growth. Business groups and economists warn that the Bill is unworkable and potentially damaging for investment. Adding additional regulatory hurdles discourages new investment, slows down expansion, and makes South Africa less competitive as a business destination.	Coerien	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:07:42	No I do not	Other		Maureen	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:07:43	No I do not	Other		Maureen	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:08:25	No I do not	Other	Its just more (expensive) compliance in an already expensive and highly regulated system. It also infringes on a personal rights and freedoms as what they are saying is that I may not just work and earn money even if I am unemployed and doing small jobs. It makes the barriers to earning a living even higher in a country with one of the highest unemployment rates in the world. As usual it will open up MORE governmental corruption and abuse of the system as we commonly experience in this country. The government must make it easier and quicker to setup and do business not more complex and time wasting and inefficient. That not how business works, it is based on effiency and market forces. This is the opposite of efficient, the rest of the world is making it possible and easy to trade internationally while our outdated government wants to try regulate local business. Just another time wasting government initiative with no sort of value being added on top of what is already available.	Thom		business owner
	2025-11-24 15:09:21	No I do not	Other		Judith	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 15:17:23	No I do not	Other	As a small business owner in South Africa, I wish to raise several concerns regarding the proposed Bill and its potential impact on existing businesses, economic confidence, and regulatory fairness. Firstly, the Bill's references to "redressing past injustices" and the incorporation of transformation principles drawn from the BBBEE Act and the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act create significant ambiguity. While transformation is an important national priority, the lack of clarity around how these principles will influence licensing decisions opens the door to preferential or discriminatory licensing outcomes. Licensing should operate on clear, neutral, and objectively measurable criteria applied equally to all applicants. Secondly, expanding licensing powers and creating new administrative layers raises the risk of increased corruption. South Africa already struggles with bribery and irregularities in local government administration. A system that grants inspectors wide discretionary authority and allows for enforcement actions such as confiscation of goods could unintentionally create fertile ground for abuses of power and extortion of vulnerable small businesses. Thirdly, small businesses are already carrying the economic weight of the country under extremely challenging conditions. Adding additional red tape, administrative burdens, and potential compliance costs will place further strain on entrepreneurs, many of whom are barely surviving. Any new legislation should aim to simplify and reduce regulatory pressure, not increase it. Lastly, the economic implications of this Bill should not be understated. International investors closely monitor regulatory certainty, fairness, administrative efficiency, and the ease of doing business. Introducing a licensing framework perceived as ambiguous, politically influenced, or vulnerable to corruption will further erode investor confidence. Reduced investment and economic stagnation will ultimately harm the very	Kenan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:27:20	No I do not	Other	I think all South Africans must be treated equally.	Sibongile	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:36:33	No I do not	Other	It will most likely be used to prevent any white owned business from operating.	Brad	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 15:39:49	No I do not	Other	Preferential licensing, principals of business licensing, powers of inspectors, more government over reach and consolidation of power.	Andrew	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 15:42:01	No I do not	Other	Corruption again as usual. Things like bribes.	Janine	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 15:42:03	No I do not	Other	Corruption again as usual. Things like bribes.	Janine	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 15:42:07	No I do not	Other	Another absurd Bill to be used for financial genocide by the ANC. It must be scrapped in its entirety.	Robert	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 15:43:56	No I do not	Other		G		
	2025-11-24 15:47:51	No I do not	Other	Municipalities in South Africa are almost all completely dysfunctional (as detailed in endless AG reports, etc.). Entrusting them with a function like this that is critical to business development (and survival) is madness. This will lead to businesses being forced to close, and mass job losses.	George	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:00:33	No I do not	Other	SA business is declining because of 145 odd BEE, AA and EE antiwhite laws. This is just another state organism created to pay salaries to BEE beneficiaries and Comrats.	Johan		business owner
	2025-11-24 16:00:40	No I do not	Other	How on earth do govt propose to monitor all businesses? They can't even enforce the current laws, crime and violence are sky rocketing. Instead of addressing the actual sickening problems of corruption, inefficiency, collapsed justice system etc etc they just make more useless and practically unenforceable laws. Of course businesses must be regulated, but in a reasonable, fair and practical manner. The more ridiculous red tape they put in place, the less businesses we will have and the worse unemployment will be. It really worries me that they haven't figured this out yet.	Mandy	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 16:01:44	No I do not	Other	All of the above concerns (Preferential licensing, The principle, Power and arrogance of inspectors and more red tape to be pandered to for absolutely no reason and no benefit to the business owner. Along with it just being another useless tax on already struggling businesses that will be stolen by the ruling party along with the countless other billions already missing!!!!	Shane.	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:01:46	No I do not	Other	All of the above concerns (Preferential licensing, The principle, Power and arrogance of inspectors and more red tape to be pandered to for absolutely no reason and no benefit to the business owner. Along with it just being another useless tax on already struggling businesses that will be stolen by the ruling party along with the countless other billions already missing!!!!	Shane.	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:08:45	No I do not	Other	The Government at all levels cannot even provide basic services to taxpayers but think they can manage further bills and regulate them fairly. The finances received by government are wastefully expended or abused, now government wants more to loot! NO MORE legislation! Just implement the legislation already there fairly and stop wasting taxpayers money.	Ken	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:15:21	No I do not	Other	Strangulation of small businesses! The government, who cannot work with money, wants to get their fingers in the 'poor' man's pocket with another act.	Riette	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:51:48	No I do not	Other		Dewald	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:53:45	No I do not	Other	This is a plan that will create a bureaucratic monster to mainly collect licence fees and to control and further burden an already financially strained small business and micro startup enterprises. These efforts seem to emanate from the food poisoning saga. Many other processes can be developed to overcome these type of issues. Rather find ways to fund, promote and educate small businesses who can be left to grow freely and responsibly within the economy. Small and micro businesses will be hamstrung with unnecessary legislative and bureaucratic processes. Selective issuing of licenses will inevitably give rise to corruption and manipulation. This process is unnecessary. It reminds me of the horrible days of apartheid license control mechanisms that non whites were subjected to .	Ikbal	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 16:58:17	No I do not	Other	Our municipality (Emfuleni), can't even fix a pothole or repair a water leak. How on earth are they going to license businesses? What a ridiculous joke. Furthermore, this Bill will just further erode business confidence and potentially result in the loss of thousands of jobs from businesses that for whatever reason cannot meet the licensing requirements. We cannot afford the loss of more jobs and businesses in our economy.	Gordon	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:58:44	No I do not	Other		Theo	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-24 17:02:49	No I do not	Other	They just want to control everybody's life.	C		retired
	2025-11-24 17:11:55	No I do not	Other		Alfred	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 17:28:33	No I do not	Other	The whole bill	a		
	2025-11-24 17:29:30	No I do not	Other	There are so many job losses which results in increased crime. There is barely a municipality that has a clean audit so what qualifies them to make a decision that affects our livelihood. I am opposed to the Bill!	Lynette	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 17:31:50	No I do not	Other	This is 100% communist. South Africa is not a communist country. We cannot be 'ruled by councils'. The massive potential for abuse of power will happen, bribes will be required, there will be no legal recourse and the ideas are not capitalist. It is not constitutional to have an unchecked power that can arbitrary make or break rules, apply rules differently to different people, and you get closed down if you don't pay the bribe. The whole point of the law is it applies to everyone equally with a central authority that can be used as a guide and challenged. This law, should it go through, must be called the ' Protected corruption and arbitrary business licence act'	Justin	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
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	2025-11-24 17:32:47	No I do not	Other	Exploitive,contradictive how the goverment made it clear how quick it is to register a business now we add and promoted this fact for growth in the economy . Licencing everything in the country is the quickest way to bankrupting society and the country.	Lance	Gauteng	self-employed
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	2025-11-24 17:40:38	No I do not	Other	I oppose the entire new bill. No-one has the right to decide if I may or may not be in business.	Pam	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 18:15:36	No I do not	Other		Mark		
	2025-11-24 18:16:23	No I do not	Other	I Feel the small positive points of implementing this bill is far out weighed by the negative impact it can cause as well as a massive open door to curroption as well as goverment nationalizing the businesses sector.	Carina		
	2025-11-24 18:33:44	No I do not	Other		Braham	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 18:37:46	No I do not	Other	Everything is wrong with this Bill. From allowing corrupt officials to take bribes to turn a blind eye to Human Rights abuse! When you start a business you think long term not 5 years ahead as your company planning is in cycles of 5 years! This is unsustainable as for your company to survive it must be going 5years and then only you can start growing! So this Bill will not allow Company's too grow as on the behest of some Government Official will decide after 5 years if your Company will survive another 5 years, if that official wakes up in a bad mood or the Bribe is too small there is a good chance your Company will be closing it's doors! This a Communist Narrative put forward by people who don't have businesses and can't run a businesses as has been proven in the State of the South African Economy. Government must stay out of Commerce and the Free Market System.	Andrew		unemployed individual
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	2025-11-24 18:39:31	No I do not	Other		linda	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 18:40:58	No I do not	Other	My top concern is all of above options made available. All the ANC elites want is to control everything and continue to milk the country dry and force companies to incorporate BBBEE. Their end goal is to continue to finance their corrupt and bribed lifestyles and bankrupt South Africa. They have never helped anybody, only themselves. Since they took over they have done nothing over the last 30 years except destroy this beautiful country.	Wesley	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 18:52:51	No I do not	Other		Raees	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:10:58	No I do not	Other	The ability to earn an income for yourself as a small business owner, perhaps starting from scratch, should never be in someone else's hands. Income=independence+dignity+purpose+contribution to society. There is enough to discourage a small business owner. We dont need government to add to it.	Mel	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 19:11:04	No I do not	Other	Firstly, in a perfect world, this would be good to regulate contractera who cut corners etc. However, we are run by some of the worst people in the world, who only think about themselves, and honestly I think it is such a waste of time and money, especially since the clowns running this country can't manage it efficiently, we are then needed to reapply for a license every 5 years, go to hell. Secondly, I feel like the system will be rigged, then only people who pay for licensing will be approved, you either have to have a certain BBEEE status, or pay for it like tenders. Leave our people alone to run their businesses, since our government can't provide jobs for everyone.	Britney Micayla	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
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	2025-11-24 19:21:49	No I do not	Other		Dewald	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 19:49:51	No I do not	Other	I see everything as a problem. Just another way for this government to exclude in the future. They say one thing and do another. Everything this government touches is self serving.	Leigh-Ann	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 19:56:58	No I do not	Other	Too much red tape and control	Patricia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 20:24:33	No I do not	Other	People cannot be unsure every 5 years whether they will have a license. This will have negative impact on economic growth in SA	Carin		
	2025-11-24 20:32:15	No I do not	Other	This is just another way to close white business. ANC will do everything in their power to ruin white people	Sandra	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 21:03:50	No I do not	Other	The Municipalities cannot even run their own concerns, how in heaven's name can politicians think they can be put in charge of issuing business licences? One can only imagine how they will mess it up. Einstein was correct when he said Stupidity is infinite.	Andrew	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 21:03:57	No I do not	Other	Why change something thats been working for years and ensuring jobs are created. More and more companies are closing or moving out of country due to unnecessary changes that makes it impossible to sustain its business resulting in millions of jobs lost.	Leon		
	2025-11-24 21:11:29	No I do not	Other	Over-use of State control Over -regulation	Jane	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 21:37:14	No I do not	Other		Eddie	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 21:53:02	No I do not	Other	No option to pick all - so I choose other to say it here. This is just like the drivers license card another merry go round with no benefit to micro enterprises. They never kept their promise to reduce the admin burden either.	N		
	2025-11-24 22:24:05	No I do not	Other	Just another communist system forced to bankrupt all business and another chance / methodology to force BEE onto small business	J		self-employed
	2025-11-24 22:26:36	No I do not	Other	This is too Open the doors for more corruption.	Deon	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 22:26:38	No I do not	Other	This is too Open the doors for more corruption.	Deon	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 23:09:32	No I do not	Other	Allows the gov to interfere with how you run your business, eventually change the goal posts for how to get a business license . I already have a license to operate dont need another rule or policy to run it as i see fit.	Stewart	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 23:31:27	No I do not	Other	I do not support any Legislation based on a preference due to Race or gender. I believe that race is included in preference.	Glenn	KwaZulu-Natal	retired

	2025-11-25 02:13:07	No I do not	Other	BEE never intended to change citizens lives.	Mfuneko	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 04:24:21	No I do not	Other	Disgusted	Diane	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 05:35:37	No I do not	Other		Irma	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 05:39:39	No I do not	Other	The abuse of power and corruption..is going to be at a all time high...	Hannes	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:09:20	No I do not	Other	There is no need for this. Other laws regulate business practices	Carel	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 06:09:34	No I do not	Other		Emerike		
	2025-11-25 06:49:31	No I do not	Other		Nadia		unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 06:58:03	No I do not	Other		Kevin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 06:58:03	No I do not	Other		Kevin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:15:56	No I do not	Other	The proposed Business Licensing Bill 2025 poses significant risks for small and micro enterprises, as it may impose additional administrative burdens, licensing costs and bureaucratic barriers that these businesses are ill-equipped to manage. The requirement for uniform municipal registration could discourage entrepreneurship, exclude informal traders, and expose vulnerable enterprises to inconsistent enforcement, delays or misuse of sensitive data. Rather than enabling growth, the Bill risks stifling innovation and undermining the very sector it seeks to regulate.	Richard	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 07:17:43	No I do not	Other		Mike		
	2025-11-25 07:42:53	No I do not	Other	Just another way for officials to enrich themselves. Trillions have been looted from government coffers. This is the most ridiculous proposal and offers absolutely no benefit at all to business owners.	Karen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:43:57	No I do not	Other	The government should focus on GROWING the economy and stop looking for ways and means to discriminate and separate, and trying to enable specific people groups to garner favour with them for votes!!! That is what this is all about. As it is, the government has shown they are incapable of running anything properly - this is just another disaster on the way and another route to corruption.	Christine	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:46:23	No I do not	Other	It is indeed a novel idea as the country needs to understand what businesses are in the Country and what skills shortages we have, however if the Department can tell us now how many taxis are registred in each area and municipality and what their annual turnover and taxes are, it would be of more value. The Government is so focused on 8% of the population and if they excell or succeed as appose to service the other 92% or even 100% of the population. This is rediqioulous and of no use, why give me a business license? What do you want to regulate? What is the real use of this legislation? Why only 5 years, we have businesses that are operating for decades that must now face the posibility of closing if they can't get a license. This is to open legislation for more corruption, we know that many companies about 50% are not BEE Compliant but they buy the BEE certificate and pay the corrupt officials. This is another corrupt sceam.	Retief	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:47:41	No I do not	Other	The risk of being an entrepreneur in South Africa is immense, working from home can land you a R100 000 fine of confiscation of goods. Licencing is unaffordable and giving inspectors who can be bribed and in the pockets of thieves is such a threat to any person, especially the small businesses trying to start up. This is just another way to deter entrepreneurs from starting tax paying businesses, adding to the economy and growing the economy.... I am just astonished at the amount of money the higher ups are taking from those just trying to survive! Wake up!! People are trying to make things better while you are making it impossible.	Janet	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 07:48:31	No I do not	Other	All reasons mentioned	Gertruida		
	2025-11-25 07:50:31	No I do not	Other	Just another attempts at total control. Life in this country is already so regulated and taxed that it becomes more and more difficult to simply exist.	Nico	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 07:53:33	No I do not	Other	Just ANOTHER reason for the ANC to steal other people's money!!!!!	Cynthia	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 07:59:12	No I do not	Other		Franci	North West	retired
	2025-11-25 08:02:53	No I do not	Other	Government seems to be taking a very dictatorial approach to everything in this country. This law seems to be aimed at controlling who can and cannot own or operate a business and opens the door for more race based laws where people will be refused licenses solely based on the colour of their skin. Something that blacks fought against and which the white citizen voted against at the first opportunity they were given. The 5 year license is also not acceptable and in effect interferes with the right to conduct business. This law does not make anything easier and in fact place more obstacles in the path of anyone who does not fit into the right demographic from operating a business at all.	David		
	2025-11-25 08:02:58	No I do not	Other		Rosemarie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 08:05:30	No I do not	Other	We already have enough corruption in our country...bribes will be solicited for approval of licences, protection fees from operating business may be a norm, undocumented/ illegal foreigners will get licences because they have money to pay this taking small business opportunities from locals who are trying to put bread on the table... it's already happening but this will embolden it. In general allowing this will give power to the already existing mafias in our country, I don't support it.	Nomvula	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 08:11:34	No I do not	Other	If it is going to be a BBE policy in disguise that is again discrimination based on rase. 31 years down the line since the 1994 democratic election there must still be rules to protect the so called previously disadvantaged. When will this stop? The blacks are definitely not disadvantaged any more. We as white people, and especially white males are now the disadvantaged group. When will the rules be implemented to advance us. We cannot get promotion or apply for jobs that is earmarked as EE because of Employment equity and affirmative action. It make me sick even just to think about this.	Werner	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:11:37	No I do not	Other	If it is going to be a BBE policy in disguise that is again discrimination based on rase. 31 years down the line since the 1994 democratic election there must still be rules to protect the so called previously disadvantaged. When will this stop? The blacks are definitely not disadvantaged any more. We as white people, and especially white males are now the disadvantaged group. When will the rules be implemented to advance us. We cannot get promotion or apply for jobs that is earmarked as EE because of Employment equity and affirmative action. It make me sick even just to think about this.	Werner	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:21:32	No I do not	Other	Dit is soos moord op die ekonomie. Hoe kan daar aptenaare aangestel word wat nie eers weet hoe besigheid werk . Hulle het wel dalk n akademiese idee van besigheid , maar hulle is so ver van die realietyd verwyder dat hulle eerder kwalifisee as ekonomiese moordenaars. Los die wetgwing soos hy is en laat die staat eerder sy werk reg begin doen. Die nuwe wetgewinf ruik na rasisme of ja BEEE	JOHANNES	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 08:22:51	No I do not	Other		Pamela		
	2025-11-25 08:32:33	No I do not	Other	Why does this Government always want to fix things that are not broken? Their so called fix normally turns out to be an even bigger disaster.	Eduard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:37:53	No I do not	Other	More corruption, don't need more	Marius	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:38:51	No I do not	Other	Another way for the ANC to control this country. There is no longer free democatic living in SA, This government is communists and wish to rule like communists.	Milly	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 08:45:44	No I do not	Other		Ria		
	2025-11-25 08:46:13	No I do not	Other	Is this another way of the ANC to decimate wealth creators and job creation? There is no way that this ludicrous bill will add any value for the general public. It is senseless from my perspective as a small business owner. The powers of the 'inspectors' (who will probably be ANC cadres or other criminals), put them in position to enforce bribes, or the poor business owner faces collapse of his business if he does not bribe the inspector, since the inspector have rights and powers far beyond what should be given to any person. It exceeds the powers of the courts! Crazy! Who came up with thus rubbish and for what reason? I would rather close my 2 businesses and lay off my five workers at the one and four at the other, including me and my wife, than trying to survive this bill if it gets promulgated. So congratulations, you are going to loose 10 tax paying employed people and force them into destitute if you go ahead with this rubbish bill.	Ignatius	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:55:06	No I do not	Other	This Bill will open the Door for even more corruption. Rather impose VAT Registration for all Businesses.	Alida	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:05:23	No I do not	Other	There is to much red tape already with the government controlling the private sector and wanting more control. All the government-controlled institution are mismanaged, corrupt and preference only given to some (Cadres)	Manie		
	2025-11-25 09:05:25	No I do not	Other	There is to much red tape already with the government controlling the private sector and wanting more control. All the government-controlled institution are mismanaged, corrupt and preference only given to some (Cadres)	Manie		
	2025-11-25 09:05:28	No I do not	Other	There is to much red tape already with the government controlling the private sector and wanting more control. All the government-controlled institution are mismanaged, corrupt and preference only given to some (Cadres)	Manie		
	2025-11-25 09:12:46	No I do not	Other	Concern?...all of the above!! We already jump through hoops to stay in business. We see that "local rural companies" are preferred although they hardly qualify for the work to be performed. This is nothing but targeting businesses that are established out, setting up more reasons and explanations as to why they should qualify. Another coach added to the gravy train!!!!	MICHAEL	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-25 09:14:20	No I do not	Other		Cornelius Hendrik	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 09:24:00	No I do not	Other		Riana		retired
	2025-11-25 09:35:45	No I do not	Other	This is absurd and with the bad history, intention of the Government and already lack of service, this will be disastrous for all businesses and employees. Take your hands off small businesses, look at how how everything this Government has touched, failed. With the current unemployment rate in South Africa, small business should have less red tape and more help just survive. South Africans has been suppressed for too long and all evil laws and extra workload just to comply, alot of regulations should be removed to encourage economic growth.	Lize	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:35:59	No I do not	Other	The whole thing sound like a money making scheme. From the application fee, approval fee, inspector fee etc. We all know the corruption in our country.	Tania		business owner
	2025-11-25 09:38:26	No I do not	Other	This is another example of the government taking your rights away and selling them back to you, renewable every five years. This is, once again, communism 101, and should not be permitted to happen.	Christa	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:41:36	No I do not	Other	Everything a government department implements any new system on top of working systems it just becomes a game of corruption and further cost to tax payers for duplicate registrations. We all pay to be registered with CIPC and SARS, certain industries need to pay for approval Luxembourg sue to their industry licenses already. The government is strangling economy with our dwindling raped infrastructure and taxes that should have been sent to the correct departments and not trapped and strangled then even B-BBEE would have worked correctly if implemented mathematical and strategically openly and correctly applied Until they get this right, they can go back to the drawing board as they are tapping the economy unnecessarily.	Samantha	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:48:39	No I do not	Other	Madness. Officials back hand fees. Discrimination against white business. Corruption. Not investor friendly. More job losses. This is sick.	John Frederick	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 09:51:03	No I do not	Other	Just more government overreach due to a never ending lust for power a true liberal democracy should limit the government and free the markets the ANC did not win the election yet they keep acting as if they did.	Marius	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 09:52:15	No I do not	Other	Discrimination and BEEE	Tony	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:56:55	No I do not	Other	government interference and co trol will stifle business	manda		
	2025-11-25 10:09:07	No I do not	Other	Why the Proposed SA Business-Licensing Laws Are Harmful 1. It Creates Massive Red Tape With No Economic Benefit: Slows decision-making Increases administrative costs Forces small businesses to spend time on paperwork instead of growth. More bureaucracy does not create jobs—it destroys them. 2. It Creates Ideal Conditions for Corruption: Gives officials discretionary power to delay applications Encourages bribery (“pay to get your licence approved”) Penalises honest businesses and rewards connections Any system that increases gatekeeping increases corruption risk. 3. It Threatens Thousands of Small and Informal Businesses: Many will not afford the fees Others will be shut down for “non-compliance” Street vendors, spaza shops, home-based businesses and start-ups become targets for raids and fines. 4. It Discourages Investment and Drive Businesses Away: Uncertainty Fear of arbitrary shutdowns A signal that South Africa is becoming hostile to business This pushes investment to neighbouring countries with fewer barriers. 5. It Adds No Real Economic Value: Does not increase productivity Does not create value Does not create sustainable jobs Licensing is simply a cost without a benefit. 6. It Empowers Government Overreach: Inspect businesses at any time Demand documents Revoke licences Shut down operations Without strong safeguards, this becomes a tool for political pressure, intimidation, or punishing critics. This is dangerous in any democracy. 7. It Makes It Harder for New Businesses to Start: Higher start-up costs Long waiting periods before trading Risk of being fined if operations begin before approval Barriers to entry kill innovation and block job creation. 8. It Will Not Solve the Problems They Claim to Address: Government argues the laws will “formalise the economy.” But formalisation has never been achieved through policing and licensing. It happens through: Easier tax compliance Support for small business Reduced red tape	Paula		
	2025-11-25 10:11:16	No I do not	Other	That is why we have CIPC as a platform where businesses are registered and fees are paid. SARS for businesses and individuals. What about businesses and companies that operate throughout the country? It doesn't make sense, and I believe it's an attempt from government to hijack the economy of South Africa to gain more control and get more money into Municipalities that are dismally failing to perform their current duties. The ultimate goal of most in power positions, to obtain more control.	Claudine	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 10:21:49	No I do not	Other	It opens up for corruption on a new level. Absolute power corrupts absolutely.	Luke	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:41:50	No I do not	Other	NO - this is unacceptable. The Municipalities can barely run themselves, how will they manage to grant licences within 30 days? This seems just like another form of Government trying to control people's freedom. It also leaves more room for corruption and bribary.	Marcia	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 10:45:00	No I do not	Other	The structures are in place already, they need to be improved. If the current government is trustworthy and not known to have agendas, this could (said very cautiously) be a good thing. Unfortunately, our government have large agendas. In addition, the amount of paperwork loaded onto businesses makes it harder to focus on what matters and that's to generate revenue and pay the staff. Bias in terms of racial profiling has enough names and agendas, more is not needed. Corruption is rife, we don't need to provide further ways for corruption to dig into businesses. In no uncertain terms do I support this bill under the current government. They can't be trusted!	Grant		
	2025-11-25 11:18:27	No I do not	Other		Adrian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 11:26:18	No I do not	Other	NO! This will interfere with economic growth instead of promoting healthy businesses. Business owners are already under tremendous pressure with all the BEE laws forced on them!	Ina		retired
	2025-11-25 11:27:39	No I do not	Other	They are using this as another excuse for BEE and a convenient door for more corruption. Businesses are already struggling and don't need more red tape and bribery As is, they cannot even manage a drivers license renewal which is also a load of crap.	C	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-25 11:55:56	No I do not	Other	I wish to express my concern regarding the proposed Business Licensing Bill. While I appreciate the intention to create a uniform licensing system, the current draft raises several issues that could negatively impact existing businesses and the broader economy: Unnecessary Bureaucracy The requirement for all businesses to re-register and renew licenses every five years introduces additional administrative burdens. This will increase compliance costs, particularly for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which are already under financial strain. 1. Risk of Overreach and Arbitrary Enforcement The expanded powers granted to inspectors—such as confiscating goods and imposing fines—are vaguely defined. This creates room for inconsistent application and potential abuse, which undermines business confidence and could foster corruption. 2. Impact on Job Creation and Entrepreneurship By adding layers of regulation and cost, the Bill risks discouraging new business formation and stifling entrepreneurship. South Africa needs policies that enable growth, not those that add red tape. 3. Lack of Clarity on Transition for Existing Licenses Businesses that have complied with current licensing laws should not be penalized or forced into costly re-registration without clear transitional provisions.	Irma	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 12:00:55	No I do not	Other	I object to the Draft Business Licensing Bill on the grounds that it will significantly harm South Africa's business environment, limit job creation, and place unsustainable demands on state institutions. The Bill proposes a universal licensing requirement for every business, regardless of size or risk. This will increase compliance costs, slow down new business formation, and discourage entrepreneurship at a time when the country urgently needs to stimulate growth. Small and emerging enterprises — the main drivers of employment — will be disproportionately affected, resulting in reduced opportunities for emerging business, and higher unemployment. The Bill further places major new administrative and enforcement duties on municipalities and other state bodies that already can't meet existing statutory obligations. Many municipalities face severe capacity constraints, long turnaround times, and inconsistent regulatory performance. Adding a nationwide business licensing function will overload systems that are not equipped to handle it, creating bottlenecks, delays, and uneven implementation. Of particular concern are the broad discretionary powers granted to inspectors, including the authority to demand proof of licensing at any time, issue fines, confiscate goods, or suspend operations. Such unrealistic and wide powers, without strong checks and balances, increase risk of abuse, corruption, and arbitrary enforcement. The Bill also appears to introduce preference-based criteria that could effectively exclude certain demographic or national groups from obtaining licenses. This raises constitutional concerns and undermines inclusive economic participation. For these reasons, the Bill in will constrain business activity, reduce employment, overburden state entities, and centralize excessive power in the hands of officials. The Bill should be withdrawn or substantially revised.	Dietlof	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 12:01:33	No I do not	Other	This current ANC government does not have the ability to anything successfully and without corruption. The state departments are virtually non functional and loaded with corruption. Why would they want to attempt at controlling the private sector at this stage. Their purpose is to serve the citizens and not control them. SO as the ultimate goal of the ANC is to exercise control over private businesses, we will object and resist it at all cost.	Don	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 12:15:11	No I do not	Other	Businesses already by an annual licence fee to CIPC. Why introduce another business licensing? It feels like another way for the national and local government to make more revenue, without much consideration of how much tax payers are paying already. Municipalities can't seem to manage with their responsibilities already. It feels like another way to loose/waste/miss manage more money. It also open the door for more corruption/bribes to take place.	Shirley	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 12:20:12	No I do not	Other	This is laughable! The majority of municipalities don't pass audits on basic responsibiities. They can't be trusted for obvious reasons and until they prove their worth with intergity and sustainabiity, they can't be trusted with anything else.	Shirley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 12:39:15	No I do not	Other	This Bill just devides citizens of SA more and is opressive in nature	Willem	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:09:05	No I do not	Other	This Bill claims to "reduce red tape" while creating unprecedented bureaucratic control over every enterprise in South Africa. It is economic sabotage disguised as transformation. INVESTMENT KILLER: Reserving sectors for citizens only and imposing preferential licensing based on race and size sends a clear message: South Africa is closed for business. Foreign investors will flee, domestic expansion will halt, and job creation will collapse. NEASA correctly identifies this as "BEE in disguise"—ideology trumping economic survival. MUNICIPAL DISASTER: The Bill empowers municipalities—historically corrupt and incompetent—to override national standards and create their own licensing regimes. Businesses will face 257 different sets of rules, fees, and delays. This is not harmonization; it's regulatory chaos. CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATION: Preferential licensing based on race and citizenship breaches the constitutional right to equality and non-discrimination. It also violates property rights by allowing municipalities to arbitrarily deny licenses to lawful businesses, effectively confiscating their ability to operate. ADMINISTRATIVE NIGHTMARE: While promising digital transformation, the Bill actually mandates new layers of approval, "coordination structures," and "capacity building"—all funded by licensing fees. Businesses will pay more for slower service. MSME BETRAYAL: The Bill claims to help small business while strangling them with compliance costs. Informal traders and startups lack resources to navigate complex municipal by-laws or contest arbitrary denials. REALITY CHECK: The Department of Small Business Development has failed for decades to support entrepreneurship. Now it demands sweeping powers to control who may trade, where, and under what discriminatory conditions. This Bill doesn't streamline business—it licenses economic decline. Reject it.	David	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 13:14:32	No I do not	Other	Emfuleni is corrupt	Gert	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 13:14:55	No I do not	Other		Debbie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 13:23:40	No I do not	Other	To whom it may concern Introduction: I write this submission with pain that 31 years since the dawn of democracy has come to this in my beloved country, where we find ourselves in a position as South Africans that we must be accommodating of our visitors[Foreign Nationals] because our constitution compels us to. "South Africa belongs to all who live in it" which the preamble of the South African Constitution remains the cornerstone of what makes South Africa a vibrant, prosperous and peaceful country, however this preamble has become a nightmare to the ordinary South African Business Owner because we are also expected to be accommodating of every Non-South African Business owner all in the name of the constitution? I cannot be. Enforcement, Offences & Penalties I do not agree with the adaptation of the Bill which pertains to Foreign Nationals, whether the law compels them to comply with the laws by being in possession of correct documentations & meeting the requirements, that still does not prevent them from participating in illegal business activities which will do more harm to the ordinary South African. The Bill seeks to talk about enforcements, offences & penalties which Foreign nationals due to their access to capital have managed to work around it be bribing our law enforcements officials to get away with illegal business activities & contraventions of business licencing laws, this has been evidenced in numerous establishments, retail outlets, spaza shops which are owned & operated by Foreign Nationals where manor times our Police Officers have accepted bribes from Foreign nationals due to non-compliance, in cases where these Foreign Nationals are arrested they are instead released with a fine & never deported to their country of origin because even the Judiciary has compromised.	Zinhle	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:28:50	No I do not	Other	This is yet another way to line pockets of politicians and wreck the economy You are not encouraging businesses Yet more people will loose jobs	Tania	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:45:31	No I do not	Other	Yet another barrier to entry by this useless government. Its hard enough to start a business and gain success. Obviously the cost of just starting is going to be so much higher. We already have the CIPC, a literal database of businesses that has a yearly cost. Of course it is poorly run, just like this will be and just like everything this hateful government touches. We already know the road map for this. More bribery, more red tape, more 'tax' for municipalities to collect and pocket, more delusions of grandeur for useless uneducated cadres in local governance. Why does the ANC want to destroy this country? Their time is running out - we need to stand up to this nonsense!	Catherine	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 13:56:41	No I do not	Other		Ronel	Mpumalanga	student

	2025-11-25 14:08:59	No I do not	Other	Corruption and control, limit entrepreneurs and less assistance to those who require, chaos and misconduct.	Michael	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:17:30	No I do not	Other	They should be encouraging small businesses to grow, not restricting them. More corruption and control, limiting entrepreneurs and less assistance to those who require ... more chaos and misconduct. Gov should grow the economy, not put more red tape in place so their buddies and a few elite can benefit from it.	Wickus		
	2025-11-25 14:30:28	No I do not	Other	CAPEXIT Party totally opposes the Business Licensing Bill: Preferential licensing: Empowers Minister to grant licences preferentially to 'historically disadvantaged' groups - pure racial discrimination rebranded as transformation. Reintroduces apartheid-era controls, rewards political connections over merit, scares off investment. Licensing by skin colour is unconstitutional and immoral. No valid principle: Forces every business, from spaza shops to multinationals, to get a general licence with zero evidence-based justification. Flips the free-economy rule: you're free to trade unless proven harmful. This blanket permit on top of existing regulations only breeds state control, corruption and rent-seeking - like India's disastrous licence raj. Dangerous inspector powers: Warrantless searches, seizures and instant closures invite extortion and political targeting. In corrupt SA, small, informal and immigrant traders will face relentless shakedowns while inspectors get rich. Red-tape nightmare: SA already ranks poorly for ease of doing business. Adding more fees, paperwork and arbitrary refusals atop SARS, B-BBEE, UIF, municipal and sector permits will kill startups, destroy jobs, drive investment away and sabotage the Western Cape's success. Conclusion: This Bill is economic sabotage - centralising power, reintroducing race into commerce and strangling growth when jobs are desperately needed. CAPEXIT demands total withdrawal. Capetonians who want freedom and prosperity reject a return to bureaucratic permit hell. Scrap it completely.	Jack	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:36:06	No I do not	Other	The ANC is not the only political party and doesn't have the authority to change laws in this country. Why do the other political allow this to continue.	Sean	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-25 14:43:35	No I do not	Other	No to your BEE and control over businesses. No to your preferences and No to all your criminal manipulation of success in South Africa No to your fines No to your licensing regulations Vote of Zero Confidence in the business licensing bill	L	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 14:43:36	No I do not	Other	No to your BEE and control over businesses. No to your preferences and No to all your criminal manipulation of success in South Africa No to your fines No to your licensing regulations Vote of Zero Confidence in the business licensing bill	L	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 14:53:30	No I do not	Other	All four concern groups are absolutely valid and serious concerns. Government seems to be resolute in its endeavour to kill all business - full communistic system is already well progressed in its implementation. If you can, get out!	Andreas	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 15:06:49	No I do not	Other	By doing this, you are opening the small businesses to legalised extortion. 'You want your license? How much percentage of turnover are you willing to pay for it?" Also, it would be a way to eliminate competition. Those with friends and relatives on council get licenses no problem, the rest of us get rejected	Eli	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 15:07:34	No I do not	Other		Zelda	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 15:08:07	No I do not	Other	If it is used to charge all businesses for VAT, it will be fair. But then how do steet venders supply tax document? Are they all going to get VAT registration? If it is used for preferential unfair financial aid, it is not fair.	David	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 15:11:44	No I do not	Other		A	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 15:14:53	No I do not	Other		Jan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 15:35:04	No I do not	Other	Some Municipalities are not able to provide basic services, registering businesses will put additional strains and probably delays on them. businesses owners and employees will suffer	Barbara		retired
	2025-11-25 15:40:51	No I do not	Other	Coverment stole enough of real working South Africans which is providers of our economy, insted of relying on outlanders, focus on what you have on our own soil	Elmarie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 15:59:47	No I do not	Other		Sharon		
	2025-11-25 16:02:40	No I do not	Other		JENNIFER	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 16:06:50	No I do not	Other	Our government is taking away our freedom to develop new businesses and therefore discourage young entrepreneurs' innovations who are desperately trying to earn a living and	Lorraine	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 16:07:21	No I do not	Other	Aside from the fact that municipalities are already rife with incompetence, unable in the overwhelming bulk of municipalities to perform their existing function, the even greater overhead of red tape and bureaucracy that is already crippling new businesses, plus the strong undertones of BEE in disguise, this bill introduces significant potential for abuse, bribery and even greater corruption in a system that's already rotten.	helen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:10:27	No I do not	Other		Else	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 16:10:27	No I do not	Other		Else	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 16:12:39	No I do not	Other	The proposed business licensing laws are unworkable and will be damaging for jobs. These laws will also dissuade investment in South Africa, to the detriment of our economy and every South African citizen. The laws are HIGHLY discriminatory and a continuation of BEE perversions. Municipal registration and renewals of licenses are absurd and simply new ways of extorting and over regulating South African businesses. Powers (inspection, issuing of fines, confiscating of goods and stopping operation) will, once more, be given to the corrupt who will play God over South African businesses to further their own interests and line their own pockets. This bill will not nurture, protect and promote South African businesses but will destroy and plunder them.	Marne		
	2025-11-25 16:18:27	No I do not	Other	This must be a fucking joke. Municipalities are already useless. How will they ever keep up with this? Also sounds like the money grabbers just wants more to fill their coffers.	Tersia	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 16:19:40	No I do not	Other	Municipalities involvement. They can't even meet their current responsibilities. Just more corruption and cheating	Elmarie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 16:20:32	No I do not	Other		Retha	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 16:24:55	No I do not	Other	The proposed business licensing laws are absolutely ludicrous and unacceptable. Municipal registration and licence renewals are a ridiculous notion that will lead to extortion, over regulation and burdening of South African businesses. It provides a lucrative platform for abuses of power and self-enrichment of a new cadre of untrustworthy, unethical, immoral, corrupt officials. This bill is NOT conducive to economic growth, protection of jobs, international investment or the interest of South African businesses. The proposed laws are extremely discriminatory and racists and simply another form of BEE. This bill will not protect South African businesses, but will destroy them and run them into the ground.	Mada		
	2025-11-25 16:25:34	No I do not	Other	This new idea by the government will not be helpful to attract investors. The red tape will be immense and time consuming. It prolongs the waiting period to run or open businesses, i.e. also for workers who are waiting to be employed. It will not reduce the unemployment rate.	Magda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:27:50	No I do not	Other	No. No. No. Municipalities cannot even manage the responsibilities that they currently have, how can they even think of giving the responsibility to municipalities, just one mote cash cow for them to milk and to damage and to run into the ground and to mess up. One more aspect of business that is still operational that will be wrecked	Ina		retired
	2025-11-25 16:52:30	No I do not	Other	It will have a effect on freedom of Religion and freedom of speech.	Sakkie	Mpumalanga	Non-profit
	2025-11-25 16:59:07	No I do not	Other	Does this include street vendors,or only those who are registered,vat payers,taxed and employers? Businesses are already registered .	Erich	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 17:25:37	No I do not	Other	Over-regulating	Eddie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 17:37:32	No I do not	Other	So more BEE in disguise that can preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Arno		
	2025-11-25 17:37:33	No I do not	Other	So more BEE in disguise that can preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Arno		
	2025-11-25 17:45:06	No I do not	Other	Reject this bill in its entirety. We need less corrupt government control	Danie	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-25 17:47:27	No I do not	Other	I firmly oppose the proposed Business Licensing Bill of 2025. While intended to modernise regulation, the Bill threatens entrepreneurship, jobs, and economic freedom in South Africa. 1. Harm to Small Businesses The requirement for every business to obtain a renewable licence, with inspectors empowered to confiscate goods, will disproportionately burden informal and small traders. These enterprises are vital for livelihoods and local economies. 2. Centralisation and Risk of Abuse By concentrating power in the Department of Small Business Development, the Bill undermines municipal autonomy and creates opportunities for corruption, delays, and inefficiency. 3. Economic Damage Economists and business groups have warned that the Bill is “unworkable and damaging for jobs and investment.” At a time of high unemployment, South Africa cannot afford measures that stifle innovation and discourage entrepreneurship. 4. Constitutional Concerns Restricting who may trade, where, and how raises serious questions about freedom of occupation and trade—rights enshrined in our Constitution. Alternative Approach Government should simplify existing registration, incentivise compliance, and strengthen local frameworks that support rather than restrict entrepreneurs. Conclusion I urge Parliament to withdraw this Bill. South Africa’s future depends on empowering entrepreneurs, not constraining them with excessive bureaucracy.	Jade	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 17:51:08	No I do not	Other	This is just another way of getting rid of white owner businesses. The municipality and or the inspector find faults in your business and then refuse to grant you a new licence. You then either has to close down or hand over your business to a BEE without compensation or very little compensation. Ar25 of the consitution in disguise. Taking property without compensation. The next step is to appoint inspectors to come and assess if your house is fully occupied. If you are retired and still live in say your 4 bedroomed house, the will put you in a one bedroomed flat and give the house to a BEE with 8 kids.	Johann	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 17:52:10	No I do not	Other	This is another attempt to over-regulate. Governing of companies is what CIPC is for. This will crush small to medium business enterprises and discourages entrepreneurship. This entire plan is yet another backward attempt by government to restrict, control and manipulate. 99% of government processes just do not work - this would place another nail in the coffin of this country. Municipalities are massively dysfunctional. If they can't get the basics right, which they can't, then this will crush business enterprise. Maybe this is what the government wants!	J	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-25 17:52:10	No I do not	Other	This is another attempt to over-regulate. Governing of companies is what CIPC is for. This will crush small to medium business enterprises and discourages entrepreneurship. This entire plan is yet another backward attempt by government to restrict, control and manipulate. 99% of government processes just do not work - this would place another nail in the coffin of this country. Municipalities are massively dysfunctional. If they can't get the basics right, which they can't, then this will crush business enterprise. Maybe this is what the government wants!	J	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-25 18:02:53	No I do not	Other	No Business Licensing Bill draft as published by the government. Don't support it.	Debbie		unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 18:12:55	No I do not	Other	We need less red tape not more, to facilitate the establishment of more businesses to afford more people opportunities to work and earn a living and to help alleviate unemployment.	Carel	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 18:18:22	No I do not	Other	South African citizens are gatvol for all the ANC's money making schemes. With all the corruption this is just another outlet for more stealing. Nothing is given back to the communities.	Sandra	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 19:30:42	No I do not	Other		dawida	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 20:01:14	No I do not	Other	Companies are already registered at CIPC and SARS. Ensure that the small businesses do the same so that we are all equal. Besides the small businesses e.g. spaza shops etc register with the municipality already. Why now have a second business license?	Anette	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 20:12:25	No I do not	Other		Johan	Free State	retired
	2025-11-25 20:40:53	No I do not	Other	Private sector business is already under huge strain from goverment requirements and will have a result of more businesses closing down. More job losses will be a result of this propessed law	Gina	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-25 21:11:48	No I do not	Other		Estelle	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 21:35:40	No I do not	Other	The whole bill.	Anton	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 23:07:10	No I do not	Other		Mpho Danny	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-25 23:09:55	No I do not	Other		Ina		
	2025-11-26 05:44:59	No I do not	Other		Petro	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 07:07:39	No I do not	Other	I am against it fully. The government cannot be trusted and it causes more bribery anyway. The government wants control and more money but their people are too corrupt.	Anouske		
	2025-11-26 08:11:36	No I do not	Other	I oppose this Bill because it gives the state sweeping power to shut down and criminalise small businesses, the very sector that is supposed to create 90% of South Africa’s future jobs, by potentially burying them under licensing bureaucracy, arbitrary enforcement, and corruption risks.	Mary	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-26 08:37:17	No I do not	Other	The new business license requirements will hurt employment and are not feasible. To the detriment of our economy and all South Africans, these rules would also discourage investment in the country. The laws are a continuation of BEE perversions and are extremely discriminatory. Municipal licence renewals and registration are ridiculous new methods of overregulating and extorting South African enterprises. The corrupt will once again be granted the authority to inspect, impose fines, seize products, and halt operations in order to pursue their own agendas and enrich themselves. Instead of fostering, defending, and advancing South African companies, this measure will ruin and pillage them.	Nic		
	2025-11-26 09:19:53	No I do not	Other	It is just another way to target white businesses.	Erika		retired
	2025-11-26 09:46:27	No I do not	Other	All areas. Small businesses will suffer.	Colleen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 09:59:36	No I do not	Other	The Bill in its current form poses significant risks to entrepreneurship, job creation, and economic stability. Grounds for Objection: A. Excessive Centralization and Regulatory Overreach The Bill grants sweeping powers to the Department of Small Business Development and local municipalities. These provisions create an environment of bureaucratic domination, increasing opportunities for arbitrary enforcement and corruption. B. Increased Compliance Burden and Economic Impact The requirement for all businesses—formal and informal—to obtain a five-year license introduces: 1. Additional layers of red tape and administrative costs. 2. Delays in municipal processing, which could hinder business operations. 3. A chilling effect on investment and entrepreneurship, particularly for SMEs, which are the backbone of job creation in South Africa. 4. This will also have the effect of infringing on people's constitutional rights to earn a living. C. Risk of Corruption and Arbitrary Enforcement By concentrating licensing authority in municipalities—many of which struggle with governance and service delivery—the Bill opens the door to: 1.Political interference and rent-seeking.2.Bribe-taking and discriminatory practices. 3. Legal uncertainty that undermines investor confidence. D. Vague and Potentially Discriminatory Provisions The Bill uses undefined terms such as disadvantaged groups and previously excluded areas, raising concerns about: 1. Preferential licensing systems that resemble BEE in disguise. 2 Exclusionary practices that contradict free-market principles. 3. Lack of clarity on how these provisions align with existing laws like B-BBEE and PPPF Acts. E. Conflict with National Development Goals South Africa’s National Development Plan emphasizes SME growth as the primary driver of employment. This Bill, however, imposes additional compliance burdens that could:1. Stifle small business growth. 2. Undermine job creation targets.3. Send negative signals to investors.	Christelle		
	2025-11-26 10:00:59	No I do not	Other	All of the above listed items will make it harder for businesses to run and will put more small businesses out of operation, and in turn will impact jobs - ie more job losses.	Chris	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 10:53:53	No I do not	Other	This certainly does not sound like any thing to encourage business in any way. It looks like a BEE scheme that will lead to bribery and further corruption. many bussineses will close as a result. I certainly do not support this in any way.	Keith	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-26 11:01:41	No I do not	Other	The compliance burden is too onerous, diverting time and resources away from the core business of companies; The Bill will spur on illegal business activity as operators seek to avoid complying with the Bill, which can lead to increased bribery and corruption; This Bill will heighten the risk profile of businesses, which already have to contend with challenges of access to finance; The accumulation of regulatory requirements raises costs of doing business; The Bill will impose an increased administrative burden on the authorities, who already lack capacity; The Bill does not give clarity of application to businesses with a national footprint; The Bill speaks of an automatic revocation of a license, if non-compliance is found, and a business owner can only appeal once the business has been closed. This does not provide a fair process for a business to plead its case before the license is revoked. This appears to be an unjust administrative action that undermines the provisions of section 33 of the Constitution. (5)	Glen	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-26 11:03:29	No I do not	Other	It's just another trough for the elite (ANC) from which to feed. Discrimination at it's higest, disguised as useful legislation, but not without another tax on the public. SA has enough regulations limiting entrepreneurship and individuality. We don't need more control, victimisation and expenses. This can lead to unscrupulous corruption and extortion, targeting certain groups. An 'ABSOLUTE NO' to this proposed legislation!!!!!!	Terernce	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 11:03:30	No I do not	Other	If what I read is true, this bill will cut though due process, and if an inspector doesn't get the bribe he requested, could lead to the ruin of the business involved. This bill will only lead to exploitation by corrupt inspectors. Further more the requirements of BBEEE is outright damning. You cannot deny a person the right to earn a living on the basis of his skin colour. Its unconstitutional, and morally wrong. This is a clear case of government overreach.	Patricia	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 11:49:32	No I do not	Other	I do not support the draft Business Licensing Bill as published by the government in its entirety.	Keshav	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 12:10:46	No I do not	Other	All businesses are already registered with SARS Duplication rediculous...especially unefective municipalities!	Johan	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-26 12:18:12	No I do not	Other	In terms Section 22 of the constitution of South Africa we all have the right to freedom of trade, occupation or profession. This law (bill) will have a severe impact on this right, will just cause more red tape and at the end of the day we will all just stand in ques for longer to fill out more forms to reduce what we produce. This is just stupid (which is probably the best reason ever!)	Jaco	Western Cape	
	2025-11-26 13:31:04	No I do not	Other		Julienne	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-26 13:36:52	No I do not	Other	This is just 1 more race based law.	Jan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 14:30:24	No I do not	Other		Mantis	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 14:40:58	No I do not	Other	This defeats competition and open market trade. This will also restrict creativity and leadership and not encourage development. In the apartheid days there was restriction of trade by non white giving monopoly to the white trader. The government is encouraging selective empowerment hence adopting the white regime stance.	Mr B	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 15:01:28	No I do not	Other	This is a big concern because if a person wants to start up a company there are many ways that a licence can be withheld 1. discrimination is very big concern and 2. the admin now have details of a potential business opening and they let their collegues know and give them an opportunity to copy and open up a business whilst discriminate against the original person trying to obtain the business licence. There are a few other problems with this bill trying to pass.	Nikki	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-26 15:27:24	No I do not	Other		Otto		retired
	2025-11-26 15:40:45	No I do not	Other		Paulo	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-26 15:56:26	No I do not	Other		Pieter	Western Cape	
	2025-11-26 15:57:31	No I do not	Other		Marco	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 16:04:52	No I do not	Other	Why do you need to TRACK & TRACE businesses. Who do they want to exploit now. Our economy is in such bad shape. They are pushing investors further away.	Jack	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 16:32:30	No I do not	Other	1. This Bill creates the possibility of requiring any and every business to obtain a license. Suggestion: government should not interfere with a person's right to be economically active except in very specific high risk situations, and only a very small subsection of business activity should require business licenses. Such business types should be listed in the Bill. 2. Allowing an official to have draconian powers (enter, search and seize assets) because the official has reasonable suspicion!) will increase extortion of citizens by officials. Similar to general law enforcement principles, no official should have the right to enter private property, conduct a search and/or seize assets without a court warrant properly obtained from a judge. 3. Business licensing should not be used as tool to include certain persons and exclude other persons. All persons should have equal access to obtaining business licenses. The accompanying memorandum makes it clear that the Bill intends to increase the exclusion of racial minority groups that have been systematically penalised by redress laws for the last 25-30 years. Using licenses to exclude people is the most extreme form of exclusion, as by refusing a license based on race one makes economic activity illegal for the individual that is targeted for exclusion. Rather move to make repeat empowerment illegal - every poor person of every race should have preferential access to opportunity; every rich person of every race should be equally affected by redress of current poverty. 4. I support ensuring everyone in every area can practice their trade, typically without any license - thus opening up trade to everyone even further. Only in rare cases should licenses be required, and then only to protect citizens from extreme harm. There are plenty of laws in place already that protects citizens from noise, pollution etc. from their neighbours. Apply these laws well. Don't preclude economic activity.	Hendrik	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 17:00:29	No I do not	Other	Just a door to open more corrution and blackmail.	C	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 18:32:51	No I do not	Other	I'm concerned with all of the above.	Magda		
	2025-11-26 18:32:53	No I do not	Other	I'm concerned with all of the above.	Magda		
	2025-11-26 18:39:41	No I do not	Other	All of the above. This bill is an overreach of Gov. Cipc dept already exists.	Nann		
	2025-11-26 18:41:36	No I do not	Other	Again, another ill-conceived BOL drafted by government. This needs to be scrapped in its entirety.	Frank	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 22:20:09	No I do not	Other	The BEE legislation has damaged the countries ability to compete on a fair playing field. This appears to be an extension of BEE. When will the ANC learn from their mistakes?	Henry	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 22:39:34	No I do not	Other	Abuse of power Another way to claim money from business owners Opens more avenues for corruption	Yvonne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 07:22:47	No I do not	Other	With the current level of corruption in Ekurhuleni, just another vehicle for corruption. BEE is another wil will receive preferential treatment without looking at national benefits	Eric	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 08:49:33	No I do not	Other	its all about control & manipulation. Let GOD Yhvh govern. That is what the bible says. Let's believe King Jesus.	Juanita	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-27 09:54:34	No I do not	Other	This is just another money-making scheme from government to syphon money from the already overtaxed citizens of SA. - why is this necessary ??? Just another pot to steal money from - bribery and corruption !!	Jacobus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 10:28:50	No I do not	Other	One need to ask the question; what is the purpose behind this draft? Is it the principal of business or any of the other headings. Up to date this governments only purpose is and was, destroy the policies that has been working and turn it into a ball of B.....S...., that is not working and turn this country into a truely African country. Sad but True story.	Anne-Marié	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 11:27:29	No I do not	Other	I currently have a small business that employs 5 persons excluding myself. It is very difficult to survive, and we need less red tape and interference in the running of our business. This new bill creates a new opportunity for bribery and corruption. People will be paying to ensure licenses are refused to anyone applying who is a threat to an existing business. What happened to the Presidents promise of less red tape for small businesses and entities? Municipalities should stick to what they do best.....nothing. Municipalities as the President put it are in a total mess due to bad management and policies. Do we really want to give them more rope to ruin the Country even further?	jeff	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-27 12:06:03	No I do not	Other	This will kill entrepreneurship and introduce government control over the entire economy. It can never be accepted.	Wessel	North West	business owner
	2025-11-27 12:34:05	No I do not	Other	This will result in job losses of people in the small to medium business sector, which is employing a huge amount of mothers and they will loose their only income. This will put more strain on government to support more people that is unemployed and the country can not afford that. It also will not encourage any investments.	Louzanne		self-employed
	2025-11-27 15:55:38	No I do not	Other	NO, NO, NO More red tape. Sounds just like another money making scheme. Apply this to non-citizens only. They are anyway the only people who can afford it. Us locals are already suffering and now you want us to pay You to earn an income... Heck no!!!	Ruuby	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-27 16:44:26	No I do not	Other	I have first hand experience how I lost my smsll business . Every 5 years I had to renew my licence...in 2009 a law enforcement officer stated in my business that I was illegally operating. I showed him my receipt where I paid for the renewal license ... He refused to let me continue operating my business...he was watching my house all the time. He made a false case that I was operating illegally...I was in and out of court and after 9 months, my case was eventually dismissed....in the meantime my frozen imported bait was going vrot due to us being unable to keep walk in freezers running...not being allowed to sell bait and tackle for approx 9 months means no money coming in meant losing our shop..During this time I was in and out of different municipal offices to sort it out but got no help... we lost everything..the shop was started with our pension money....we started off buying locally and reselling. We worked hard and eventually was able to import our bait . Due to this court case we lost everything. , we are now old age sassa pensioners...battling to survive....so I say be careful...do not agree to this bullshit laws...you will end up being dirt poor like us. I still have all the correspondence of trying to save my shop.	Adelaide	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 17:32:43	No I do not	Other	Unfair and over-regulatory.	Lynne	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-27 18:31:54	No I do not	Other	I believe the bill in its entirety is open to abuse by the state and corruption by the keepers of the legislation and will further destroy the country's economy.	Chesney	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-27 18:39:35	No I do not	Other	For a Fee Market Economy to thrive, it needs fewer restricting regulations not more. Considering the unemployment rate in SA this is surely not the right way to go. Rather encouage businesses to grow.	Hans	Free State	retired
	2025-11-27 18:50:08	No I do not	Other	Dit is nog 'n wet wat gaan sorg dat die ekonomie nie kan groei nie en dus gaan bydrae dat die werkloosheidsyfer nog verder gaan styg.	PW	Free State	retired
	2025-11-27 20:46:51	No I do not	Other	This is so woke it defies any logic whatsoever. Whose retarded idea is this. It is an obvious blatant coverup of BEE and all that crape, to enforce it and will just give rise another avenue to commit even more fraud. It also opens a door to milk businesses of more money to renew their licenses every 5 years. What would have been wrong for a lifetime license at say R200. And how are all these incompetent municipalities going to administer this farce and collect the funds, carry out inspections etc and with what qualifications? Totally insane.	Trevor	Western Cape	
	2025-11-27 20:58:57	No I do not	Other	Economic suicide esp. for small businesses. Insanity.	Ian	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-27 21:27:58	No I do not	Other	This will lead to more control and corruption for the government.	Elsje	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 22:30:25	No I do not	Other	I do NOT support this bill at all. This is just another way for the anc to loot businesses especially small businesses who struggled long and hard to get where they are today. And now the anc wants to just have control over everything, they cannot even govern this country without crime and corruption from within our own government but they now want to have the final say in other businesses aswell, I WILL NEVER agree to this. Ramaphosa is trying to hard to make this country like the chinese government. Never ever will I allow him to have more say, power or control on my business which he has no business in. Is it not enough for this this corrupt president that we are already paying taxes up to the heavens high which his anc clan corrupts and loots amd steal anyway? And use it to buy 1 pen a regular BIC pen which I can buy at waltons for 10 rand he buys them for 10000 per pen. Nee wat die gogga kan maar gaan slaap. Let him rather step down amd let a child of God take over in this country.	Andre	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-28 04:09:11	No I do not	Other	Everywhere one looks in the Bill, vagueness and discretion reign supreme. Sections 4, 16, 18, and 23 are masterpieces of legislative ambiguity. They allow enforcement officers to act without stipulated limits, inviting corruption and administrative abuse. Small, low-risk traders face the same penalties as large corporations, an affront to proportionality and fairness. Without clearly defined statutory boundaries, the Bill violates the principles of legality and administrative justice upon which every dynamically growing economy depends and upon which our constitutional democracy is founded. The economic fallout will be devastating. Entrepreneurship will be suppressed as these additional compliance burdens and costs soar. Informal businesses, the lifeblood of our poor communities in particular, will stay underground, denying the state both influence and social stability. Investment and employment growth will stall as an already heavy burden of red tape thickens. Market distortions will proliferate, favouring entrenched firms over new entrants. Moreover, as with every system built on discretionary power, corruption will flourish. In sum, the Bill does precisely the opposite of what it claims; it does not harmonise, it constricts. It does not empower, it enfeebles. It does not promote fairness or opportunity; it entrenches arbitrariness and fear. It is a measure born of bureaucratic suspicion and complete lack of economic understanding. It is in fact, a relic of socialist central planning dressed up as reform	Bernhard	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 06:58:35	No I do not	Other	I think it opens the door for more corruption, bribing and ultimately potentially take food off the table of people with no jobs trying to feed their families. People can rather try and earn a honest living than begg or steal and I think that this would make it harder for the poor jobless honest people earning a little bit of money to feed their families.	Colleen	Mpumalanga	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 07:49:34	No I do not	Other	The function of government is to facilitate in creating a stable environment for business. Not to regulate it to the point that it cannot function. This bill will negatively impact business's ability to create employment.	Stefan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 08:42:07	No I do not	Other		Carmen	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 08:50:44	No I do not	Other	This will lead to thousands of entrepreneurs loosing the ability to make honest living. USA has just cancelled our preferential trade agreements this will in otself lead to thousands of jobs lost... is the South African government on a suicide mission. I wonder who is pulling the strings of the puppets	Deon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 08:57:26	No I do not	Other	Cannot even do day to day management of all laws and adherence to local regulations - this will be selected enforcement aimed at where more money can be taken from businesses with threats of imminent close down of businesses.	Corrie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 09:29:39	No I do not	Other		Leigh		retired
	2025-11-28 09:36:14	No I do not	Other	Preferential licensing The Bill explicitly empowers the Minister to grant licences on a 'preferential' basis and to impose conditions that advance 'historically disadvantaged individuals' or other designated groups. This is nothing less than state-sanctioned racial and ideological discrimination dressed up as transformation policy. We reject the notion that the state has any legitimate role in deciding which racial or social group may or may not operate a business. Such preferential licensing will: Reintroduce apartheid-era economic controls under a new ideological banner; Create a cronyist system where access to markets is determined by political connections and demographic criteria rather than merit, innovation or consumer demand; Discourage both domestic and foreign investment, as investors will rightly fear that their businesses can be denied licences or subjected to arbitrary conditions on racial or political grounds. No free society licenses businesses on the basis of the owner’s skin colour or historical narrative. This clause alone renders the entire Bill unconstitutional and morally indefensible. Principles of business licensing The Bill fails to articulate any coherent, objective, or proportionate principle for requiring a general business licence in the first place. Instead, it presumes that every enterprise - from a street vendor to a multinational corporation - must seek prior permission from the state simply to exist and trade. This reverses the fundamental principle of a free economy: citizens should be free to engage in lawful economic activity without state permission unless there is a clear, evidence-based justification (e.g. public health, safety or environmental protection). The Bill provides no such justification. It is a blanket assault on economic freedom, reminiscent of the licence-permit raj that crippled India’s economy for decades. Requiring a general 'business licence' in addition to existing sector-specific permits (liquor, health,	Anthea	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 09:50:12	No I do not	Other		Amit	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 09:55:35	No I do not	Other	We need more vehicles to support entrepreneurs not hamper them. My concern is all of the above. - preferential licensing, power of officers, more red tape when government is not even resourced and cant handle what they have now, principles of bl - then also extra costs, this seems unnecessary and unconstitutional: • Breaches S22 (unreasonable restrictions on the right to trade), Breaches S14 & S25 (warrantless inspections + arbitrary seizure of property), • Breaches S156 (invades municipal licensing powers), and Violates S1(c) (vague, overbroad, and unlawful discretionary powers).	Jesse Cleo	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 09:56:46	No I do not	Other	Government involvement/ legislation is only creating more ineffectivenes and frustration. There is much better ways to support small businesses than Government intervention. The government already proofs that they can not plan and execute the correct solution to a problem. For example, the solution for the empowerment of previous disadvantage groups is to invest in their skills development and training and not in legislation. We need more people that can perform at a higher level (including businesses ethics, etc...) and entrepreneurs that can drive businesses in South Africa.	Lawrence		self-employed

	2025-11-28 10:19:46	No I do not	Other	This is just more and more red tape that people must adhere to who try and financially look after themselves and not be a burden on the government So many legislation is so unnecessary- and expensive to adhere toe that people actually just give up close their businesses. Currently the municipality can't even do their basic tasks like maintenance of sidewalks, refuse trucks, a running fire brigade, electricity and related maintenance The list is very long. So how will they even be able to do this task?	Irma	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-28 10:24:01	No I do not	Other	I will not support this bill and will leave this country, God will let justice previal. Enough of stealing our money.	Marelee	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 10:44:01	No I do not	Other	This will be just one more opportunity for corruption	Andre		retired
	2025-11-28 10:55:15	No I do not	Other		Cristina	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 10:55:15	No I do not	Other		Cristina	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 10:55:16	No I do not	Other		Cristina	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 11:07:31	No I do not	Other	We don't need the government to have their fingers in more pies as they've not showed they've been trustworthy enough since with the funds and power they've received thus far. # Scrap the bill. Is what I vote.	Hermanus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 11:51:52	No I do not	Other	It is what Neasa said - BEE in disguise	Marco	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-28 12:20:29	No I do not	Other	This is extortion to bail out municipalities that cant even do servie charge accounts. Most importantly it is just to kill the economy further eg that poor person with a spaza sjop or street vendor trying to sell apples or vetkoek. This government is killing the economy with red tape and laws to put money in a chosen few pockets They chase big business/investors away for employmen now those that try and earn a living by small work they want to close that down with licenses . Dont they see this country is falling to crime to make a living then that crime also gets in the top peoples pockets	Bridgid	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 12:49:27	No I do not	Other	All informal and small formal businesses need no licences. This proposed legislation is a way by government to manipulate and destroy the private sector, which is a typical communist strategy. Communism worked nowhere and destroyed everything. Why try it again? Only idiots would.	Andre	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 12:49:28	No I do not	Other	All informal and small formal businesses need no licences. This proposed legislation is a way by government to manipulate and destroy the private sector, which is a typical communist strategy. Communism worked nowhere and destroyed everything. Why try it again? Only idiots would.	Andre	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 14:14:18	No I do not	Other	The government wants to have more control over the individual in all aspects of society.	Johannes	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 14:52:09	No I do not	Other	This makes it even harder to successfully run a profitable business that employs people and benefits the community. This is even MORE red tape. With unemployment being so high WHY would you do this???? This is shameful.	Colleen	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-28 14:57:53	No I do not	Other	This is shameful and will make it even harder to run a successful and profitable business that employs people and benefits the community. With unemployment being so high WHY would you do this? Even more red tape! SHAME ON YOU!!	Colleen		employed individual
	2025-11-28 16:12:53	No I do not	Other	One needs to recognize it for what it is: Centralization of powers to control. This practice and Bill aligns with communism. The history of communism has proven that it is destructive for any economy.	Gerrie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 16:22:01	No I do not	Other	Typical governmental overreach Waste of taxpayer money; No accountability to the community; Money making scam.	Ronan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-28 17:21:58	No I do not	Other	What a load of nonsense. Sort out your own house (corruption, theft, collapsing infrastructure etc etc etc) before looking for more taxes that will invariably be stolen, again, and used to buy some prick a Ferrari. Voetsek wena,	Gaty		
	2025-11-28 17:32:16	No I do not	Other	BEE in disguise. More corruption!!!	Christine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 17:53:06	No I do not	Other	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. It risks: • Increasing bureaucracy • Fueling corruption • Hindering investment • Damaging job creation • Undermining constitutional rights • Impeding SME development • Suppressing economic growth For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further.	Louise		
	2025-11-28 18:06:38	No I do not	Other	This is just another scheme to make money from the people that are actually keeping the country running and the wheels turning. We are taxed enough already how much more do they expect us to pay. Just another way to line their pockets with undeserved and corrupt methods. This needs to be scrapped.	Robert	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-28 18:21:09	No I do not	Other	All points are a concern. This appears to be another scam drawn up by the ANC, to entice more corruption, put legitimate businesses out of business, stop entrepreneurs from starting up.. A definite NO, to this proposal.	Justin		
	2025-11-28 18:41:46	No I do not	Other	The Bill poses serious risks of abuse, overreach and unintended exclusion. After more than 30 years the leadership of SA has not been able to reduce and mitigate these risks, so there is no confidence that the concerns expressed will not continue and even expand with this new Bill. I have no alternative to reject this proposed Business Licensing Bill in its entirety due to .... 1) Preferential Licensing - Such preferential licensing will; enforce more state sanctioned racial and idealogical discrimination, such as BEE; enforce more economic controls under a new ideological banner similar to the apartheid era; result in access to markets getting determined by political connections and demographic criteria rather than merit, innovation or consumer demand'; discourage investment, as investors will be concerned their businesses can be denied licences on racial or political grounds; 2) Principles of business licensing Assuming that every SMME needs a business licence from government goes against the principles of free markets. Only if there is an evidence-based justification (e.g. public health, safety, etc) should government get involved at the SMME level (and then only on a case by case basis). And address the issue of foreign (refugee) owned and operated small, medium and micro enterprise (SMME) by ensuring the Refugee Act is properly administered. 3) More red tape "South Africa already ranks poorly on the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' index, largely because of regulatory overreach." This Bill adds MORE bureaucracy, which will not assist SMME's and the economy. Conclusion The Business Licensing Bill centralises power in the hands of an already overreaching & underperforming government, REINFORCES racial criteria in commerce, erects new barriers to entrepreneurship, and returns SA business to a permit-based economy controlled by bureaucrats and political gatekeepers. For a free, prosperous, and non-racial future, this Bill must be rejected entirely.	Franco		
	2025-11-28 18:42:36	No I do not	Other	FORMAL OBJECTION TO THE BUSINESS LICENSING BILL 2025 i, a living breathing woman, formally reject the Business Licensing Bill 2025 in both principle and practice, while presented as "modernisation," it in fact expands state control, centralises business data, and places new regulatory and cost burdens on small, informal, and survival enterprises, forcing every business to register and be licensed through municipalities — many of which cannot reliably manage water, electricity, roads, or billing — is administrative overreach, not reform, this Bill increases red tape, delays, compliance risk, and enforcement pressure at a time when small businesses are already struggling to survive, it undermines the constitutional right to freely trade, creates serious data and privacy risks through a national registry, and discourages entrepreneurship instead of supporting it, South Africa needs fewer barriers to entry, less regulation, and real infrastructure support — not another layer of licensing and control, i, therefore reject this Bill and call for its full withdrawal.	sherrene		
	2025-11-28 18:43:24	No I do not	Other		Brian		

	2025-11-28 19:02:53	No I do not	Other		Elmien	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 19:16:41	No I do not	Other	The Business Licensing Bill is not a step toward reform. It is a damaging proposal that expands state control, reintroduces racial criteria in commerce, and creates new obstacles for entrepreneurs at a time when South Africa urgently needs job growth and economic stability. I call for the total withdrawal of this Bill. For a prosperous, free, and non-racial future, this Bill must be rejected in full.	Gesina Maria Jooste	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 19:33:33	No I do not	Other	All of the above...people who can't find jobs are really battling to make money. It is stressful as it is. Just let us be. Or give us jobs. Thank you	Nicolene	Mpumalanga	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 20:02:41	No I do not	Other	Money making scheme to take more monies of the already poor. More red tape. Killing SME's, increase unemployment. Killing the economy. Can't prioritise the important matters.	Maryna	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-28 20:03:11	No I do not	Other	The poorest and neediest will suffer this is frikken outrageous and another way to steal money from people who can barely afford to eat...what is wrong with you greedy trough feeding anc morons? Have you no shame and no compassion? Are you really not worried about the handful of white taxpayers that you have left fleeing the country?	Peta	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-28 20:15:25	No I do not	Other	It will kill small businesses and initiative	Riets	Free State	
	2025-11-28 20:28:00	No I do not	Other	It's just the most ridiculous bill ever. Crazy. A money making, employment threatening, corruption inducing plan with no conception of the effect it will have on South Africa.	Linda	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-28 20:52:58	No I do not	Other	This whole bill is a kick in the backside to all business owners working only for themselfs, hardly making ends meet at the end of the month. Municipalities across the country can hardly keep themselves running in a straight line and now they want to take more away from rate payers who are working from home or on the street corner. Government is really throwing the middle finger at the poor.	Jaco	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-28 21:16:20	No I do not	Other	It's another effort to plunder and cripple the country and its people by the greedy few.	Juliet	Free State	retired
	2025-11-28 21:18:40	No I do not	Other	This will definitely kill all small businesses and more people will be jobless, poor and hungry.	Annemie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 23:21:38	No I do not	Other	Other refers to EVERY ONE OF THE CONCERNS! More red tape, more corruption - a waste of time! Stay out of the way!!!	Susan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-29 00:05:02	No I do not	Other	We do not consent. We perpetually decline your offer to contract. Licencing is illegal not lawful. We are Devine Creations and all creation belong to Him, not you. We the people determine the value and energy of our labour. On land under Devine Authority, we trade freely to survive/provide/feed/prosper all our people. This bill must be null & void in it's entirety in perpetuity. You have sworn oaths which are bonded to serve & protect the people of SA. Liabilities might be applicable should you proceed. This is a crime against all SA people. Corruption/crime/ fraud/theft/murder/hunger/unemployment/health/poor/almost non-existent economy rampant and highest in the world.	monique	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-29 03:06:27	No I do not	Other	Exploitation and senseless display of power by an institution that cannot keep a light on.	Sue	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-29 05:15:21	No I do not	Other	Just another way for BEEE. It is communism. No democracy. Goverment wants to controle everything. But they are useless govering. More corrupt employees who will misuse their powers.	Sonja	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 06:52:35	No I do not	Other	This is just another control mechanism from a failing government that has led our economy to severely stagnate and even to deteriorate. This is also just another BEE drive disguised is regulation. Our country need business to be empowered and supported and not pinned down by municipal overreach. Fix the economy failed ANC!	Mark	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-29 07:04:15	No I do not	Other		Rochelle	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-29 08:36:06	No I do not	Other		Gerty	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-29 08:36:06	No I do not	Other		Gerty	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-29 08:57:43	No I do not	Other		Andrew	Gauteng	
	2025-11-29 09:01:09	No I do not	Other	Efficiency a process - all government departments put in new legislation and do not have the capacity or the competence to run it efficiently or smoothly - its just more red tape that hampers experience of business which seems to be the name of the game with the inefficient current regime	Chris	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-29 16:01:28	No I do not	Other		Trudy	Free State	retired
	2025-11-29 16:41:29	No I do not	Other	I do not agree with this they trying to push. While they living lavish lifestyles. Others try to make a living the cost of living is already so sky high.	Don	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-29 20:40:57	No I do not	Other		Margaret	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-30 14:05:15	No I do not	Other	Do not support	Adriaan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-12-01 08:35:47	No I do not	Other	The chance to increase corruption and possibly kill the small businesses and increase unemployment	Camila	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-12-01 09:12:32	No I do not	Other	My top concerns: 1. Overly controlling who may register a business 2. Hidden BEE agenda 3. Discrimination by preferential licensing 4. We already have laws that govern fraud 5. More red tape, more fees to pay - this is all unnecessary - wasting time, wasting money, more government overreach, more "task teams" funded by tax payers' money	D	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-12-01 09:27:28	No I do not	Other	This bill has the potential to create further unemployment as opposed to promoting good business practice. Businesses are already faced with insurmountable challanges in our current economy. One only has to drive around one's home town to see business premises standing vacant, in malls where so many shops are standing empty. I forsee these proposed law as having a far more negative effect than positive. So many municipalities are faced with their own challenges in just keeping the basics going how are they going to cope with the massive influx of registrations required. Even with the renewal, one only has to try and query one's water and lights account to imagine the disaster looming. Sad to say we don't have the capacity to actually manage the proposed system.	Megan	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-12-01 10:28:45	No I do not	Other	More abuse of power and over regulation.....and as usual reference to race and therefore more preferential treatment for some people and oppression of others .....I need not elaborate. There is n place in our country for such damaging legislation.	kassie		
	2025-12-01 12:09:29	No I do not	Other	I reject this in its entirety.	Andrew	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-12-01 12:11:56	No I do not	Other	Just more shit to make life for normal people impossible. Bought to you by your government in service of the "New World Order". Chaos and hidden slavery for all who are not part of the "Elites". Never forget: "By 2030 you will own nothing and you will be happy"	Helmut		
	2025-12-02 10:14:38	No I do not	Other	This country is already over regulated. Local municipalities are not able to manage themselves, why should we provide them info and ask for permission to have a business. Just NO! Stop regulating and rather support the people creating more business. SARS is already making life difficult, I will not have a local idiot interfering with my business.	Danie	Free State	self-employed
	2025-12-02 10:14:40	No I do not	Other	This country is already over regulated. Local municipalities are not able to manage themselves, why should we provide them info and ask for permission to have a business. Just NO! Stop regulating and rather support the people creating more business. SARS is already making life difficult, I will not have a local idiot interfering with my business.	Danie	Free State	self-employed
	2025-12-02 11:51:26	No I do not	Other	Once again a ploy by the anc to regulate and control business and allow for more corrupt intervention by officials who are corrupt , Leaving many south africans with their hands in their hair. nothing the anc gov does is to benefit the people of sa , only the gov.	richard	Free State	retired
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	2025-11-19 17:09:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Francois	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual

	2025-11-19 17:28:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Corro	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-19 18:15:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Vernon	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-19 18:25:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nicola	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-19 18:46:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	ENOUGH OF THE RACIST ANC, ENOUGH OF THE BEE, ENOUGH OF STEALING PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOODS FROM THEM, EVIL RACISTS SADISTIC ANC AND CADRES ARE THE ROOT OF ALL PROBLEMS IN SOUTH AFRICA	Debbie	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-19 21:15:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government should be making it easier to do business, not more difficult! This is just another revenue stream for them to fund their insatiable lust for more money to steal!	Wayne	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-19 21:23:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lisa	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-19 22:01:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Yvonne	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-20 00:15:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is at its core, a fundamental attempt to create the ultimate leverage, under this guise by creation of a database for "EEA and BEE" compliance, to actually collecting money for the ANC's ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AGENDA. Leverage bluntly: Pay and you will stay in Business, don't pay and your license will be revoked. i.e. Listen to the ANC's plan or go under! This will, in the long run undermine entrepreneurship, initiative with the ongoing targeting of specific minorities... at a grave cost to the economy and the country. Over regulation and a long strategy to plunder an already sinking ship... Imagine how many businesses, especially small business, who were destroyed by Covid by our pathetically strict rules, probably the hardest and worst in the world. Now, many of those people, have clawed their way back, to try and make a living and employ the unemployed, since we have BEE , BBBEEE etc....NO! They just want to suck every last penny we make in this country, so they can steal even more, since they have saturated ALL the coffers. We can't even have our street lights replaced, 10 000 out of 40 000 not working in NMB, as there is no money, no budget, no allocation of work, no contractors signed up, no light bulbs and no money/budget to buy any. 1 Cherry picker for all of PE. There are unfinished trenches all over, especially Summerstrand/ beachfront all over. After months of reporting, getting reference numbers, more than 2 years have passed, the unfinished pavement and road reinstatements are still incomplete. Reason....no money, no budget, no contractors and no ashfalt to do the work in all of PE. Now, they want to stuff up (for lack of a better word) our businesses and small businesses too? NO!!!! Vote a better government in next time.	Ingrid	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-20 00:54:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government work for the people not the other way round. Government not qualified to make decisions to control peoples lives.	Leon	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-20 03:20:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No this will take away your freedom to be an entrepreneur and to trade.	Nico	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-20 05:09:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bernice	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-20 06:24:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lyzelle	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-20 09:37:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Annatjie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-20 14:09:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Under the proposed law, every business would need a licence valid for five years. Municipalities would have 30 days to grant or reject an application, with the option of extending this by 14 days in certain cases. This is one of the most ridiculous proposals and appears to be nothing more than an attempt and an excuse to increase revenue. The business that are already registered with SARS, so I the state has a problem they can look there if they are still operating. There is already the CPIC where annual returns are made and businesses registered.	John	Gauteng	retired
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	2025-11-20 17:55:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This puts far too much power in the hands of the state in terms of business, and can ultimately lead to the implementation of arbitrary favouritism and policies through licensing criteria. Which can ultimately lead to further corruption and maladministration. The private sector is already overburdened with red tape and bearuacracy from the state, which deters investment and stymies job creation. This bill should be scrapped in its entirety as the answer to healthy economy is more autonomy for businesses and the private sector, not less.	James	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-20 21:43:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		dirk		
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	2025-11-21 05:32:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Larel	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-21 06:34:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We have more than enough beaurocracy to deal with. Now to burden more. Businesses have been going quite fine for many years without this, now it's needed, for what purpose? Just another economy dampener for the sake of administrative government ideology	Frank	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 07:15:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Enough paperwork. Dti/cipc are government departments where all info is provided.	Kate		
	2025-11-21 07:42:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is daunting enough to try and start a small business. The paper work, red tape and hoops that you have to jump through are already overwhelming. This bill will only increase the barriers to entry. ANY entrepreneur should be welcomed as they ultimately decrease the burden on the state.	Meryl		
	2025-11-21 09:41:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	BEE enforcement!!! Loss of jobs Just more control More money for misuse	Rene	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 15:33:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Pieter	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:00:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		olivia abkarian	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:04:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The useless government continues to chase investment away. Stop. Voertsek government. Less government = more investment. Less government = more employment. Less government = less problems. Voertsek anc!	Jan-CAsper	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:06:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Barbara	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:10:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is a ridiculous idea, and wont help anyone - just more applications and paperwork that will get lost and delayed	Jean	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:12:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another BEE rule which must be rejected.	James	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:12:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jeanne	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 16:14:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another money making scheme designed to take money from small businesses and self employed people that have no option and little income due to the highly racial bee laws currently in power	Richard	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-21 16:14:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just to make sure... does this mean that the 'informal sector', such as the hawkers on the pavements, the roads, the carwashers, etc, also have to register? That would be great. However, the govt is incompetent. Who watches the watchers? Do the 'tendrepeneurs' also have to register? Oh.... do the workers at govt services like the traffic dep, police etc also have to register? Wait a minute.... govt is paid by the taxpayer, meaning govt is a business! As they have proven with their exceptional SoEs. Govt should also register. Govt, you are hallucinating.... even more!	D		
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	2025-11-21 16:15:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just to make sure... does this mean that the 'informal sector', such as the hawkers on the pavements, the roads, the carwashers, etc, also have to register? That would be great. However, the govt is incompetent. Who watches the watchers? Do the 'tendrepeneurs' also have to register? Oh.... do the workers at govt services like the traffic dep, police etc also have to register? Wait a minute.... govt is paid by the taxpayer, meaning govt is a business! As they have proven with their exceptional SoEs. Govt should also register. Govt, you are hallucinating.... even more!	D		
	2025-11-21 16:18:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ria	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 16:19:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More red tape is all the ANC Government are good for. Fix the country and economy you idiots and STOP creating hurdles which destroy small businesses like you did with the covid SCAM. ANC must fall ASAP.	Terry	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 16:23:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	How stupid can you be and still breathe ? Really accelerating economic destruction.	Msthys		
	2025-11-21 16:23:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Utterly ridiculous, bureaucracy is killing small business we cannot afford all these layers of staff needed to just keep the paperwork in order and try and stick with the rules. Every government department is totally incompetent, and most take incredible time and effort to keep up because the systems and people employed are too incompetent or not managed correctly or just want to engineer bribes. Stop making it so hard for smme's to survive and thrive. Big business can afford the extra time and staff although this is just legislation for legislations sake and not to improve the economy or ordinary South Africans.	Dario	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:23:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another money making scheme designed to take money from small businesses and self employed people and depending on the decision of the corrupt municipalities will / will not be able to operate. A license that has t be renewed every 5 years, really!!!!!!!!!!!!	Ingrid	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:28:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Claudia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:29:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The Bill will be extremely restrictive on business and will discourage people from opening a business and it will negatively affect the economy and job creation. This is another opportunity for corrupt officials to make money. This Bill should be opposed in its entirety. It will limit the right to freedom of economic activity as prescribed in the Bill of rights. The proposed limitations on this right will not withstand the constitutional test.	marius	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:32:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sue	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:34:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Why do I need a license to earn income? Possibly SARS can apply for a license from me to tax me?	Philippe	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:35:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	They really want to kill the goose who lays the golden eggs? None of the municipalities are capable running their municipalities as it stands, hardly any receive a clean audit - but THEY get to have powers to decide which businesses get licenced? It is absolutely insane. A sure way to kill small businesses in SA and to kill any prospect of economic growth. "It makes starting, running, or even maintaining a business in South Africa more difficult, more uncertain and more perilous than ever," Dr Brian Benfield	Retha	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:37:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	What is in place at present works quite fine. Seems some arsehole in government had another brain fart. Anything the ANC changes becomes an enormous mess and never works anyway. They couldn't find their way out of a wet paper packet even if you tore a hole in it for them they are so brain dead. Total morons.	David	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:46:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I reject more red tape, more bureaucracy, more control, more exploitation, more costs, more compliance and a complete stranglehold over our lives. This is severe overreach by an incompetent corrupt government.	Tessa	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 16:49:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	NO. This One inclusive of All these constant changes made by the rulling party are not to be granted and EVERYONE MUST OBJECT to it.	henry	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:50:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Glen		
	2025-11-21 16:55:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		norbert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:55:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is over reach from the government. The end will be that a lot of businesses willclosse down and hurt our economy even more than the current status. Business owners need to stand together and stop this now.	Suzette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:56:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Richard	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 16:58:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	What will they do for a registered business?. Will they assist a business in some positive way or will they simply demand more money from the owner or forcing the business into some or other bee direction, causing it to fail . Or is it again just another government "initiative" to steer money into their own pockets without working for it.	Hennie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:59:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another way of destroying the country and having more corruption. This will kill the small businesses.	Owen		
	2025-11-21 17:03:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is nothing but BEE in disguise. The government is trying to force their grubby little fingers into the private sector because the public sector is out of funds to steal.	Philip	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:07:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The very idea that you need a license from government to run a business is against constitutional principals. Absolutley no way this can be supported. No wonder there is no economic growth in South Africa. Just adds confirmation why there is no FDI in South Africa, and why there should not be.	Richard	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:11:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not agree to the business licensing bill. This is just another way of obtaining money from private businesses and strengthening state control. It will also open the way for more corruption.	L	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:13:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Terry	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:16:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Helen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:16:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		sean		
	2025-11-21 17:17:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is completely unnecessary. It is just another way for the ANC to extort money from business owners. There is already enough red tape and payments to submit documents without anything else. THE CPIC ALREADY EXISTS FOR GOODNESS SAKE!	Catherine	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:23:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is unnecessary, it is just another way of the anc to extort business owners	Helen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:23:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Joh		
	2025-11-21 17:25:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This legislation will have dire negative economic impact on small businesses in the Republic. This is govt overreach	Gerhardt	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:26:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Japie	North West	
	2025-11-21 17:28:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Elza		
	2025-11-21 17:28:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This an additional beaurocratic choking and meddling of/in business freedom. We know what the end game/gain is...it's too obvious!	Barry	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:31:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This proposed legislation is simply another front of BEE racial exclusion, blatant racism and theft of goods neither earned or deserved.	Fred	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-21 17:31:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This proposed legislation is simply another front of BEE racial exclusion, blatant racism and theft of goods neither earned or deserved.	Fred	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:31:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This proposed legislation is simply another front of BEE racial exclusion, blatant racism and theft of goods neither earned or deserved.	Fred	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:33:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is bordering on communism! Copy the Chinese, but taking control of everything when you don't know what you're doing, will be this country's final nail in the coffin. There are no jobs in South Africa. Young and old are suffering. Rather than focusing on the job we elected them to do, the government wants to make it harder for South Africans to earn a living and create more jobs.	Bahle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:33:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is going to impact on our country. More job losses. Instead of growing our country economically this will have an adverse effect. Further, empowering Inspectors to interfere in businesses. This is definitely not in the best interest of the people. We are now encouraging businesses to close and how do law abiding citizens manage to run their homes without an income?	Farhana	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:36:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Haven't enough damage been done to this economy because of these idiotic and ill implemented race laws? Stop this nonsense and take a left to come right! You live in mansions and we stay poor, you should suffer with us, maybe then you would stop making these retarded suggestions.	Frederick		
	2025-11-21 17:37:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Again freedom of choice and equal opportunities for all are being challenged.	Lynne	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 17:41:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is going to a affect our country and cause more. Unemployment. This is going to affect the economy of the country. Instead of creating more job opportunities to curb unemployment this is going to create more unemployment.	Farhana	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:41:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ian	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:42:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I can't decide if this is to generate another revenue stream or a mechanism to disqualify minority persons from starting up small businesses. Either way the informal sector is here to stay. The informal sector is the only realistic hope for the hordes of unemployed to make a living. I don't expect the anc fat cats understand or care.	Brian		
	2025-11-21 17:45:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	South Africa does not have the luxury of making it even more difficult for businesses to operate. Big businesses are closing down or pulling out of the country. South Africans are struggling to find jobs and those with jobs have to create side hustles to survive. The government's dirty, communist fingers in their pies will shut down any employment, investment and growth opportunities in this country.	Natasha	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:46:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nigel	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 17:49:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Freddie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:51:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is actually insane... why would you want to license a business??? If a business is not viable, it will die by itself in spite of a license being issued. There is NO IMPACT on the viability of a business whether it is licensed or not. The CIPC in any case issues a registration for a formal business, making it a legal person. Why also want to decentralize this to municipalities?? The majority of these entities are already dysfunctional as it stand at the moment. Now creating another hurdle to the economy will just kill it flat out.	Frik	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:51:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	There's a whole host of red flags: 1. Another money spinner to line the pockets of corrupt officials; 2. Inhibits free enterprise and entrepeneurship; 3. Favours preferential treatment based on race; 4. Difficulties to enforce by authorities who by and large are either already inundated or useless re their current execution of responsibilities 5. Will inhibit foreign investment even further.	Bertus		
	2025-11-21 17:51:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Space for more corrupt dealings	Basie	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:59:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		John		business owner
	2025-11-21 17:59:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I see huge opportunities for an already corrupt municipality to further enrich themselves but not the community. This is fact , I know this to be true. I see opportunities for discrimination with no limits.	Charlotte	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:05:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	How are they going to approve the license? Is there any rules/criteria being applied?	Theunis	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:10:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Willie	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:10:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Willie	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:12:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Fabian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:16:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Our industry is allready over regulated. This will give government more opportunity to be corrupt and push their Monopoly	Chantelle	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:19:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Clive		retired
	2025-11-21 18:19:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	As a business owner in South Africa, I can attest to the many administrative challenges posed by the overbearing amount of existing laws governing business in this country. From yearly licensing renewals, complex taxation systems and intensive administrative burdens posed by employee salary tax regulations, it is a wonder anyone can even start up a business and run it profitably and successfully at all. One either requires a degree to adhere to the innumerable amount of regulations or end up having to employ someone of the same level to help with all the administration, at immense costs. The laws currently in place are stifling business in SA. Any more limitations or requirements will downright suffocate it all together. Lastly, I don't see any legitimate reason for the Government to implement any more laws. This is a draconic attempt at more control in order to gain opportunities to further abuse their power by extorting law abiding business owners.	Thinus	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:21:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Christine	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 18:22:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Alles wat die regering wil beheer is n gemors . Ons het te veel korrupte mense in beheer poste en munisipaliteite kan nie eers gate in strate regmaak nie, nou moet hulle sê of jy jou besigheid kan bedryf of nie.... wat van die besigheidsmense op ons sypaadjies? Geld dit vir hulle ook?	Lynette		retired
	2025-11-21 18:23:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just more red tape. And a way for government to impose it's ideology on the citizens of this country. And way sould a licence need to reapply? Every 5 years!! Who pays the cost?	GT	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:23:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rosalie	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-21 18:24:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		sharon	North West	retired
	2025-11-21 18:28:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is pure BEE being forced onto businesses.	Anette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:30:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Eileen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:35:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is yet another red tape requirement for business	Timothy	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:37:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill will further kill investments,stifle new business being created. Slow down existing business with red tape and delays. Unnecessary additional financial burdens on business. STOP REGURATE AND OVER CONTROL OUR ECONOMY	Willie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:38:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I disagree with the bill in it's entirety. Inept and corrupt government should mind their own business instead of trying to control everyone else.	Lyn	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:38:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Tony	KwaZulu-Natal	retired

	2025-11-21 18:39:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		David	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:39:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This could lead to racial profiling and preferential treatment of certain groups and discrimination against other groups of citizens. I can also be used as a political tool to control the economy but not for the benefit of all business owners. As we have seen with the failed BBEE system this can become a corrupt and kleptocratic system which benefits the few connected business owners.	Elma		
	2025-11-21 18:39:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No no and hell no	Elizabeth	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:41:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	How difficult do they still want to make it to do business in South Africa?	Coen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:42:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Howard	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:43:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another corrupt money making scheme.	Jane	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:43:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Most definitely NOT very thoughtless suggestion.	Manny	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:45:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	So if i can't obtain a licence from a municipality that doesn't work properly i will need to close my business and and have no income and unabele to pay staff. If it is about counterfeit goods a licence will not prevent that	Graeme	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:48:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Granted there is a need for business licenses but it opens the inspectorate to bribes / corruption.	Michael	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 18:48:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Anton	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:50:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	In a system that is already broken this is just a further thing to embezzle money and take bribes. This will only restrict you doing business freely and new startups will dwindle as the red tape will be too restrictive.	Sally-Ann	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:54:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will cause more poverty and abuse of power.	Shaldon	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:00:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Considering their inefficiency it will become a big mess and only more money will be extracted from the citizens. The only people who will win are government officials again..	Laura	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:03:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	With a already crippled industrial sector, who has the knowledge at municipal level to issue / enforce. Are we once again so ill exposed to think this is a good measure at this very instant in our jobless country?	Theo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:03:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		mathew	North West	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:03:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Desiree	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:04:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill is detrimental to the growth of this country.	Chanelle	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:05:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We need to encourage small business, not make it more difficult . Many people stand to lose their livelihoods. And many jobs would be lost. This would put our country into even more difficulties. People need work to feed their families.	Ruth		
	2025-11-21 19:08:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The old setup is not broken. It works and more time should be spent on helping to create jobs. Not introducing more unnecessary paperwork!!	James	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:12:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The ANC run municipalities have just about collapsed, no0w that same trough feeding government wants those failed municipalities to register compzanies. The ANC has truined this govcernment, they should all be jailed	Oliver	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:12:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It will just open up another corrupted way of stealing money why create more problems than try solving other first	Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:13:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nicolene	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:17:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Leave it to the business	Ate		
	2025-11-21 19:17:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Leave it to the business	Ate		
	2025-11-21 19:20:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will be the end of many companies and small businesses and this will be the final nail in the coffin for South Africa. Just another form of of total control that will only benefit the entitled politically connected and entitled few!	Colin	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 19:20:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Neil	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:21:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Darryl	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:21:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		chris		
	2025-11-21 19:24:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It's another money-making racket, where government is trying to make money off businesses (in addition to the tax revenue it already gets from businesses). If the bill gets passed, municipalities will effectively have control over whether a person can even run a business (if the municipality refuses to grant a license, then the business owner would not be allowed to run his business). The municipality has no right to have such power over businesses. Furthermore, the municipalities won't be able to keep up with the work-load, so people would wait a very long time to get their licenses before being able to conduct business. Licenses will likely just lead to rent-seeking, where certain members of the municipalities would accept bribes in exchange for issuing licenses.	Dylan		
	2025-11-21 19:25:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is another way to tax us more. Too much power for the government and not enough for the people. Looks like they want to strangle our already suffering economy	Margaux		self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:26:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jenny	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:28:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will destroy and unnecessary red tape to businesses. This will result in exclusions based on race and open up to further corruption.	Jason	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:31:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Msunduzi municipality once tried to create a Racket where people had to renew their business license annually. Fining stores R5000 even though their licenses weren't expired and it could only be done in their offices. Im still waiting for my business license from 2020, literally 2 months after our store was looted clean and documentation was destroyed in the "July unrest". Youre giving power to the wrong people.	Suhail	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:31:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Theresa	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:31:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Manie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:32:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Christine	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:33:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Yousuf	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:33:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Over regulation by Government that would only lead to more opportunity for corrupt officials that would be detrimental for businesses	Lourens	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-21 19:33:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jonathan	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-21 19:37:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kerri	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:38:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More corruption in the making	Jackie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:39:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Municipalities to control the licensing when they are mostly proven examples of incompetence. Another lip smacking opportunity for corruption and more red tape. Over regulation by government that would only lead to more opportunity for corrupt officials that would be detrimental for businesses.	FAEEZ	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:40:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Business in South Africa is already over-regulated, and this is adding one more costly barrier to successful economic growth.	Anne	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:42:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another discrimination against White Businesses	Susara Maria		retired
	2025-11-21 19:43:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another way of control that is open to corruption and it is driven on a preferencial basis which is another way of BEEE. The people who is going to make money is the corrupt goverment and officials.	Francois	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:44:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Licensing would kill small businesses run from homes keeping people employed. It would lead to more corruption and nepotism.	Ethne	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:45:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Paul	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:45:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Yet another attempt to regulate and strangulate businesses with bureaucratic red tape and BEE rubbish, ensuring that our economy struggles even more under the weight of government stupidity and malice.	Greg	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:51:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Andrew	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:53:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another blow for businesses to close their doors for good .. and move out of South Africa	isabel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:57:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Tewis	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:58:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just a other way of undermining potential growth and free trade , when ever in this so called democracy has any thing worked if the ANC government planed it, the only thing that they are good att is stealing and destroying every thing they touch.	Frikkie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:58:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Susie	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:02:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It would lead to discrimination, more red tape, investors will not come by, it will impact negatively on the poorest of the poor.	Murugasun		
	2025-11-21 20:02:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Anne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:03:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nicky	KwaZulu-Natal	student
	2025-11-21 20:05:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More thinly designed profiteering and preferential / bias of the economy. Will be a guaranteed drag on the economy and will limit customer's choice. I for one will move my business offshore.	Bruce	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:05:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mark	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:07:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More irrational race laws.	Dietrich		
	2025-11-21 20:19:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just ways to create more opportunities for corruption and instability as businesses will not know if they can trade longer than 5 years so why invest. More ways to make money as the license needs to be renewed.	Bernie		
	2025-11-21 20:24:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government should keep its hands off the businesses as they offer work to our people. Their interference prevents investment and opens the door to more plundering and corruption..	Mary Rose	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:24:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No need to have license as will lead to preferential treatment, abuse, delays and red tape	Roelof	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:26:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Anne	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:26:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	State want to control everything. This must not be allowed. This will result in businesses to close and unemployment will increase. Bee will be the focus for businesses	P		retired
	2025-11-21 20:27:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is against the comstitution and will give government more power that they cannot handle . Government on national provincial and municipal level can not even handle normal governance and now they want to push this bill to move South Africa in direction of socialism and in the end communism . This is not a move to just force more Bee but to emppverish more citizens.	Hendrik	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:31:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Robby	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:31:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lisa	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:36:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another criminal way of the Government to keep some people/businesses out of production in stead of growing the economy. Idiotic bill	Riaan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:37:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government should be trying to help business, not control business	Pierre	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:40:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Shane	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:40:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Charles	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-21 20:40:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is a basic human right to pursue your own calling and dreams. It is no place for a BBBBB (Big Bunch of Burly Bungling Bureaucrats).	André	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:58:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is my right to open a business where and when I want. Government should spend their effort in stimulating the economy, rather than invent new layers of control. CIPC is already there on a national level. I shudder at the corruption this will enable.	Alistair	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 21:01:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Leon	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 21:03:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Chris	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:03:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Everybody should be able yo open the business what they want and how they like it	Derek		
	2025-11-21 21:04:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	So government now gets to decide which bussineses may operate and which not.And this is just to force BEE on every business trying to open and create employment	Kevin	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:07:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Keith	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-21 21:08:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	South African businesses are already overwhelmed with red tape costs. We need less of both.	Ryan		
	2025-11-21 21:08:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	South African businesses are already overwhelmed with red tape costs. We need less of both.	Ryan		
	2025-11-21 21:08:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	South African businesses are already overwhelmed with red tape costs. We need less of both.	Ryan		
	2025-11-21 21:12:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Opportunity to discrimination (BBBE), too much influence by inspectors, too much regulations with holding investors to invest in RSA. This law is not an advantage for increase of economic andcwealth in this land. This law looks like another route to makev this country a communist state.	Jannie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:13:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I feel that any entrepreneur who sees a business opportunity should be able to start a business without having a covil servant having a say in whether he is allowed to do so or not. Also the idea of having your successful business at the mercy of that civil servant every 5yrs is ludicrous! I've seen successful businesses who were renting premisses from a municipality not having their contracts renewed and thereby forced to close down for no rime or reason.	George	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 21:25:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Govt wants to take everything and control everything! No freedom in this commie shithole country.	L	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 21:27:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Vicky		business owner
	2025-11-21 21:27:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jan		retired
	2025-11-21 21:30:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More regulation Administrative burden More feels to paid & for govt to steal More barriers to entry to the economy in a country that has 50% unemployment & less than 1% growth Ons gaan ons gather sien as ding aangaan soos dit aangaan	Anmarie		
	2025-11-21 21:30:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Why do you need a license for running a business? SARS is good enough to glean the necessary taxes, no need for pointless admin levelled at businesses. This can also be easily abused.	Constant	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:31:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lyn	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 21:43:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just one more way of government to hold businesses ransom to more corruption to more means and ways of extortion. Creating more ways of control over the existance of small & medium businesses, more ways of ruining the already weak economy and peoples livelyhoods.	Willem	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:44:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The Communist ANC need to leave the only part of the country that works. Leave business alone, you don't know what you are doing! You have screwed up every other facet of our society. Its time you voetsak!	Stuart	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:05:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This step would have disastrous consequences for South Africans. Corruption would spike even worse than now. NO to this business licensing bill.	Elizabeth		
	2025-11-21 22:05:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Beulah		
	2025-11-21 22:14:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Doreen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 22:25:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rigo	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:32:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I oppose this bill.	Koot	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:39:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The Bill, in its entire meaning is designed to create a fee or fine collector's office to the detriment of citizens. Businesses in regulated sectors already pay for permits and licenses. Businesses already pay annual return and renewal fees with CIPC. A law cannot limit a person's ability to trade or participate in the economy if they sell goods that do not require permits or licenses. The current system is sufficient, it is however the training of enforcement officers that lacks depth. B Barnard State Prosecutor	Beyers	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:51:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Matau	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 22:55:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Justin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 22:55:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Justin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 23:00:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lynn		
	2025-11-21 23:20:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Brenda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 23:30:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nicolaas Willem		
	2025-11-21 23:54:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Racist and draconian. We're back in Apartheid!	Adriaan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 01:17:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		ron		
	2025-11-22 01:53:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Leonora	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 02:05:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No to any additional expenses the economy is already strained due to government intervention	Debbie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 02:44:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bênie	Limpopo	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 03:03:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Saul	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 03:31:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		David	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 03:49:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This law is vague at best. What resources will be given? Why should business owners pay for this? This is not their idea, they did not agree to this. Why cant the Goverment fund its own ideas? It is funny that the Goverment talks about equality but impliments all these BEE laws. How is this equality? Equality for who? Why does the Goverment want to control the businesses? What will they do with the money? Is this just another bottomless pit for them to steal? Why does the Government punish the citizens in SA. If you have a problem with foreigners, then change the laws on foreigners, not the local citizens. There is too much corruption and this will just be another way to exploit the small business industry. The Government should not have this much power because they cannot be trusted with the authority they have now. Perhaps the Government should first sort out their own house before trying to take someone elses.	Karin		employed individual
	2025-11-22 04:02:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Adele	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 04:24:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is nothing more than a witch hunt to try and control which they can't now. Jobs are at risk here, corruption, red tape, etc.....	Pieter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 04:33:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Please tell Mr how this is going to grow business. This is just another way of controlling people and not encouraging businesses . Stop regulating everything and giving power to incompetent and unqualified people that can loot and destroy everything except a few selected cadre	A	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-22 04:40:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Tariq		
	2025-11-22 04:44:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hamish	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 04:49:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lulama	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:07:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Remove all red tape & stop victimizing people who earn an honest living.	Simon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:11:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Susan	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:13:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		David Schalk	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:16:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Once again, the government is attempting to restrict citizens' rights to free enterprise. Let the citizens have a say in how they earn their money and run their businesses, obviously all being legal and above board. Restricting rights is no way to better this country.	ALLAN	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:27:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	My concern is that this introduces new and sweeping powers of graft and could limit the small one man business - maybe even prevent the small fruit seller from making a living	Emile	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:27:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	My concern is that this introduces new and sweeping powers of graft and could limit the small one man business - maybe even prevent the small fruit seller from making a living	Emile	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:29:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gilbert	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 05:31:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Red tape, powers of inspection. More job losses. Stupidity.	Michelle S	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 05:34:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Running a business is already hard enough, there's no need to make things more difficult for us.	Steve	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:43:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		L	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:49:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The proposed Business Licensing Bill is an absurd step backward. A national registry controlled by municipalities invites corruption, selective enforcement and political favouritism. It threatens democratic freedom, empowers officials to discriminate against certain groups, and strangles entrepreneurship with bureaucracy. This will stifle growth, kill jobs and deepen dependence on the state instead of unleashing South Africa’s economic potential.	Ettienne	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:56:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not agree with this Bill	Monique	North West	
	2025-11-22 05:59:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mike	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:13:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Maybe government must start regulating the taxi industry and clamp down on illegal smugling of counterfit sigarettes and alcohol to reimburse their purse instead trying to regulate everything under the sun.	Andre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:16:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This would not help one man businesses and create more red tape which municipalities can not handle because of incompetence and lack of oversight. Rather encourage small businesses.	Elsie		retired
	2025-11-22 06:16:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This would not help one man businesses and create more red tape which municipalities can not handle because of incompetence and lack of oversight. Rather encourage small businesses.	Elsie		retired
	2025-11-22 06:16:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This would not help one man businesses and create more red tape which municipalities can not handle because of incompetence and lack of oversight. Rather encourage small businesses.	Elsie		retired
	2025-11-22 06:22:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Tyrone		retired
	2025-11-22 06:22:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Tyrone		retired
	2025-11-22 06:24:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Henriette	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-22 06:29:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rika	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:29:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rika	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:34:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Sal net 'n manier wees om deur korrupsie en bedrog vir die kaders op grond vlak te verryk.	Heini	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 06:36:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another way of forcing BEE down the throats of business owner. Excellent path to more fraud, corruption and total control.	Patricia	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:37:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Roelof	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 06:39:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	When will these stupid and corrupt Communists with our trillions of stolen tax money just disappear or die and leave us normal citizens alone to run the country. But then nobody can cure stupid and thick headedness. As long as the majority of voters are in the same stupid league. South Africa going to the dogs fast now I do not see a way out father shutdown and leave this cesspool.	Martin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:45:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Arthur	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:45:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No to all BEE laws and new ones, desentralizasion of government powers should be in order,	frederick	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:47:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Derek	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 06:48:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sarah	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:49:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We dont need more control in hands that dont understand business	Guido	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:50:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More BEE nonsense disguised as a working framework. An excuse to milk the existing businesses and deter the opening of new ones. This will lead to more bribery and corruption, closing of businesses and lack of jobs.	Gill	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:53:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is a very well ill attempt to add more red tape to the current compliance processes and already many people cannot afford any more red tape because it hits the pocket the hardest especially when the business is not even off the ground yet. Our people need to be able to have a registered business where by the compliance is streamlined and not have more pressure added.	Virginia	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:53:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is a very well ill attempt to add more red tape to the current compliance processes and already many people cannot afford any more red tape because it hits the pocket the hardest especially when the business is not even off the ground yet. Our people need to be able to have a registered business where by the compliance is streamlined and not have more pressure added.	Virginia	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:53:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This Bill seems to be bordering on dictatorship	Jean	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:53:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This Bill seems to be bordering on dictatorship	Jean	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-22 06:55:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Thus permits preferential licencing, insistence of BEE,. The people whose business is selling food at taxii ranks and else barely nake a living.	Beverley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:56:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Avril	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:57:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This corrupt government should have as little as possible control over anything, in-fact they should have no control at all.:	Jannie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:04:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	What about making business easier to do does the government not understand? Just another attempt to extort money from businesses.	Walter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:09:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Potential for unfair practices/discrimination Opportunity for extortion/bribery More Red tape and risk and costs so discourages investment All the above for no discernable benefit to the country	Peter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:10:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Are everyone in South Africa going to play tax how many Somalia parkistainns are here not paying eny thing but you want us to pay	Doreen	Limpopo	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 07:11:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Colin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:11:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another useless piece of legislation that will prevent job creation. Government should rather focus on legislation to deal with looting of tax coffers but Government itself	Gerrit Jacobus	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:12:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sakkie	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 07:17:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	As with all recent (ANC) regulations, proposed and implemented, said regulations always seem to restrict citizen's movements while empowering government's movements as we progress slowly towards Socialism. Governments powers are being extended at every opportunity. Instead, a broader view needs to be taken as the problems the bill seeks to address are merely "holes" in other legislation or the consequences of ineptitude in the implementation and enforcement of other non-directly-related legistation such as, National Security! (Do I need to spell this out!?)	Frederic	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:18:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Too much government interference in private business	Robert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:18:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Too much government interference in private business	Robert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:19:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Too much government interference in private business	Robert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:19:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Too much government interference in private business	Robert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:19:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sue	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 07:20:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Further red tape to complicate running a business and another costly process	Herb		retired
	2025-11-22 07:20:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Frances	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 07:25:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	They screwed up this entire country and now what to demolish it, Don’t fix that what is not broken , Focus on the corruption and crime that is haunting South Africa	Don	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:25:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ebrahim	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 07:26:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ellen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:27:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Maria	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:28:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	As long as taxes are paid and work/jobs created. What is the objective of licensing. Illegal operations will remain illegal and criminals will not adhere to licensing laws in any event. This will deter entrepreneurs from starting more businesses. South Africa is not a country without red tape and endless regulations that add an administrative duty on owners to comply with all the rules, regulations and reporting. Additional admin would require additional admin staff that is just not always affordable.	Ronnie	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:28:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Caron	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:30:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Brett		
	2025-11-22 07:31:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		David	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:32:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Louis	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 07:32:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	A reading of the bill demonstrates vague and contradictory allusion to the underlying reasons for the bill, uncertainty as to how it will be implemented, together with the added danger of devolving authority to local government level, which history has shown is a stratum of government fraught with incompetence, corruption and the preferential implementation of ill-conceived policies that serve narrow interest groups. It also seems that this bill is a "band aid" for covering over other areas where government has failed with implementation at a policy and regulatory level - my own sense is that this is a pure politics seeking to deal with illegal immigration, a lack of entrepreneurial flair among many and the need to be seen to deal with so called foreign traders. Do issues relating to BEE by sleight of hand and a masking of xenophobic views underly much of the content? Finally, my own experience is that there is very limited competence to implement this, let alone formulate polices at a level which interfaces directly with businesses.	Robin	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:34:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Fransie		
	2025-11-22 07:37:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Andre	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:38:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Victor	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:41:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Naresh	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:44:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government must stop using BEE and it’s principles.	Irene	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:46:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	limiting freedom of operation. too much room for for even more corruption. too much power in government to control. too much power with inspectors. overseas investment will withdraw. impossible to grow the economy with so much control. make further overheads. the government must take their hands off. they are killing the economy already and this is just more of tge same. STOP CORRUPTION AND THERE WILL BE A HUGE AMOUNT OF FINANCE AVAIL WITHOUT HAVING TO SUCK ECONOMY DRY	janice	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:47:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The requirement for businesses licenses is ridiculous. There is already so much red tape around starting businesses. This would further add that. This would also add to investment looking elsewhere instead of our already failing state. Adding more concern which is not required. The added steps would also lead to more opportunities for corruption which is already a big enough issue in the country. Now certain businesses would be able to bribe their way in or bribe that their competition doesn't get approval.	Brandon	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:47:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		mike		

	2025-11-22 07:48:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Again yet another STUPID IDEA, seriously the government wants to hold on to and control every business, sending their BEE personal who at the best of times do not know what they are doing, now the government will send out people to INSPECT a business they have no right to inspect, deciding to fine, close or what ever stupid reason they can think of, creating a greater stress factor to anyone starting or trying to recover from the Covid loss, many little business have closed turning all those workers out on the streets, adding to the job loss situation, adding to families living below the bread line. Instead of thinking up all these grandiose ideas "quick get rich schemes ", they should use the time and money to fix what is broken and try honestly to build back a working country where the population can once again be proud of our country.	jeanne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:49:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Its just governments trying to control all aspects of our lives	Geoff		
	2025-11-22 07:50:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Petro	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:50:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Efraim	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:57:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Werner	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 08:07:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will open the door for more fraud and corruption, since standards will not be the same throughout the nation, bribes will multiply and unethical behaviour will destroy what was put in place before.	Jacques	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:07:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Denise	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:10:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is nothing more than an ill disguised attempt by the ANC to gain even more control over all business and thereby enrich themselves further.	Michael		self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:16:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More corruption will be encouraged with this bill. Preferential licensing is counter democracy.	Wessel	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:17:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It will be negative for job creation, economical growth and enhance corruption.	Christine	North West	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:19:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just one more space for government employees to get their fingers on the taxpayers money. It is clearly a Soviet inspired idea and must be rejected.	Patrick	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:19:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mark		business owner
	2025-11-22 08:22:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another way of getting their hands on more money. It opens up more opportunities for corruption, bribery, extortion, blackmail, etc. In a country renown for all this, it's like walking into a trap, knowing it's a trap, seeing it's a trap, and still want to be caught in that trap. People have seen how this government operates. They are running out of options to feed the lavish lifestyles and are manufacturing rules and laws that will fatten them even more. Plus it just opens up yet more opportunity for preferential and discriminatory action against those very minorities who want our South African people to benefit from economic growth.	Cherry	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 08:23:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More "big brother" state, more red tape! Leave us to run businesses and create employment!!	Colleen	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:24:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	How does this benefit the country as a whole. There is a major difference between control and order. This is just control in disguise. We are not a communist country, or are we??? There is nothing wrong with the current system and the private sector in this country is the only sector that is truly flourishing, so why fix something that is not broken. In the long run, this new regulation will hurt our economy and not benefit it. Don’t be nieve and kill the goose that laid the golden egg.	Benjamin	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 08:25:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	With a corrupt government and with the ANC in charge it opens the door for more crime like stealing the taxpayers money	Louis	North West	retired
	2025-11-22 08:28:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jonathan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:30:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michael	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:30:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Eddie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:31:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another "" coat* for BEEE. The people cannot, they are totally unable to think rationally. They have to justify their salary so thy come up.with non-sense. They do not understand the basics of doing business, they are grossly overpaid puppets.	Cobus	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:31:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another "" coat* for BEEE. The people cannot, they are totally unable to think rationally. They have to justify their salary so thy come up.with non-sense. They do not understand the basics of doing business, they are grossly overpaid puppets.	Cobus	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:31:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support this at all. Tremendous red tape. Unneccessary extra control marginilising and discriminating and enforcing BEE in a different way. Nobody will be allowed to trade or have a little buiseness if they are not of the majority group in south Africa. It is Heinous that this is a further attempt to strangle the few surviving non black businesses. It is also an attemt to further BEE in that every buiseness if they dont have a black partner will be refused a liscence. This is just an excuses for total control and no freedom to operate. so another right to make a living which is basic to all rights and has been a basic right since man started trading is taken away and controlled.	Adele	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:32:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Cheryl	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 08:33:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Renier		
	2025-11-22 08:36:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Carlle-Lize	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:37:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will only put the country back further. We do not need more Government, we need less Government. Government's job is to stimulate the economy, attract business, but this Government does the exact opposite. This bill will be absolutely detrimental to 99.99% of South Africa, and will only benefit an elite few.	Louis	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:37:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will only put the country back further. We do not need more Government, we need less Government. Government's job is to stimulate the economy, attract business, but this Government does the exact opposite. This bill will be absolutely detrimental to 99.99% of South Africa, and will only benefit an elite few.	Louis	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:40:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		H		
	2025-11-22 08:44:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We need less regulation, not more, to stimulate businesses to grow and employ more people - this stupid proposal will do the opposite.	Rob	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:47:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bruce	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:01:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	While the service of some municipalities might be acceptable, most have terrible client service for basic municipality services. Besides this, once corruption (which is in the news daily) is not dealt with, this is another opportunity for bribes and favouritism to breed, and an unnecessary change to a system which is already working.	Tony	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:01:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Henry	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:01:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	If this proposed bill was to gather information, the information could rather be gathered from CIPC and SARS., or in other ways. This proposed Bill smacks of BEE in disguise!	Ross	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:02:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Johannes	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 09:02:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No trust in this proposal.	Ansa	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:07:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Edward	Western Cape	

	2025-11-22 09:07:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Edward	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 09:16:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Small and medium enterprises in South Africa are not neccessarily registered since they are mostly one-man/ woman businesses or family businesses. Forcing them now to register and comply to certain legislative principles which are not clear in the legislation, but left in the hands of inspectors, will destroy many businesses in South Africa and render them subject to the whims of inspectors. This bill will destroy free enterprise and turn South Africa into a communist state.	Kleinste	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:21:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	If you are not able to run a business, be it from home or renting premises, you are going to land up with kickbacks from the inspectors, there will eventually be no generation of income, at the end of the day, the municipalities will have NO money to run the municipality with. Which municipality today, run by the ANC is in the green, which one gets audited. It is just sooo amazing that they are able to come up with such tosh to bring our country down further.	Elizabeth	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 09:22:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	What a load of BS. Those with the smarts will simply move their businesses online and the people this is supposed to help will just be left scrambling for the scraps.	Jacques		
	2025-11-22 09:25:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just more control for the bigger plan.	Johan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:32:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Paul		
	2025-11-22 09:33:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nicole	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:34:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The ridiculous over-reach of the government is a great cause for concern. The business sector, battling to survive in a climate in which government is doing little to nothing to stimulate the economy whilst they plunder resources for their own pockets. I do not support this proposal in any form. Fix the country and stop meddling in the affairs of business and citizens!	Mark	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:35:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Absolutely far too much power to the government and indeed just BEE in disguise. How can this encourage free enterprise, competition and even investment. We already have the most unproductive workforce who have the most rights. Stop killing this economy and open it up. Fair competition and much more freedom to create jobs can only be good	eddy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:38:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Claire	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:45:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The bill is wrong. Do not redesign the wheel.	Carwyn		
	2025-11-22 09:46:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is way too open to abuse, unnecessary, and open to be used to entrench BEE and other policies / preferences that are contrary to the rule of law. It gives way too much discretionary power to officials. It increases the cost of government and will thus further impoverish the country with wasted and counterproductive use of taxes. It will very likely impinge on the constitutional right to work and of freedom of association giving discretionary power to an official to fine a business or withdraw / not grant a license. It increases the cost and risk of doing business and so will lead to higher unemployment. It will drive investment away instead of attracting fixed investment and so lead to greater poverty.	Richard		unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 09:49:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Ek kan geen rede sien waarvoor hierdie lisensieering nodig is nie. Die korupte kommuniste wil net meer mag en beheer uitoefen. Dan het die informele handel n vrypas om te verkoop net wat hulle wil. Hulle betaal nie belasting nie en is nie onderhewig aan die gesondheid en veiligheid wette nie.	Jan	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:50:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government want to control the private sector to get more money.	Jaco	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:52:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It sounds like a dangerous tool in the hands of government and municipalities. They can't even keep their register of gun ownership, now they are embarking on something potentially sinister. We already have too much paperwork compliance.	Lawrence	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:54:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is very much BEE in disguise ! So a one-man business who has built up a good customer base over years of hard work could lose his business at the whim of an inspector because the owner is not previously disadvantaged. The government should be looking to repair what they have damaged, SAA, Eskom, Post Office, Denell, Roads Dpt, Railways, Education, Health etc instead of thinking up ways to control business practice. This will lead to job losses. Government must note. There are les people employed now as there were prior to 1994.	Stuart	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:00:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Good day, This is another way of government controlling everything to the detriment of the people. We own a 101-year-old family business. 99% of our employee's arte ethnic black. This has the potential to put us out of business because we do not comply to the government's ideology, thereby causing workers, some of whom have been with us for 40 years, to lose their income. This is just an example of a very real possibility if this goes ahead. This shows the brillant minds that dreamt up this nonsensical, unnecessary legislation.	Siegfried	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:01:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Verna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:09:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This opens the door for more corruption. The municipalities already don't do their job now they want to give more power to the inept and corrupt. I is already challenging to run a business in this country and they want to give us more hurdles to navigate. This will cost jobs.	Lesley	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:09:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This opens the door for more corruption. The municipalities already don't do their job now they want to give more power to the inept and corrupt. I is already challenging to run a business in this country and they want to give us more hurdles to navigate. This will cost jobs.	Lesley	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:09:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Noni	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 10:10:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	COJ cannot even do billing correctly. how will they be able to do this as well.	Lettie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:10:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	In a country where unemployment is skyrocketing we certainly don’t need more legislation to inhibit small businesses in any form or disguise. Countries that support free - market principles often create environments where businesses and entrepreneurs can thrive, whereas more centrally controlled economies may face challenges that can hinder entrepreneurial development.	Wayne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:14:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This opens the door for more corruption. The municipalities already don't do their job now they want to give more power to the inept and corrupt. I is already challenging to run a business in this country and they want to give us more hurdles to navigate. This will cost jobs.	Edwin	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:15:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Felicity	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:17:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ian	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-22 10:18:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Edith	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:18:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Potential to restrict job opportunities created by business reluctance to accept proposals as have been laid out by government! Our unemployment is already among the highest in the world!! Let us not risk any further deterioration.	Paddy	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:19:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Duncan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:20:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lisa	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:24:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just an another way to feed the fat cats and to implement communism	Christine	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:27:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Having a small business is difficult enough without having people eho have no knowlege or intellect with your budiness sticking their noses in.	Alette		unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 10:29:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		ronny	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:29:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Cecil	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:29:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bee		

	2025-11-22 10:35:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No to everything associated with this bill - how many people do they want on the streets? Nothing ever turns out successful, just another money making scheme with no benefit for businesses or their workers.	Theresa	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:40:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kristen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:50:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gretha		business owner
	2025-11-22 10:56:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	There are a lot of reasons this is a bad idea. It's a long list. Just for starters the administration of these licenses and the powers allocated are onerous and not representative of a true free market system. The impact will be less incentive for new business owners to start a business, more admin and red tape, dealing with more officialdom. If the government truly want to see our economy and employment grow then the primary requirement is to reduce the burden of red tape, non-sensical compliance requirements and make it easier for business to operate. This change will achieve the opposite.	Stephen	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:00:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Janine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:06:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Robert	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:09:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		liyema	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:13:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		mike	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:13:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This would be to the detriment of small businesses and is just another way of enhancing BEE implementation. It is further red tape and licensing every five years is further red tape and cost. It would emerge as inefficient as the renewal of ID's, passports, vehicle and drivers licenses.	Chris	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:19:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Harriett	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:24:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sarie	North West	retired
	2025-11-22 11:27:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Aleksandar	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:27:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Unacceptable eliminates rights to trade and against my constitutional mandate .	Patricia	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:29:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Refuse to support a law that is punted by a bunch of inexperienced, gluttonous, prejudiced trough munching failures who intent to flood the country with laws that will only set up the country to further slide down the pit of utter destruction - you cannot trust them, there is no good to come from this - laws aimed at exclusion don't fix, it destroys - stop this!	John	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 11:29:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Refuse to support a law that is punted by a bunch of inexperienced, gluttonous, prejudiced trough munching failures who intent to flood the country with laws that will only set up the country to further slide down the pit of utter destruction - you cannot trust them, there is no good to come from this - laws aimed at exclusion don't fix, it destroys - stop this!	John	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 11:32:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	not only is this unworkable, but it will also stifle economic growth. it will make criminals of any start up entrepreneur and make entrepreneurship even harder in this country than it already is. we need policies that are enabling, that unlock and assist anybody wanting to take a risk on starting up their own business which in turn will drive employment and the economic growth. the bill if adopted will increase corruption, by giving more power to inept and already dysfunctional local municipalities.	Alex	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:35:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The bill allows for biased licencing and contravenes the principle value of choice and free trade.	Fiorna	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:40:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another "legal" form of micro and macro managing the people who work hard to earn their money. What about the taxi industry. This is just a way to control all the people by means of AI, just like SARS and the whole world. Very soon it will be digital ID to be enforced.	Deon	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:54:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We have too many obstacles to a functional and abundant business environment as is. We definitely don't need more municipal licenses. Especially licenses administered by overworked municipalities who are currently struggling to provide even the most basic services. The potential issues include even more bureaucratic red tape, licenses, fees, regulations and assessments by potentially unqualified and or corrupt officials. The proposed business license is a barrier to create jobs and employment and a nightmare for entrepreneurs , business owners and start-ups. We have enough regulations in place for businesses.	Antoinette	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:55:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Donovon	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:58:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Daveda	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:58:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Daveda	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 12:10:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We have 100 plus laws and regulations that foil registration of businesses and fuel corruption. An average of 1 000 companies deregister monthly.	Hein		
	2025-11-22 12:13:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		janet	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 12:14:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The SA. Government is over legislating the economy. A free economy will empower more people and lift the country out of this stagnation.	Annelise	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:14:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The SA. Government is over legislating the economy. A free economy will empower more people and lift the country out of this stagnation.	Annelise	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:14:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hj		
	2025-11-22 12:18:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kevin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:19:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More bureaucracy will not help the shrinking economy.	Ulrich		
	2025-11-22 12:19:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jonathan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 12:22:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Adrian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:23:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another way that the ANC wants to control who has businesses and who doesn't. They want only a certain lot of people to own the business and also they want to fill their coffers with extra money because their "sacrificial lambs" are reducing in numbers because of the BEE "laws".	Charles		retired
	2025-11-22 12:28:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Cheryl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:30:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ian	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 12:31:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sasabona	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 12:33:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Stop making policies to only enhance the select few and politically connected few whilst the rest of the economy suffers daily and endlessly! PLEASE STOP THIS NONSENSE!!	Lesleyann	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 12:34:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	this government has only one objective and that is too strangle the life out of any business not controlled by them or their cadres. with the state of employment these days South Africa can ill afford this kind of legislation.	David	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-22 12:37:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Danie		retired
	2025-11-22 12:40:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Every aspect of this bill is a concern.All principles of the bill,It gives an over reach of power to inspectors and opens the doors to preferential liscensing.This will be completely impractical as most municipalities are not operational.It will add une essay red tape,impose unecessary restrictions on business and trade and in this way cause more labor and employment issues as well as cause unexessary burdens on business,thus affecting trade and economics.	Shelly	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:43:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We already have too much interference and regulation by the state and all of this adds to the expenses and workload of a business. We need a business-friendly environment, not more attempts at social engineering. I develop custom software and why would I need a license from government or local authorities to operate?	Petrus	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:47:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Di	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:09:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will further discourage investment into South Africa. Where the current government tries it's best to drive away foreign investors, this will drive away South Africans, especially whites.	Francois		
	2025-11-22 13:14:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Pieter	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 13:17:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Cassidy	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 13:25:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		S		
	2025-11-22 13:28:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Caleb	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:28:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Louis	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:28:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		marc	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 13:30:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bert-Paul	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 13:37:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Let business entrepreneurs decide	Andre	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 13:38:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another attempt by the cadres to extract money which they can divert to their own use. If it passes, it must be opposed constitutionally	John	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 13:40:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		colleen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:41:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Dorothy		
	2025-11-22 13:42:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Other way to control our every move!! Job creation???	Jentina	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:01:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another way to push BEE. More red tape. Loading municipalities with more rules and regulations when they cannot even cope or be bothered by existing red tape . It will be a disaster and the delays would be horrendous. The inspectors are going to accept bribes while the municipalities loaf, play games and chat while not doing their job. This is based on experience. People want a job but don't want to work.	Ian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 14:04:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Some people are doing it for a living; to supply food for their children and some are on very small scale. To obtain a license to do so is going cost them more money and time. To adhere to this might not even be applicable to all. This is just more red tape and in my opinion another BEE and money making scam and an effort to disqualify certain groups. This will seriously hurt legitimate businesses that have been running for many years.	David	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 14:16:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Shari	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 14:25:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		gert	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:29:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Have a look at the National Transport licencing. It is a disaster. Not to mention other licencing redtape.	Leigh-Ann	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:30:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marinda	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:33:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Chrisstoffel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 14:34:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	My business is legitimately registered with CIPC. I can see no valid reason whatsoever, for our totalitarian government to introduce yet another hurdle to business (legitimate) practice. Additional cost, additional red tape, but achieving nothing in the greater scheme of things. The government should be making our economic activities easier, not more difficult. This licencing will simply deter businesses from taking an active part in our economy. DTI, wake up and smell the roses ! You're supposed to encourage economic activity, not to stifle it !	Gwilym	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:36:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Millicent	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-22 14:37:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	My concern is much broader, and includes aspects of everything listed. Potential for abuse. Discriminatory. Value destroying. Limited to no benefit. Businesses already register with CIPC. Potential abuse as a money making scheme. For a country in dire need of economic growth, it is lunacy to make doing business harder. May also be a breach of rights which should be investigated.	Gary		
	2025-11-22 14:42:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We should be encouraging businesses based on sound capitalist free market principles, not creating unnecessary red tape stopping employment .	Wayne	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 14:46:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rob	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:50:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	"DTI said the Bill is intended to modernise outdated legislation and create a uniform system where all businesses register with and obtain licences from their local municipalities, replacing the current Business Act of 1991." Objection 1: The DTI statement of intent does not list any/all deficiencies nor does the DTI state the problems with the current act and systems (that support registration of businesses) which the proposed new Bill is to address. To "modernise" is insufficient justification for any review in law. Objection 2: Licensing for a business for a limited period before renewal would be due is discriminatory. It is common knowledge that it takes 5+ years to build and stabilise a new business. Objection 3: Licensing by Municipalities is decentralisation. This Bill open to discretion and has much potential of abuse, including fraudulent actions. Objection 4: There is no / insufficient oversight, including supporting systems, on licensing including renewals thereof. Objection 5: Mismanagement of municipalities expenditure vs budget is the norm in most municipalities throughout SA resulting in more than 70% qualified audits. Municipalities have long held little credibility in their actions and processes. To empower municipalities that would hold licensing & renewal responsibilities that would affect businesses' futures is not sensible. Objection 6: The proposed Bill places addition cost burdens on businesses that will no doubt escalate annually. Municipal costs are currently increasing annually way above inflation (e.g. water, electricity, effluent, municipal rates on fixed property, etc.), ranging from 8% to 14% depending on the "services", all of which are having a disastrous compounding effect on small to medium businesses and consumers. The DTI have lost touch with the realities and challenges of small to medium sized businesses. Sadly, the intervention of this proposed Bill will cause many, many hardships and problems!!	Gary	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-22 14:52:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Maybe if municipalities actually could do their job to begin with , this could be imagined to be managed by them. But they can't do their jobs so they can't be trusted with livelihoods. Plus more red tape, more costs added to doing business.	Guinivere	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-22 14:56:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Eric		
	2025-11-22 15:05:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another way to discriminate and control new businesses and to bring in race. More job losses will prevail and scare away investors.	Anton	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:05:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	WEF policy to prevent people to work for themselves and to force people to be dependent on the state. Evil practice and just to control the means of production. New world order in the making.	Duan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:22:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Can't fix potholes or traffic lights or paint road markings. The price of electricity is outrageous and the supply is problematic but government wants more red tape nonsense. Never will I pay another tax disguised as a license fee.	Gareth	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:25:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nigel	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:44:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Charles	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:48:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Make it easier for people to start businesses, we need the economy to grow.	Regardt	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:48:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Thabiso	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:49:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jill	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:59:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Anne		
	2025-11-22 15:59:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jane	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:01:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	As a small business owner running costs are already taking most of the income. To have another item that needs to be applied en paid for is not feasible for my small business. And then having the possibility of not receiving approval for license is detrimental to the families that my business cares for. This is another way of making money, by introducing another BEE requirement.	Yolandie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:06:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another way for government to discriminate and gain access to the binness sector to promote BEE and extort minorities and or legalise confiscation with out compensation of business.	Simon	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:18:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No assistance from government, or only in a corrupt way, but yet another thing residents and businesses have to do. No, thank you!	Birgit	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:23:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Autocratic interference by government in business, chokes economic growth and kills democracy.	Hilary	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:25:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Paul		retired
	2025-11-22 16:25:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another communist trick to destroy the private business!!Most of municipalities are not in a position to run a fish and chips business be that the controller! !	Theuns		
	2025-11-22 16:28:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Wynand	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:32:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ulu	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:33:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gareth	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:38:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another way to regain the control they lost, and a deterrent for entrepreneurs to do business and create jobs. We need jobs to curb the crime and the associated demise, NOT MORE RED TAPE. so that the thieving government can line their pockets again.	Frederick	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:44:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Het ons nog n wet nodig om besighede te kontroleer. My besigheid is n 1 mans saak met 2 konsultante wat vir my werk. Wat wil hul bereik met die wetgewing? Gaan dit die ekonomie stimulated om tr groei? Ek dink nie so nie. Die regering moet hul hande uit privaat sektor hou.	Anida	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:47:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Every South African citizen should have the right to operate a business anywhere in South Africa without restrictions. Government laws preventing the operation of a business because of draconian restrictions and subjective rules should nit be allowed.	Paul	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:50:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	My biggest concern is that it gives to much power to the Government over who can create businesses and whom can renew it as they can deny any of it even to existing businesses. I believe everyone has the right to create a business in this country and this bill will limit any new and existing businesses of this.	Johann	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:52:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jim		
	2025-11-22 16:59:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Patrick	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:10:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This proposal is extremely dangerous and is yet another attempt in disguise as usual by the ANC, to take more and ever-deeper and closer control over all activities of citizens in true Marxist/Leninist fashion. It will in it's least intrusive form add another layer of form-filling bureaucracy and additional cost to all businesses, with particular damaging effect on small business. BTW, to a person operating a business at the micro level, the present definition of "small" is quite ludicrous, when we see that to be "50 or less employees"!	Stewart	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:11:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	So now the Government chooses if I can run a business.. and if I meet their current conditions. We are struggling already with business closing ... Licensing it will only make it worse.	David	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:12:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	There is no good reason to introduce new regulations which could result in detrimental outcomes.	Jennifer	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:16:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The state is prioritising political goals over market principles and basic constitutional rights.	DIETHELM	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:26:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ivan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:44:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The Business Licensing Bill will massively increase red tape by forcing every business to obtain a five-year municipal licence, giving inspectors broad powers to shut down operations and confiscate goods. Economists warn this will damage investment and cost jobs, especially because municipalities already struggle to manage existing systems. The Bill also allows demographic “preference” in licensing, which risks discrimination and turns business approvals into political gatekeeping rather than a fair, functional process.	Glenda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:44:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I am completely opposed to this for all of the reasons you have mentioned above.	Amanda	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:46:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mark	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:50:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Principles of business licensing must be consistent for all businesses and not inconsistent for specific businesses. This has to be non biased, but as per previous experiences, we've dealt with many biased individuals siding with certain companies because they were paid.	Stanley	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 17:54:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mac	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-22 17:54:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marita	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 17:55:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	In our current economy pathways to operating a business should be made easier not more difficult. Most municipalities in SA are corrupt and underperforming at best, failing dismally at worst. The current system is working fine, this bill will create havoc and give way too much power to already drunk-on-power officials. It spells the end of entrepreneurship and smacks of government overreach and political intervention and infringement of our civil liberties. No business organization has called for this. The People have not called for this. This will kill the spirit of small and medium businesses and leave their structures open and vulnerable to corporate control. It is undemocratic, immoral, unnecessary and if you exam it closely you will find that it is not in the interests of businesses or the organizations of business groups or in the interests of growing the middle class economy. It is a blatant power grab, one that seems to have dubious motives and lacks the kind od trust that the business owner deserves and needs to allow their businesses to flourish. It is not in the interests of anyone other than those making the rules. It should be abandoned with immediate effect.	Tomas	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:58:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The licencing is just windowdressing for another scheme designed for bribery & corruption - time limits imply that recurring cost and administration efforts would apply which is contraproductive to our ailing economy	Mike	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 18:01:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Andrew	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 18:02:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I oppose the Business Licensing Bill. It creates extra red tape for businesses that are already struggling. We already register with CIPC and SARS, so another licence is unnecessary. This Bill will hurt small and informal businesses, slow down new business creation, and increase the risk of harassment from inspectors. Municipalities cannot manage their current duties, so they will not be able to run another licensing system. It also becomes another way for government to collect more money instead of fixing real problems like crime, load shedding, and failing infrastructure. This Bill makes it harder for people to earn a living.	Shaun	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:10:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Billy	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 18:22:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	don't understand why this is necessary	Hans	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 18:25:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Peter	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:27:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Graham	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:28:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Eddy		employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:28:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Eddy		employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:28:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The bill will not be conducive to business development and job creation	Johannes	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 18:30:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lane	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 18:30:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lane	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 18:30:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We have so much rules and regulations that it just strangles bussiness and the amount of red tape is enough to smother entrepreneur's aspirations - we need less regulations, NOT more	Heinrich	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:34:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The aim of this government seems to the eradication of white owned business. In principle, the registration and monitoring of businesses can be a good system. It can regulate and monitor standards etc. However, when inclusion and Bbeee is the underlying motive, the idea of business and promoting a healthy, competitive business environment suffers. One of the most unregulated business is the taxi environment. Will this industry be regulated and monitored to pay appropriate taxes? Will this bill eliminate corruption under the business banner? If not, is is just another racist envious move to destabilise white owned businesses.	Thinus	Free State	
	2025-11-22 18:36:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Brad	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 18:37:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Wayne	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:44:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mariska	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 18:52:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hanre	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:52:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Machel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 18:52:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Machel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 18:56:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	People should be free to trade, do business and earn a living for themselves, without the "approval" from someone else.	Joe		
	2025-11-22 19:05:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Morne	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:07:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Naomi	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:10:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is suppose to be a free country. Stop introducing more ways to corrupt society and stifle entrepreneurship, innovation and people making a living for themselves.	Andre'	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:20:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		paul	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 19:21:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Every citizen should be allowed to start a business and every citizen should have the right to continue in business if they so prefer, and not to have a 5 year review with external influence on whether they can continue or not.	Corne	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:27:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Vanessa	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:29:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rachelle		
	2025-11-22 19:30:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Wouter	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:32:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Our municipality can’t currently collect rates and taxes from farmers because for 3 years they have not emailed the invoices out. The farmers union has supplied the municipality with email addresses but still nothing has happened. How are they going to implement this.	Grant	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:33:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Willem	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 19:39:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I don't believe that this will be beneficial to the economy and poses a risk to existing and prospective businesses	Monique	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:39:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Laura	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-22 19:47:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	1. It is my human right to work - this bill makes it a government -bestowed priviledge, and THAT is unconstitutional. 2. It does not streamline anything at all - it adds yet another layer of intrusive, bullying, corruption infested "Government Bureaucracy" to an economy that is staggering under the load of rampant Govt mismanagement and institutionalised criminality. 3. It is racist - deliberately so - and adds yet another set of verbage to the endless pile of legislation that ATTACKS minorities, but most especially whites. Its authors are, by the fact that they have drafted this garbage, themselves demonstrably RACIST. 4. It will increase the push to 'informal', off-the-books, business practice while causng the closure many other SME's. 5. It will UNJUSTLY criminalise many existing SME's. 6. It will add to unemployment - who knows how much, but likely very, very significant. Alternatives? ---------- 1. Scrap the bill in its entirety. It is worthless (BUSA, HSF etc. are far too measured and polite about it - it is a pile of unneccessary garbage, worthy only of 4-letter words by way of description). 2. Remove the minister - she is a useless, communist, economically incompetent fool - and, since the bill is racist, one has to assume she is a racist as well. 3. Restructure the DTI: >> Remove EVERY cadre-deployed individual (which means the entire management). >> Replace the minister with a real SA Business Leader - and not a 'beneficiary' of largesse from the ANC Govt - it must be someone who has actually started and run their own business i.e. NO ANC / EFF / MK money-grubber / hypocritical communist type. >> All key appointments to be of people who have real world commercial experience in the business world, including SME's, but also larger concerns. 4. Total business resistance to this rubbish bill - the ANC ('DTI') has NO right to tell business how to conduct itself at this level. It has failed all of SA abysmally - it needs to fix its own messes first.	Richard		business owner
	2025-11-22 19:56:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Ek dink besigheid is goed vir werkskepping wat SA broodnodig het en moet nie aan ras of rasgetalle gebind word nie. Inspekteurs se regte moet ook beperk word.	Ekizabeth	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 19:57:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Emmanuel	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:03:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No. This is wrong.	Deon	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:03:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No. This is wrong.	Deon	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:20:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ivor	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 20:28:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It could allow for licences to be issued to one operator in a region therefore creating a monopoly with no competition allowed. What about small home industry businesses selling a few hundred rands of products at flea markets every weekend, inspectors going to confiscate their goods?	Mark	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:33:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Victor	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:35:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This does not contribute to a free and open market economy.	JOHANNES	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:38:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		CHARLES	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:39:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kevin		
	2025-11-22 20:39:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Colin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:40:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government is destroying businesses with all these regulations. Already the businesses are struggling to keep head above water. Now the government wants create jobs for pals at our expense.	Siegfried	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:45:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Anyone should remain free to register and run a business. If there are any issues with businesses contravening their current requirements, it is up to the authorities to pursue action with the problem entities and not mandate more legislation that illegal businesses will not adhere to at all, as in current scenarios. If you want to mandate racial basis in control of business, say it like the Apartheid government did and don't hide behind words and nuances. The ANC government is cowardly and and criminal in wanting to legislate unconstitutional legislation but put it in words that are pure vapour and typical of their manipulations that everyone can see but the ANC plays charades of making the process public and legal while intending to put into place whatever they wish according to their agenda, which is socialist and communist and making every citizen of the of this country a prisoner of ANC party policy. They don't have a sufficient majority to get what they want so they play smoke and mirrors with their ignorant constituency and show the finger to the rest, though the "rest" is the new majority.	Scott	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:50:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ricky	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:51:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This it’s disgusting. Always looking for ways to cripple hard working South Africans Target those that don’t abide by the laws but don’t further cripple those whose businesses are already registered	C		
	2025-11-22 20:58:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Byron		self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:05:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Willem	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 21:07:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Janet		
	2025-11-22 21:07:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jennifer	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 21:09:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Anyone should remain free to register and have a business. If businesses contravene the current requirements, the authorities already in place should address that. We do not need for already corrupt and bankrupt or heavily indebted municipalities to get a finger in the pie, costing more money to already tight budgets in businesses that are adding to the economy. Illegal businesses will in any way not adhere to this legislation, therefore no need to punish those that are law abiding. Also, the hint to racial preferance is an abomination. To mandate on the basis of race is outrageous, unconstitutional and the biggest divider of people. To divide people was part of the agenda for long enough and is totally unacceptable. This bill will also open more opportunity for corruption, it should be banned.	Madelein	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 21:13:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is basically to license, limit and enforce yet another charge and regulation on a person for the right to be employed or create employment for others ! How outrageous to always find ways to create obstacles for real growth and economic development in this country !	Natalie		
	2025-11-22 21:15:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	South African business owners are trying so hard to keep the economy balls in the air. So many people are already losing their income due to businesses closing down. Is this government so communistic, that they want the people to lose their jobs in order for them to rely solely on government for social grants? This is out and out state control and the people don't realise this is busy happening. This is also another way to help bankrupt municipalities to collect money in such a despicable manner.	Drikie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 21:17:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is completely rejected	Brett	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 21:25:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Liana	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 21:25:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Thomas		
	2025-11-22 21:41:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sonia		
	2025-11-22 21:48:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Reinhardt	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-22 22:04:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Stewart	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 22:22:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michael	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 22:27:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Discrim8nation in discise.	Christa		
	2025-11-22 22:36:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	ONS land is reeds n Rommel land, 155+ maatskappye word elke maand toegemaak , en nou wil julle die maatskappye aanval met regulasies om amal te beheer, wat n grap. Maak eerder planne om die land te red van die anc, hulle kan nie eers vir hul eie mense sorg nie, steel hospitale (Thembisa) van 2.3 Biljoen rand , en arm mense gaan dood, anc lewe net vir hul self. Dit is tyd vir n nuwe regering wat sal omgee vir sy belasting betalers, ongeag van kleur!!!	Jacobus	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 22:37:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Johannes	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 22:53:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marion	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 22:56:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		e	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 23:19:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Brian	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 23:32:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is a communist action	Carl	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 23:42:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Amanda	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 23:50:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		William	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 23:54:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Maurice	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 00:09:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Niel	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 01:55:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kyle Justin	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 02:24:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Piet	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 02:32:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is beyond ridiculous, a money making racket. Companies are registered with CIPC, pay taxes and vat. Some companies even contribute to medical aid and pension or profident fund for employees. Now, they need a business licence, those contributions have to buy the so called inspector's car, his salary etc. What for? Job creation? Power to the" speedcop "who comes around to the business to "inspect". Rubbish idea.	Kathleen	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 02:56:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Pierre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 03:24:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Leave a system in place that is working. Do they know how to work for an honest days work. The challenges in business are becoming more. Have they not messed up enough. Look at transnet, Post office. Sabc. Sa police. Health. Education. Municipalities. Speecd cops. Mines. Telkom. Etc . loss of businesses. Roads. Pot holes. Driving on deaths roads. Everything is in a mess. Drug lords. Human trafficking. Corruption. Greed. Lies. Stealing. Bee 100 only benefited . Dishonesty. What else do they want to ruin? Foreigners too many. . Scammers. Job losses. Please save South Africa. We are all struggling To make ends meet. We work harder to survive. Lost skills. Parks for homeless and not for children?????? To play?. Start building up instead of breaking down. We must work together. Not against each other. So help us God. Get old systems back in place. Foreigners taking over instead of empowering our own people.	Averil	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-23 04:27:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The entire procedure is already burdensome and onerous, discouraging people from creating businesses and employment opportunities.	Michael	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 04:39:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The sentiment that burdensome and onerous procedures discourage entrepreneurship is widely supported by research, particularly in the context of South Africa. Excessive red tape, complex regulations, and the high cost of compliance are consistently identified as major inhibitors of new business creation and job growth.	Jane	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 04:45:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Pierre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 05:34:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Graham	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:41:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Joan		self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:43:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another way to control the people that the ANC can capitalize with froude and Marxism and a new way for them to full their pockets	Wesley		employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:43:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		George	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 05:49:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gavin	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:55:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not concent to government intervention to administer control over anybody by registration! Registration is handing over power and authority into the hands of another! Souvrenty has to prevail, and the will and freedom for a people to earn a living under natural law is inalienable! As long as a individual or group of people conduct any activity to gain and work for a living and providing a service to fellowman , with no intent,cause or effect to harm anyone, such person or persons must be free to do so without hindrance, interference or registration to anyone? The only reason such a law is implied is for the sole reason of control, oppression and unlawful extraction of money to another entity, with no gain to the individual or group of people this tyranny is enforced upon! No one, and at very least government should be tolerated to undermine basic freedom under natural law! This is not negotiable, and deserves only total rejection! Basic freedom is a God given right! Government, stop interfering, you have no mandate neither authority to proceed!	Eckart	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:55:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I already pay for a lot of licence an can not afford any more	Augusta	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 05:57:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	A license for a business is a license to operate- that’s it With all the corruption we have had and still have there is no place for this nonsense. It is just rediculous how a country that needs to stimulate businesses where there is virtually no growth and the incompetence that has no accountability. This is a means of manipulating the current struggling economy where the taxpayer cannot afford these constraints. Wonder what costs are incurred by government to change a bill- what a waste of taxpayers money!!!!	Andre’	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:07:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	People are struggling to survive and make ends meet already. Why should we have to pay for another lisence. If someone sells something for an extra income, without any harm to others, let them do so without adding another burden of political control which only adds to more corruption.	Christel		unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 06:11:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bryan	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-23 06:11:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is a reversal to the terrible past. Removing the licensing requirements except when it affect public safety was a positive move. Killing small business is going to further depress the already high unemployment rate	Kevin	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:15:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Malcolm		
	2025-11-23 06:18:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gary	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:18:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gary	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:19:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Charles	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 06:21:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	licensing is not good for competition where it gives a right to one it prevents the right from everyone else. It is already difficult to start a business with far too much red tape. Creating more red tape will prevent many start ups. That will in turn result in LESS employment and a further increase in our terrible unemployment rate	Jan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 06:21:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		D	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 06:25:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Unfortunately basic laws are not even adhered to. The council don't even send an account and basic accounting isn't followed. It's overdue and general greed for no care of what truly matters is played with. Those who talk of investing only do so to take from our country and when we dig a hole we fall into it.	Avryl	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 06:25:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Frans	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:27:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Austen	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 06:27:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Noel	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 06:28:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We need a smaller government, and with that far less government overreach. With an economy struggling, don't add a new barrier to business, rather enable business. Also our municipalities can't get basics right, but now you expect them to be efficient and managing this, no way.	Andrew	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:32:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Deseree		Non-profit
	2025-11-23 06:33:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bonnie	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 06:35:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Willem	Northern Cape	
	2025-11-23 06:42:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Bee in disguise and why change something that is working, or is this another attempt of corruption from the comrades	Victor	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:49:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I believe this is just a new way of corruption at its purest form….	Sjanelle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:50:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jeannie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 06:51:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:51:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government should never have so much power over those which they are suppose to uphold. This ANC is just a mockery, just a bunch of "freedom fighter" playing country-country! Let the people govern themselves!!!!	Tom	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:52:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gustav	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:57:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Peter		business owner
	2025-11-23 07:01:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Small business in south Africa are already struggling with low growth rates are high costs adding more red tape and more inspectors is most certainly not going to help them growth.	Duncan		
	2025-11-23 07:06:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Alanm	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:09:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Anna		
	2025-11-23 07:11:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Businesses cannot afford control by government. Anything government touches will fail as they know nothing about business.	Fanie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:12:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hardie	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 07:15:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It appears that Government wants to create more jobs and earn more revenue thru fines in a most unnecessary way. This must be stopped at all cost.	David	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 07:19:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Small businesses also greatly contribute to the economy. This will force more people to close their businesses and in turn hurt the economy. Self sabotaging should be the name of this bill. There is no good reasoning behind this licensing, apart from making money for themselves.	Shari	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:23:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		R A	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 07:24:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerhard	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:27:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Businesses already need to register. Local municipalities are dysfunctional and corrupt and will only use this to get financial kickbacks. Also, why is the licence only valid for 5 years? Another money-making scheme. Small businesses already struggle to keep going.	Seamus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:30:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We only have to look at the state of Municipalities across the country to know the mess this bill will be in and very quickly. having to renew your licence every five years is just another TAX. more to steal.	Edward		retired
	2025-11-23 07:30:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kobus		
	2025-11-23 07:37:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sharon	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:38:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		sarel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:38:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Over my dead body, and I mean literally, over my dead body!	Glen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:40:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Unemployment is already high. This bill will make unfavourable to run business in South Africa	Janice	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:42:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Astrid	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:48:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will harm local, small, sart-up businesses, the municipality is not up to standard. If we know that the system will be efficient and fair, maybe - but it's not. You'd ultimately control who is allowed to have a business, and who is not, this crushes entrepreneurship starting young.	Jani	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:53:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Desire	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-23 07:53:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Loren	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:54:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jaco	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:55:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		michael	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 07:55:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		michael	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 07:58:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Desire	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 07:59:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Philip	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 08:00:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	All details regarding my business is already well documented with CIPC. No need for yet another fee to be paid, you want info, go look there.	Ina	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:05:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gregory	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:09:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gert	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:13:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The bill will not only place more administrative burden on SMMEs, but it will also open the door for discrimination. The licensing authority will have final say over whether a SMME can trade or not, and this gives off "Animal Farm" vibes ... Practically, this bill is also flawed as this will need to be applied to school entrepreneurship events, hawkers, informal traders and unregistered businesses ... Instead of focusing on drafting such bills, rather reduce existing red tape for SMMEs and make SARS compliancemore simplified. The main focus should not be to deter SMME growth, but rather to promote it.	Juan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:16:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Vangeli	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 08:22:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The free market is the best vehicle for broad spectrum prosperity and makes it possible for every citizen to be lifted out of poverty . Having to obtain a licence from the government just to do business is restricting small businesses to operate and favouring big corporations to exploit especially poor people.	Maria	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:24:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	, I do not have a problem with the idea of a register, but it is unacceptable for government to say which businesses may operate and which not. People have a right to run a business because they have a right to be able to earn an income as long as it's legal The idea ofgranting or refusal of a business license is not acceptable	W		
	2025-11-23 08:26:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Karen	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:32:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sally		
	2025-11-23 08:39:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill will put further strain on already struggling mentally compliant businesses and in turn fascilitate to higher unemployment. They need to focus their attention on things like the soaring crime rate and failing infrastructure.	Kevin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:43:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kelly	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 08:49:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		May	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:59:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We have enough Legislation in place.	Moegamat	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:01:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	What governance or oversight will be applied? Municipalities are rotten with inefficiency and corruption. businesses are the life blood of this economy and the biggest employer- now you want to mess with that? Get that there are issues with spaza shops who sold expired food which led to the deaths of children- very sad and unnecessary but focus on how you will regulate that and protect the public. What are your inspectors doing whose jobs it is ? Too few then employ more or outsource to private	Riaz	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:02:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Why would we create legislation that makes it harder for entrepreneurs. South Africa desperately needs new businesses to open so that we can solve unemployment. Placing any restrictions (financial, operational, political, racial) on opening, running and managing a business is incredibly short sighted. Additionally, the likelihood for this system to become corrupt and for municipalities and government to abuse their powers and extort the population is very high.	James	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:12:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jaco	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:19:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Running a business is difficult enough in the current economic climate. Most require significant investment, and only start to become profitable in year 5 of operation. If this bill comes into effect, who in their right mind would want to risk their time, effort and investment, if there is a chance that red tape will prevent you from being able to trade after 5 years? A license is not going to stop people that are already not playing by the rules. They'll find ways to work around the system, which are likely to promote bribes and corruption. South Africa needs more SME's to drive its economy, not less!	Elmar	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:19:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Yunus		
	2025-11-23 09:20:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Leave the working system alone. It is another government scheme way to close down the "unsuitable" business and make more red tape and in obtaining and renewal of licenses. Already, in SA, any license renewal is a mess. For this Government it is not enough that businesses are paying Taxes. They want more revenue in the municipal funds from this laws. I am sure it will be a fee implicated. Enough!	Arcadie	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 09:34:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	With the unemployment rate as it is we should be making things easier for businesses to operate , not creating complications - especially ones we unlikely to effectively manage without corruption. Bigger problems to solve than unnecessary licensing.	Mark	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:40:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		EDWARD	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:41:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		attie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 09:42:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Norman	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 09:46:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Get everything else right and stop implementing BS you'll monitor for 2 seconds. It's a way for them to grab more money	Sandi	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:49:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No to Government and their corrupt plans.	Anja	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:56:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jan	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-23 09:57:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Yet again more bureaucratic hindrances to. Business and another way of milking money out of the system	Edward	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 09:57:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Douglas		
	2025-11-23 09:57:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Paul	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:01:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Would definitely be abused like most government powers in SA	Richard		business owner
	2025-11-23 10:04:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government should not be able to disallow any person from opening a business unless the business activity is in itself an illegal practice.	Joshua	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:06:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		D	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:22:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Thank you for alerting me to yet another attempt by government to stifle growth and prosperity. We need to stop this madness at all costs. Too much power will be given to untrustworthy individuals.	Gasant	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:31:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ben	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 10:32:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	BB-BEE in another guise!!! This will definitely not help South Africa's unemployment problem!!!!	Etienne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 10:32:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Melissa	Limpopo	
	2025-11-23 10:32:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Danielle	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 10:34:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		José	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:35:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill, if it is going to be implemented, will be the nail on the coffin for businesses in South Africa and consequently for foreign investors...they will not do business in SA.	L		retired
	2025-11-23 10:40:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The Bill is discriminatory and not merit based	David	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:41:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jim		
	2025-11-23 10:43:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jannie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 10:48:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Frank	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 10:48:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This would seem to be more about control than government, with the ANC wanting to be Big Daddy. We do not need a government who is quite incapable of controlling its own people and affairs to now extend its control into how, when, and where we run our businesses.	Trevor	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 10:49:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mark	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:51:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Esther	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 10:51:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Esther	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 10:54:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Frank		
	2025-11-23 10:55:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jeandre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:55:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Quota and Race based politics is the destruction of democracy.	Jürgen Albert	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:58:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another way of the government trying to control what. When and how we fo business. Also another avenue for jobs for pals to inspect and revoke licenses. Is this also another cash cow. Registering a business once is enough! Focus on getting rid of the illegal cigarette and liquor and fake brand trades stealing business from legitimate tax paying businesses!	Wendy		
	2025-11-23 10:58:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another way of the government trying to control what. When and how we fo business. Also another avenue for jobs for pals to inspect and revoke licenses. Is this also another cash cow. Registering a business once is enough! Focus on getting rid of the illegal cigarette and liquor and fake brand trades stealing business from legitimate tax paying businesses!	Wendy		
	2025-11-23 11:07:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Paul	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:08:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Tania	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:11:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Stefan		
	2025-11-23 11:13:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Dana	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:13:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		JP	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:19:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Leslie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:26:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Thelma	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:31:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is not a democratic idea, it violates human rights to earn a living for all ethnic groups, it's disguised as BEE which is highly discriminatory in every aspect! If you own a business what is the point of an additional 5 year license, other than discrimination? What are ineffective inspectors for, to create fear, discriminate, create inflated salaried jobs for select political and family appointed few with inflated powers to cause harm to individuals who own businesses? Sole proprietors will be discriminated against based on race / ethnic groups. More red tape in an already struggling economy, more check boxes to discourage much needed foreign investments. More unnecessary political interferences which is unacceptable!	Erika	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:32:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Stefan	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:34:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We South Africans are already marginalized and the Foreigners have more access to running their illegal businesses without a license. Also BEE is corrupt as there are hidden agendas and certain businesses are hiding behind unknowing staff and using their staffs details to register them as a front but not offering them compensation in doing so. There is already large corruption within our government systems. These laws are being enforced to enrich certain individuals.	Janice	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:38:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		J	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:46:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ian	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-23 11:55:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Candy	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:59:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government has no business interfering in commercial matters, and no legal business should be subject to the whims and permission of a bureaucrat. Any such interference amounts to a breach of privacy and sanctity of contract. In this sphere of human endeavor government's role should be limited to the registration and maintenance of juristic persons, and to protect the citizen against violence and fraud.	Vincent	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:59:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:00:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Greg	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 12:03:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More intended control by highly ineffective municipalities and creating space for mire bribery and corruption!	Anne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 12:03:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Eugenie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:08:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is unnecessary for them to do that I totally disagree	Giresse	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 12:09:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Emilio	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 12:11:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We urgently need job creation!!! You simply cannot afford to make these nonsense rules on the public's behalf. Especially on behalf of the entrepreneurs providing jobs. Just the idea is destructive and the ones trying to push these ''laws'' should be fired with immediate effect.	Wickus		self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:11:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We urgently need job creation!!! You simply cannot afford to make these nonsense rules on the public's behalf. Especially on behalf of the entrepreneurs providing jobs. Just the idea is destructive and the ones trying to push these ''laws'' should be fired with immediate effect.	Wickus		self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:12:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rikus	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:13:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Heather	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:19:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ezriel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 12:23:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Communist level controls are not welcome. Bureaucratic meddling in business and local economies definitely not welcome. BEE dressed up as something else, and put in place to completely prevent certain demographics from owning businesses. White South Africans call our country home too, and younger generations should not be punished and prevented from participating in the economy and contributing to our country. The end result will be a mess of greedy corrupt municipalities raiding the cookie jar, economy supporting employers closing down, or turning informal/hitting the black market/going underground.	Ruth	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:29:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Yet more red tape and stealthy BBEE. Yet more attempts to control everything. Businesses need to be left alone to grow the economy. Registered with SARS but why department of trade and industry?	Simon	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:30:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mike	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:37:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We cannot be regulating the creation of jobs as a blanket function in the country with nearly 40% unemployment	Sarah	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:44:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	BEE In disguise . Definitely no	George	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:49:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Certainly unnecessary. Totally unworkable. Waste of government money needed for more needy operations.	Mary		retired
	2025-11-23 12:49:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Certainly unnecessary. Totally unworkable. Waste of government money needed for more needy operations.	Mary		retired
	2025-11-23 12:52:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		LIsa		
	2025-11-23 12:57:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another means of crippling the economy and controlling society by corruption	Andy	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:58:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Business are built because of a need. From there, through hard work, dedication and perseverence business grow. Governmental rules and regulations are making business increasingly difficult, with focus on race as paramount. Aside from laws regarding fair remuneration and treatment of all employees in the workplace, government should have NO SAY in how business are conducted. I strongly disagree with the idea that our inept, unqualified, uselessly lazy government can tell me how to run my business, let alone be in the powerful position of allowing or not allowing me to run my business. This is just another scheme to make the corrupt and criminal few richer.	Aletia	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:01:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jaen	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:09:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government wants more control over the public and squeeze more money out of small businesses which they already receive exorbitant amounts from us taxpayers. Time to stop worrying about how to milk us dry and worry more about how to better the country with the money paid into our economy from Taxes and CIPC registrations.	Dewald	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:10:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Suzanne		
	2025-11-23 13:18:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		f		business owner
	2025-11-23 13:20:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Albert	Limpopo	
	2025-11-23 13:22:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marc	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:27:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Albert	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:30:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We all know this is just another strategy for government to control the people & it will cause more Job losses & immigration,	Karen		
	2025-11-23 13:32:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Athlone		business owner
	2025-11-23 13:37:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerrit	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:37:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerrit	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:40:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	BEE forced thousands of South Africans to either emigrate to countries not embodying such nonsense or reverting to initiate self sustaining small business. This is perceived as "hijacking other South Africans oppotunities" and is now supported by the government to deal out licences based on preferences.	Joseph	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 13:43:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill is just more of the government trying to control everything in business. it is going to lead to more corruption. less economical growth and less investment in the country.	Patricia	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-23 13:49:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Open to manipulation & bribery . We need employment, less red tape & certainly not a renewal after 5 years. No one in their right mind would invest in a short term business.	Wendy	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 13:55:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The draft Business Licensing Bill must be firmly rejected as it contradicts the Constitution, undermines economic freedom, and threatens the functioning of a fair and open society. By forcing every business—formal or informal—to obtain a renewable five-year municipal licence, the Bill effectively turns the constitutional right to trade (Section 22) into a privilege granted at the discretion of local authorities. This is not regulation; it is *state gatekeeping* over who may participate in the economy. The Bill also infringes Section 10 (dignity) by enabling inspectors to demand licences at any time, confiscate goods, and shut down operations on the spot—measures that particularly target the poor, informal traders, and small family businesses. Its administrative design violates Section 33 (just administrative action), as municipalities—most already financially distressed—lack the capacity to process millions of applications lawfully, reasonably, or fairly. The introduction of demographic “preferences” for licences is unconstitutional and discriminatory, violating Section 9 (equality) by potentially excluding individuals from economic participation based on race, nationality, or background. Such criteria cannot be justified under the guise of transformation when they amount to economic exclusion rather than empowerment. Practically, the Bill will discourage entrepreneurship, create new opportunities for corruption, slow investment, and worsen unemployment. Instead of easing business operations, it introduces additional red tape and duplicates existing regulatory frameworks that already address counterfeit goods, zoning, tax, and safety. Far from “modernising” legislation, the Bill resurrects an authoritarian permit-based system reminiscent of pre-1994 control models. It centralises economic power in the hands of the state, strips individuals of autonomy, and undermines the values of freedom, dignity, and equality that define our constitutional democracy.	Marthinus	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:05:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	All South Africans should have the right to open and operate businesses. This is just another attempt by a racist government to enforce their failed BBEEE.	Sandra	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:12:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another way to infringe, steal money and 2030 agenda monitoring and control implementation goal.	David	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:17:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Modjadji Agnes	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:21:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Not designed to represent the all South Africans.	Irma	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:25:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jacky	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:28:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The Bill layers new registration, renewal, and compliance requirements on top of existing regulations, without a regulatory impact assessment. Municipalities, often inefficient, would handle approvals, creating multi-tiered hurdles. I experienced a 13 month delay on the registration of a municipal account and had to resort to legal means to get it sorted out. The incompetence of municipalities is beyond measure and they are not capable or competent to deal with this - they can't even deal with with their current workload. Risk of Corruption and Arbitrary Enforcement - Vague, discretionary powers for officials and inspectors (e.g., broad search/seizure without warrants) invite abuse. Non-compliance leads to automatic license revocation, with appeals only after closure. Discrimination and "BEE in Disguise" - Excludes non-preferred groups (e.g., based on race/ethnicity), violating free market principles and constitutional equality (Section 9). Could deter foreign investment. Undefined terms like "previously excluded" raise fears of quotas. Will stifle Entrepreneurship and Job Growth - Harsh Penalties Without Safeguards - If implemented unchecked, this Bill risks turning South Africa into a bureaucratic minefield, not a business-friendly hub.	Carlos	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:29:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Seth	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:30:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Meinolf		
	2025-11-23 14:33:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Could this be a ploy to extort more money from law abiding citizens in the form of fees which then can be looted .	Collin	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 14:35:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Business licensing inly serves to gatekeep and limit the number of competitors in a space. I oppose any form of business licensing as it transforms busjness into a priviledge granted by the state.	Jan		
	2025-11-23 14:47:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Petroh	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 14:53:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Johanna	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 14:53:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		M	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-23 14:56:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Fear of corruption	Tersia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 14:58:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		CLIVE	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:06:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government should be encouraging new business. Not making it more difficult or selective. It’s a disguise for the government to take away your business.	Bev	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-23 15:08:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		peter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:15:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Municipality level of control over business endeavors can be disastrous. Fees, mis use of rules and regulations and corruption will be top priority of any official. No municipality can even govern themselves. If there is no formal processes implemented, that actually work, then its just another way for Cadres to get their paws on extra money.	Sybrand	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:16:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I really dont think the government should be involved in private business	Sakhile		business owner
	2025-11-23 15:18:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Yolande	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:18:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Will inhibit startups and survival of small firms, deepening unemployment (already ~32%) and will push operators to evade rules, harming formalization efforts. As more businesses go underground, so will Sars suffer, less tax collection. Not for the benefit of small business but only to create more non-productive employment. Not on - we don't need any more licenses - another gravy train.	Jacques	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:20:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is sifficult as it is to have a business in our country as is, now they want to make it even. More difficult to open a business and also want to force whitw business owners into having partners who they didn't want in their business. This is just more discriminating laws implemented to prevent 8% of the population to thrive.	Martine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:21:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	BEE has only disadvantaged the country, stop propagating the idea. It has failed dismally.	Nico		
	2025-11-23 15:27:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support the licensing of businesses, as I believe enterprises should have the freedom to operate, trade, and engage with partners as they see fit. Excessive licensing requirements can create unnecessary barriers to entry, hinder innovation, and restrict economic growth. Businesses should be trusted to manage their own relationships and transactions without burdensome regulatory constraints, provided they act ethically and responsibly.	Johan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:30:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	BEE in disguise	Virginie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:31:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The less power the government has the better it is for the people. Goverment policies tend to cripple the economy.	Jacques	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:31:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Zander	Western Cape	business owner

	2025-11-23 15:36:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Pat	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:36:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government need to keep out as they are crippling the economy and benefitting only friends and family	Hellouise		employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:37:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Good practice in business licensing demands that this function is carried out by central government, or at least, provincial government. At local government, there is far greater chance of favours to friends coming into play.	Viv	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:37:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Good practice in business licensing demands that this function is carried out by central government, or at least, provincial government. At local government, there is far greater chance of favours to friends coming into play.	Viv	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:40:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Nothing more than another revenue stream for incompetent municipalities to steal, in short, the ANC cadres have to eat so they will be employed to administer the regulations and licenses. And just watch the license fees, of which we have no inkling. Bet you that it will a few thousand a month ... another form of indirect taxation to prop up failing municipalities.	Angelo		
	2025-11-23 15:47:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerhard	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 15:47:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerhard	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 15:48:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Alec		business owner
	2025-11-23 15:49:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Simon	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 15:53:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I suggest that the Business Act of 1991 must be left as it is. The government has already failed in a lot of areas as we all know and see in the news. Favoritism and corruption is widely used in SA. Which businesses are going to be noticed?? Under this Favoritism and biased country. NO. The act of 1991 must be left untouched, and the people of.outside countries operating inappropriately have been allowed by the government itself in the country. Solidarity , as their countries ones helped SA in apartheid Era.	Pascalice	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:55:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government does not need to get involved in business as business is the only thing that is still working.	Julius		
	2025-11-23 15:55:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sue		
	2025-11-23 15:58:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sally	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:03:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More ligislation empowering officials to act on the economy and businesses and potentially foster further corruption is unacceptable. Nothing further until corruption has been rooted out of the governing infrastructure.	Richard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:06:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Corruption education should be the priority not further legislation. Which can be abused for nefarious reasons - even if the main objective is ostensibly to increase tax procurement!	Daniel	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:13:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hendrik	Free State	
	2025-11-23 16:17:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	In South Africa we hsve a long standing history of abuse of Government officials - to give the already corrupt municipalities more power over local businesses will only lead to more abuse of power and corruption Municipalities are already overloaded with regulations that they are unable to enforce. Rather educate them to handle existing regulations	Pieter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:17:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	In South Africa we hsve a long standing history of abuse of Government officials - to give the already corrupt municipalities more power over local businesses will only lead to more abuse of power and corruption Municipalities are already overloaded with regulations that they are unable to enforce. Rather educate them to handle existing regulations	Pieter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:20:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Schalk	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:22:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Definitely BEE in disguise.	Steven	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:25:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Js	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:25:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Colin	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-23 16:40:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I am fundamentally opposed to the proposed Business Licensing Bill because it represents yet another layer of state control and administrative burden on ordinary South Africans who are simply trying to earn a living. Instead of enabling entrepreneurship, the Bill centralises power, expands the authority of inspectors, and creates a licensing regime so intrusive that it risks choking small businesses before they can even start. The constant threat of inspections, confiscation, and compliance notices — even for low-risk or home-based work — shows a shift away from supporting livelihoods and toward policing them. The Bill also entrenches red tape at every stage. It introduces new committees, licensing databases, additional compliance checks, and a broad discretion for officials to refuse, suspend, or revoke licences. For small entrepreneurs — especially those operating informally, from home, or with limited resources — these requirements create barriers rather than opportunities. The result is a regulatory environment that treats honest business owners as potential offenders instead of partners in economic growth. South Africa does not need more bureaucracy; it needs a government that trusts its people, cuts unnecessary restrictions, and supports the freedom to work and trade without fear or harassment.	Ezra	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:45:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Most of our municipalities have shown themselves to be incapable of managing their own municipal business, avoiding debt and eliminating corruption. To appoint such bodies to apply business principles alone and to apply them effectively constitutes gross negligence of judgment tantamount to irrationality. The list of objections available under "Other" is long and includes many grounds under each of the other headings. In short, most of our municipalities are failed municipalites and captured by corrupt practices, political obstructiveness and a complete failure to prioritise the very reason for their existence, namely service delivery. Moreover, the principles set out in the Bill invite the re-invention of BEE and cadre deployment in another disguise. The former was well intentioned, the latter never was, and both have failed and contributed to corruption and failed service delivery.	DIARMUID		business owner
	2025-11-23 16:46:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is comunisim, taking control of every aspect of your life!	Ernst		
	2025-11-23 16:58:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mondi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:03:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		colleen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:09:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		John		business owner
	2025-11-23 17:12:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It seems the Minister and the Department of Trade and Industry is not familiar with the well-travelled advice that disappointment awaits those who repeat the same action hoping for a different result. Perhaps however, these officicals are familiar with this advice and that's the reason for this latest Bill. Perhaps it's intended to be a disincentive for those alaready in business and even more so for those contemplating starting a business. This seems to me highly likely since, if what I read in the media is true. then trade and industry is still ticking over in our country more or less in spite of the Department of Trade and Industry. Furthermore, this is possible only because South Africans in the front line, display national characteristics so sadly lacking in certain members of government, guts and a resolve to 'never-say-die'. In any case, it is not a government department's business to interfere in the private sector's creation of wealth. It has enough responsibilities on its plate to facilitate and support business. For the sake of us all, please leave the private sector to do what it knows how to do and confine your attention to your vital role.	Rosemary	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-23 17:17:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Emmie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 17:19:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Barry	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:28:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Vannette	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:28:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Vannette	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:29:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government should not be in a position to decide who can or cannot run a business. This process will only serve to hinder entrepreneurs, and add extra red tape to current businesses.	Paul		
	2025-11-23 17:35:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	a company regsitration and SARS registration are already governing free market business. how can local municipalicites (who cant even keep the city affairs) have powers to grant licenses. Also how can inspectors have such powers. Stop copying other countries UAE end take stock of where SA comes from and need to get to.. this is abuse of powers.	Daniel	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:37:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is over reach by the government. I should not require a business licence to see patients in my medical practice as I have done for the last 20 years. This amounts to totalitarian control. It also allows the government powers to discriminate against me and to decide if I should get a licence or not. It is my constitutional right to operate my private medical practice and the government has no right to now try to restrict this by requiring a licence	Roy Dersley	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:43:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lesley		
	2025-11-23 17:46:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerd	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 17:47:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Business is the backbone to the economic wellbeing in any country. If we start deciding on who must have a licence determined by our BEE status we will lose many SME's who employ people and also pay tax.	Shirley	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:50:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is massive regulatory overreach and in my opinion unconstitutional. Municipal authorities are furthermore in disarray and plagued by corruption, so in no way capable of taking on such new responsibility. Sufficient law already exists to govern business activities.	Robert		
	2025-11-23 17:52:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jannine	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:52:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jannine	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:54:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Small businesses already have a large administrative burden, and need to be registered with CIPC, so I don't see the point of another registration. This will probably cost more money as well, and it puts busines owners in a difficult position if there business licence is up for review and they get threatened with not getting a renewal. Small businesses are essential for our economy! Make it easy for them to do their important work, leave them alone!	Charlé	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:59:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Communism in disguise	Keremie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 18:00:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		David	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:05:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is the type of government interference which will just accelerate the loss of more businesses. Government Resources should be allocated to fight crime and build infrastructure and let businesses get on with business and grow the economy and generate income to contribute to taxes	Izak	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:15:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	South Africa need LESS legislation to GROW Businesses, not MORE legislation to give inspectors the power to kill businesses!! Just like EEBBBEEE whatever is preventing investment, this will even more put off investors instead of encouraging it. BAD for business!!	Dolla	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-23 18:28:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The goverment of SA is looking for another way to collect income and control businesses. This is a way to kill businesses is SA	Petra	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:32:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	If the small businesses are helping the country with the economy and unemployment etc. Why do they want to put restrictions, periods and other conditions to make it difficult for small businesses. They are already trying there best to make a success with the current difficult times.	Mogamat	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 18:34:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This Bill supposedly for harmonizing licensing of specific sectors involved with health and food services is in fact a product of a state planning command economy viewpoint. It will stifle investment and close existing businesses with its raft of fines for transgressions atvthe whim of an Inspector. The powers of the Minister to decree which businesses must be licensed are most likely unconstitutional. This Bill if passed as is without considering the business forums' inputs and concerns will be a death knell for investment and growth in this country. Also it will most certainly head for judicial review.	Michael	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:57:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gideon Lourens	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:13:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bennie	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 19:19:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is unacceptable. It cost us hundreds of thousands of rands to get our business licensed and it took 2 years to get licensed. We have followed all the regulations and gone the legal root. So we are legally licensed and you can not change what has been passed. This is also enourmous concern fir job loss. At a time we are desperate for jobs and businesses to invest you are making sure by these rules no one will open businesses and therefore there will be no jobs. This us just another ploy to steal more money.	Christene	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:19:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michelle	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 19:31:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is unacceptable to pass this bill. I followed all the laws to register my business. It took me 2 years of hell and hundreds of thousands of rands. I am legally registered and no new law can change that. In a time where there are no jobs we desperately need businesses to open thereby providing jobs. This bill will definitely stop people from opening a business here. This is just another ploy to steal more money	Christene	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:34:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Dictatorial destroying private business and economy like all stse enterprises	Mathys		
	2025-11-23 19:44:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Carol	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:57:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hein		
	2025-11-23 19:58:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		H		retired
	2025-11-23 20:08:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Philippa	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:16:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Neither government nor municipality has any right to determine who may or may not do business.	Michael		
	2025-11-23 20:23:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Neither government nor municipality has any right to determine who may or may not do business.	Dale	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 20:26:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Stephanie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:26:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Stephanie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:28:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Cornelis		

	2025-11-23 20:31:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jeremy	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 20:36:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government should enforce the current laws as appose to instituting a new law. The current systems works. Unnecessary waste of money and resources. Room for more corruption.	Yash	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:39:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Niraksha	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 20:45:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No democracy	Schalk		business owner
	2025-11-23 20:49:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I don't support the licensing, Legislation, or control over small businesses. Small businesses are already overloaded with unnecessary red tape and hoops to jump through, and more of this makes it even more difficult for them to survive and assist the economy. Everyone knows that free markets are the best way to grow economies, and more laws and legislation makes for a bad economy. It seems this proposed bill is just another government revenue strategy in disguise.	Adrian	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:54:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Margaret	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 20:56:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill has red flag written all over it. 1. Discriminating by race, gender, nationality or culture is bad. We all know this by now. This bill is unconstitutional on the face of it. 2. In the past 20 - 30 years, bills like these have proven to be extremely conducive of corruption. The system is vague and imprecise enough to encourage inspectors to accept bribes to get their license quickly approved, or punish non-bribers by threats of (or even actual) confiscation. In addition, there seems to be no requirement of expertise from the inspectors, so they have no way of accurately judging what items should be legitimate, and what should not - so they have a lot of responsibility without the required decision making ability for the particular business they are evaluating. 3. Small businesses build the economy. We need more of them. Encourage small businesses in any way possible - imposing additional licensing, is the opposite of what the government should be doing.	Hendrik	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 21:01:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government has no business interfering with private sector business especially since they can't run their own government!	Ashley		
	2025-11-23 21:22:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Every citizen of South Africa has the constitutional right to earn a living to provide for their families - irrespective of their race. The ANC is trying to exclude white people from working and owning businesses in South Africa out of pure hatred against white people. Their claims that is for redress are a lie.	Tracey-Ann	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:24:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Create entrepreneurship... stop being draconian	Des	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:28:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jean	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:28:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another smoke screen for political agenda's. This is against every South African's constitutional right to earn a living. The government can't even issue licences for public transportation on time, this is another avenue for corruption and manipulation.	Cindy	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:29:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We need to create jobs by making it easier to operate and this bill does the opposite.	Angus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:33:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerhard	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:35:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Chris	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 21:35:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another form of BEE and control by people that have never run a tuckshop in their lives. Governments job is to create a conductive environment for business to flourish and grow, as that provides significant benefits to the country. Laws like this create roadblocks that inhibit growth and jobs, cause businesses to leave and not invest. Government get out of the way.	Bryan	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 21:36:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nkululeko	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 21:42:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Khululiwe		business owner
	2025-11-23 21:42:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Economists and other business professionals warned that the new business licensing law proposed by the government are unworkable and damaging for jobs and investment in South Africa. Neasa noted that elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. In its submission to comment, Neasa said the provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	S.	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-23 21:43:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Business licensing is not required - businesses can already incorportate if they want to. Preferential licensing is pure racism.	Brian	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:44:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Shaleen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 22:06:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	There are already regulations in place governing different sectors. Why add another layer that will possibly hamper businesses from going forward timeously, and also putting so much power in inspectors hands? Business should be focused on their core business and growth, to aid the economy to stay healthy, instead of having to focus on additional layers of regulations and requirements.	Favoured	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 22:06:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michele		
	2025-11-23 22:06:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michele		
	2025-11-23 22:22:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	How can a licence be valid for five years? Ridiculous!!! Then the Municipalities have the power to grant or reject an application. This is not acceptable at all!!! Inspectors are given powers to demand proof of a licence at any time, issue fines, or confiscate goods. Unbelievable nonsense, who thought these things up? So discrimination can take effect, just like the entire government is already corrupt. Also unacceptable!!! I disagree with this Bill wholeheartedly.	Ian		
	2025-11-23 22:32:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Liam		
	2025-11-23 22:43:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Anna	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 22:43:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Patrick	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 22:49:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Giuseppe	Free State	business owner

	2025-11-23 23:03:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Current registrations my business is subjected to since the beginning of this century: 1. Registered as a private company under the Companies Act 71 of 2008. 2. Registered taxpayer under the Income Tax Act 58 of 1962. 3. VAT registered under the Value-Added Tax Act 89 of 1991. 4. CIPC registered under the Companies Act 71 of 2008. 5. Products registered under the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act 36 of 1947. Product quality and production standards are monitored and regulated under this act. This is adequate and enough control. Licensing of our business with any further governmental body is an overreach, against the free-market spirit and unconstitutional.	Hennie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 23:19:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Barry	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 23:31:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Everything about this bill expresses BEE, expresses preference, expresses squeezing an already tight economy. The ANC has done NITGUBG gor the poor or average income earners besides steal and make life harder. There are no jobs and people finding ways to feed their families and a roof... sometimes government care NITGING about. *End racial socialism like the NP used during apartheid. Free the economy and free the people. Allow free markets. *Keep government's dead hand out of all of our opportunities.. How dare they decide to confiscate what they did not work for, create or invest in. A heap of discourage people!!!	Abigail	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 01:11:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Every business must already be registered at the CIPC. What utter nonsense is this additional requirement which would expose all businesses to inept, incapable government / municipal officials who have never even run a business. The whole idea wreaks of corruption and overreach. Sorry but NO. The proposal also does not cater for the complexity of business today which is not just about simple 'buy and sell' type of setups. TOTAL NONSENSE AND EXTRA RED TAPE.	Hildegard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 02:03:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Trudy	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 02:36:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Danie	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 04:03:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Annette	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-24 04:03:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Annette	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-24 04:19:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hugo	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-24 04:22:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Pierre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 04:24:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marcell	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 04:32:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Shabeer	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 04:34:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More power grabbing by useless state institutions	Charles		
	2025-11-24 05:33:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Power being given to local and regional government that is unacceptable	Rob	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 05:41:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The bill should be for the benefit of all citizens without prejudice or ambiguity.	Ray	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 05:46:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is an absolutely totally ludicrous proposal in its entirety and needs to be scrapped in totality	Mike	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 05:46:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Everyone in this country should have the freedom to start a business, as long as it's legal of course. Without having to go through covernment controlled agendas before we can make a living.	Ronel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:52:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Annelie	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:53:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We do not support that bill. Government wants power and that is a big NO. NO POWER OVER OUR BUSINESSES. We want the freedom to choose what must happen in our business and who must work for us.	Lettie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:56:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gavin		
	2025-11-24 05:59:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Too much scope for corruption. Govt want to manage your pvt business, I am not for that.	Freddie	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:03:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another money and power grab by the government. Are they planning to make money off the lower and middle income groups, which they've already bled dry, with the admin of the license application and renewal? Or do they plan to make enough off of the fines? If you can barely trust cops, so who is there that would protect you from the corrupt inspectors? When your stock is unfairly taken away by them and you have no income to carry you through month end(s) while you claw your way through the red tape to get it back? Municipalities are most unlikely to stick to the 30 day application deadline and this would make entrepreneurs suffer or be the end of them. Look how unsuccessfully the 2 week application lead time for ID cards are applied! Why would a starving nation dare to stop ANYONE of its citizens with the drive, a plan and hustle to start a business from doing so? Good business means good economy. What is good for the economy is good for the people and what's good for the people is the only job government has! They've failed miserably at it thus far. This system threatens businesses with more exposure to corruption. Setting the standard once again that the truly poor can't afford to dream of having a business, since they can't afford a license, the renewal thereof or the bribes which are likely to be asked of them by corrupt officials. It is also not the governments place to inhibit the business and subsequent income of ANY citizen, irrespective of their race or gender. Government has proven before that when they ask for such information on their forms, they fully intend to discriminate against some of their citizens based on this information. We all have the right to start a business without being hindered by government. The more businesses there are, the more jobs there will be. The more jobs there are, the more spendable income there will be (not just surviving hand to mouth). The rotting government should keep their hands off!	Erin		
	2025-11-24 06:03:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another money and power grab by the government. Are they planning to make money off the lower and middle income groups, which they've already bled dry, with the admin of the license application and renewal? Or do they plan to make enough off of the fines? If you can barely trust cops, so who is there that would protect you from the corrupt inspectors? When your stock is unfairly taken away by them and you have no income to carry you through month end(s) while you claw your way through the red tape to get it back? Municipalities are most unlikely to stick to the 30 day application deadline and this would make entrepreneurs suffer or be the end of them. Look how unsuccessfully the 2 week application lead time for ID cards are applied! Why would a starving nation dare to stop ANYONE of its citizens with the drive, a plan and hustle to start a business from doing so? Good business means good economy. What is good for the economy is good for the people and what's good for the people is the only job government has! They've failed miserably at it thus far. This system threatens businesses with more exposure to corruption. Setting the standard once again that the truly poor can't afford to dream of having a business, since they can't afford a license, the renewal thereof or the bribes which are likely to be asked of them by corrupt officials. It is also not the governments place to inhibit the business and subsequent income of ANY citizen, irrespective of their race or gender. Government has proven before that when they ask for such information on their forms, they fully intend to discriminate against some of their citizens based on this information. We all have the right to start a business without being hindered by government. The more businesses there are, the more jobs there will be. The more jobs there are, the more spendable income there will be (not just surviving hand to mouth). The rotting government should keep their hands off!	Erin		

	2025-11-24 06:03:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just BEE in disguise. Administrative government overreach. Another attack on the private sector to take from hardworking citizens and give to the ever-increasing masses. The Anc can't even run a postoffice. Absurd!!!	Louwrens		business owner
	2025-11-24 06:05:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		robert	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:05:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		robert	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:05:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Sorry but no lots of complications	Regan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:08:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Having to deal with running a business on a day to day and adding more potential threats to running is a business is completely unnecessary. It also adds more admin to the strained municipal and governmental offices that are currently not doing their Jobs very well, why on earth would this seem like a good idea.	Max	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:09:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Franco	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 06:09:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Unnecessary regulation on top of existing regulation. Incompetence of the application process will destroy our economy.	Sheldon		
	2025-11-24 06:11:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will increase the possibility of preference to specific people and give the inspectors more powers to be discriminatory and open to bribes. It seems as if the government is placing more responsibility on an already overloaded Municipality.	Johan	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:14:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Errol	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 06:16:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Concerned that this will not encourage entrepreneurship and there will be a decline in jobs, plus the red tape makes it harder to run small businesses, and gives another avenue for corruption to happen in this country.	Telana	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:19:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Theodorus	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:23:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jessica		
	2025-11-24 06:24:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More BEE, More people unemployed, and less investment in to the country.	Erika.	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:26:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I recently registered a new company, thinking, YES I finally did it! But now, 2 months, I think this was the biggest mistake I have made and I am regretting it every day! Does this Government want us to do business in South Africa? The short answer is NO! There is way toooo much RED Tape, even registering an Accountant for my business was rejected, and now we have to sit inside SARS for how many hours wasting precious time I could have used to build my business. NO, I don't support another BEE scheme, that is just going to cost me money and resources. Things that is very scarce in a newly established business. Please South Africa, I would just like to do some business here...	Sandra	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:31:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is going to be open to incredible corruption and discrimination. It's going to be the final nail in the coffin for many South Africans who cannot find work and have to have a small business in order to have some sort of income. This could bring us all to our knees and block anyone from a solution to poverty and adversity.	Venessa		self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:32:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		C		
	2025-11-24 06:34:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		B		
	2025-11-24 06:35:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rassie	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:35:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		F.P Rupping	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:36:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		D		
	2025-11-24 06:39:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nandipa		
	2025-11-24 06:42:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	In a country where we need to encourage more people to start legitimate business, this bill makes it more difficult, introduces red tape and is certainly just another form of discrimination between certain population groups. Stop being stupid and start enabling people to improve their lives and those of them around them.	Stefan	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:43:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Heidi	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 06:43:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	we need less regulation	spencer	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:46:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This Bill will be bad for Business.	Dave		
	2025-11-24 06:47:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		nick	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:47:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Winston	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-24 06:48:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This government is determined to regulate business to the point that no one can freely operate	Beverlee	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:49:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	2025-11-24 06:37:46 +02:00 Antoinette No I do not Other We as business owners will be relinquishing our businesses into the hands of uninformed individuals, control into the hands of people who have no clue of what running a business is like. This is communism in the implementation phase. Just look around and see the Chinese investments in our country, whilst our companies are closing down and thousands losing their jobs.	Helena	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:51:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	SA needs economic growth. There are already so many jobless people.	Charlene	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:05:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kholopane Jacob	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:06:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Andre	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:10:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		sias	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:12:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	All I can say after all these discriminating laws that have been adopted. I hope the ANC and its racist fringe parties die a speedy death. Or otherwise, there will be civil war due to all the hatred that these parties spread.	Martin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:14:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hentie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:23:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Discriminatory and unconstitutional. Will unfairly affect small businesses who cannot afford more restrictions and inevitable costs. Municipalities are notoriously corrupt and inefficient.	Diana	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-24 07:25:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Elize	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:26:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Yet more red tape and interference from a government which has proven itself as untrustworthy with the stewardship of governance, law and order. The existing legislation is more than adequate to punish those that transgress, but the department is incompetent in enforcing its own legislation. This will only lead to more taxation, more discrimination and more corruption and ultimately to higher unemployment and economic decline. All the promises of easy frameworks and uncomplicated procedures are pie in the sky taken the track record of all state institutions and legislative processes that has been put in place by the current regime. The promise of support is an outright lie and only defends the interests of the connected and complicit few!	Quentin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:26:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Concerns that the bill may be used as a means to discriminate and control businesses in SA - this in turn will lead to greater unemployment. Municipalities as is are not efficient at administration and would need to issue these licenses - businesses could be fined for the inefficiencies of the government yet again.	Joanne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:28:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Magriet	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 07:28:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Magriet	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 07:28:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Creates another point of influence – increases opportunities for bribery, favouritism, and selective enforcement. Duplicate systems – adds bureaucracy without clear benefit. Weak oversight – inconsistent inspections may allow non-compliant businesses to operate unchecked or rely on informal payments to avoid scrutiny. Uneven application – corrupt environments may lead to some businesses being targeted while others are ignored, which undermines fairness and competition.	Ronel	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 07:28:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Magriet	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 07:32:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Tax and more tax , and the small enterprises who struggle to survive will be targeted with bribery and more red tape.	Frikkie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 07:35:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nickey	Northern Cape	
	2025-11-24 07:39:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nelson	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:40:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ilze	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:42:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More unnecessary red tape administered by bumbling corrupt "Officials" with no business nous. This opens the door to even more open corruption and bribery at all levels of local level government led by a morally corrupt national government, with absolutely no advantage to creating the desperately need jobs in this failed state. Does this means the Taxi Industry, the illegal street vendors & the like must also register? No, we don't think so! Shame on you.	Vaughn	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:45:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Businesses are already over-regulated and overall economic growth will be further stifled.	Anton	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:47:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Anton	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 07:50:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Control over everything possible is the government's goal. We want them to invest their time and money and energy to promote the wellbeing of all South Africans and uplift the poor.	Gert	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:52:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We already need to register with CIPC as well as other statutory body's, this is a duplication and a money making scheme.	Craig	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:54:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gert	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 07:54:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ali		retired
	2025-11-24 07:57:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Graham	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:57:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We do not need more regulations. We do not need more of a "someone who sits in a government office to regiment another person's business". There is more than enough gatekeeping in our economy. No more please. The bill pointlessly regulate non-issues.	Garreth	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:57:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not agree with this. I will greatly impede the countries economics. And further harm its people but pushing them even more into poverty.	Sieg		
	2025-11-24 07:57:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	As a business owner there is already a lot of red tape to deal with regarding BEE and compliance under the current government policies and business act of 1991. Adding a compulsory license that expires to the current burden of small businesses that are already struggling to stay afloat in the economic climate will be detrimental to their survival.	Riaan		
	2025-11-24 07:58:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Giovanni	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:59:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Everything the anc does is to kill small business and particularity the white minority to get even more money and impoverish the middle man. This is not growing an economy but to make it ripe for another entity to take over the chaos and mess	coen	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 08:03:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marius	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:06:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Iris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:06:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ronald	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 08:08:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another crazy idea to make us take our eye off other more important issues. This is all about control. We need to vote this idiotic government completely out of power.	Michael	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:08:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Linda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:09:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	There is no need to replace the Business Act of 1991.	Piet	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:09:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bert	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:13:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		J		
	2025-11-24 08:15:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Raffaello	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:15:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		willie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:16:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Danell	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 08:18:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ann		

	2025-11-24 08:18:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government cannot take away means of income.	Gary	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:19:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marnus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:19:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This makes things a lot more complicated and gives way for governement to dictate who can open a business and regulate it much more tightly and likely become a racial thing that gives government the right to disadvantage white people.	Kyle	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:20:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gary		self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:21:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More anc madness	Derek	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 08:22:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Carol		employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:23:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michael	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:23:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	With the anc it is all about the BLACKS in this country, to ensure that they thrive at the expence of all the other race groups. anc thinks they're above the law but wait, change is in the offing !!!	Trevor	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:25:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Christel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:25:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Christel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:25:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		janet	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:25:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This new Bill/Law is clearly developed to discriminate against white people. First it was employment preferance through EE, then it was do limit who these white business owners could do business with through BEE, now it is aimed at who may operate or own a business through the new Business Licensing project. This will increase racial hate.	Riaan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:26:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marianne	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:27:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerrit		
	2025-11-24 08:27:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bronwyn	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:28:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Yolande	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:28:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Fred	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 08:29:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	A large concern of this draft bill is the increase of government control.	Kalman	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:30:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerber	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:31:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will block the fundamental business principles that is required for entrepreneurs to create jobs and grow the economy. This also looks like a tool to drive people out if the economy. By selectively allocating licenses or create a corruption tool. I fully reject as there will be no future for entrepreneurs with this legislation.	Reichardt	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:32:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Abraham	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:32:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Don	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 08:32:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Yet another way of taxing and selectively using law towards racist ends. Enrichment of the black elite and another tool for grabbing any possible opportunity for their own benefits all of which they never had to work for. This will create a mass exodus from South Africa- the writing is on the wall -if you are white your efforts are not appreciated you are not a citizen you are there to milk tax and mentally abuse. This will create more opportunities for bribes - more of the same. If it goes through the currency will lose another 25% - no words !	RICHARD	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:32:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		WESSEL	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:33:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Unemployment is already high in South Africa and the government is making it increasingly difficult for businesses to employ workers with all the added admin.	Neels	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:33:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		ERIC	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 08:35:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michael	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:38:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Letricia	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:38:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Not benefitial . More red tape. Killing entrepeneurship.	Catherine	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:39:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This would mean the government will control businesses, more red tape & discrimination. Unemployment will skyrocket, businesses will close down, and the fragile economy of SA will become even more unstable. NO, NO, NO, - Are we not supposed to be a democratic free country?	Chantelle		
	2025-11-24 08:39:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Not benefitial . More red tape. Killing entrepeneurship.	Catherine	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 08:41:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It's giving the Uber license that coct uses. You try to apply for this permit to transport people, and you pay money for it and then they only issue out a certain number of it. It's a scam. This can end up being the same thing. Millions of people paying for a license and only some getting their application approved	Craig	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:42:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Davren	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:43:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I think this is another way to get money out of legal businesses and to tie us up in more red tape. Most of us self employed will be tied up in red tape it just anoter way to expoilt those of us who pay taxes and follow the rules	Erica	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:45:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Are you kidding me?! Now they want us to jump through even more hoops just to make a living? The B-BBEE requirements weren't enough, now we need a special license to run a small business? It's like they're intentionally suffocating entrepreneurship. The government's just looking to line their pockets and reward their cronies while squeezing the life out of small business owners. When will it end?	Janette	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:45:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Other systems have failed to produce the required outcome. These inspectors, like other will not have the inclination, neither the backbone to apply the rule fairly across the board. The bill is vague as to detail. The outcome could be much worse than anticipated, from reading and trying to understand the bill, when applied. How will a micro/small/medium business transact across provinces? Will they need to apply for licensing in each municipality, province, etc.? For micro, small and medium business, this is just another exercise to control, instead of support.	Peter	Gauteng	unemployed individual

	2025-11-24 08:47:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We area already paying a lot of tax and CIPRC ETC. this is becoming rediculous	Hendrik	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:50:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Unconstitutional & biased approach. Municipalities, for the most part are not run within the set business framework - this would provide for yet another avenue to manipulate who trades & whom not! Biased approach. The economy would suffer yet another blow as it would not attract business but rather cast an uncertain light on such investments. This approach would do zero to improve on the already poor state of employment.	Piet		
	2025-11-24 08:51:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Tony	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:52:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		H.J.		
	2025-11-24 08:53:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jill		
	2025-11-24 08:54:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ansie	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:54:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Tshwane Municipality cannot resolve the current issues which they are responsible for. How are they going to cope with the extra work? Qualified staff is a swear word, so which idiot will be employed to do an important job? Pass the buck and the business will be doing illegal trading! A definite NO!	Riana	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 08:56:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Vivian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:56:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	abuse and extortion..... no value	Paul	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:58:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We cannot afford further red tape	lincoln	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:59:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is simply another thinly veiled attempt by government to control and extort the private sector. Our economy is in a shambles and economic growth is abysmal. The number of grant recipients in the country is 3 times the number of registered tax payers! In order to promote economic growth the government should be reducing red tape and incentivising entrepreneurship, this in turn will create more jobs and grow the tax base as well.	Brett		
	2025-11-24 08:59:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Joan		retired
	2025-11-24 09:00:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Trevor	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:01:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Claire		
	2025-11-24 09:03:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I should have a right to run a ligitimate business without limitations, this is a protected constitutional right: Section 22 — Freedom of trade, occupation and profession “Every citizen has the right to choose their trade, occupation or profession freely. The practice of a trade, occupation or profession may be regulated by law.”	Feliciano	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:04:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More obstacles for ordinary citizens trying to grow the economy And another way to elicit bribes from small business owners who are desperate to keep their business going. When will these punitive taxes , yes you'll have to pay for the licence, (and you might not even be granted one), come to an end.	Denise	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:06:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Eunice	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:06:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Eunice	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:08:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Instead of encouraging business, you want to give them more red tape and put power in the hands of the government to decide who can run a business. I strongly disagree!!!	Mariaan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:10:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Yet another way the ANC seeks to corrupt and advance their own obscure agenda.	Catharina	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 09:11:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is not necessary and reason for implementation is either not clear or made under false pretense. Companies are registered. I am registered as an individual. there is 0 reason to try and further track, regulate and license (and incur cost to license) other than for nefarious reasons. It's hard enough to make a living in this country without further barriers to trade and red tape. DTI can't even enforce the laws they have. More laws will lead to more selective application of regulation and more opportunity for corruption. The government needs less regulatory oversight of business not more. There is no "good" reason to implement this, but a host of "bad" reasons on how it could be abused "when" it is mal administered. this is a negative idea that will not benefit broader South Africa. It may well benefit the same "few" who seem to benefit every time a law is made that makes a pot of money available for pilfering. prove you can govern the laws you have before you further regulate.	Guy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:12:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Piotr		
	2025-11-24 09:13:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Chris	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:13:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ermine	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:14:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Christoff	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:15:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This just another idea to stifle business, empower corrup officials, create more jobs for incompetent cadres, discriminate against legitimate tax paying white owned small businesses, and legalise thuggery by so called law enforcement officials.	Jeremy	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 09:16:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The draft Business Licensing Bill is a dangerous example of the state taking control of private citizens choices, life options and life outcomes. It furthermore puts too much power, without offering protection to citizens, in the hands of politicians and state officials, thereby eroding the liberties granted by our constitution.	Johann	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:18:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Business in South Africa needs less regulation , not more . An d why should a licence be renewed every five years ?	Louis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:20:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hoffie	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-24 09:21:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	To give power to a municipality to decide if I can do business is absurd. My CIPS application was successful, I am registered and approved by FSCA to do business. No need for another government entity to control my business. This will ultimately lead to just another report to be completed by businesses. Surely a waste of business time	Jan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:22:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rudi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:23:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More businesses will close, more people will lose jobs. They need to stop the red tape purely due to redress as this has the opposite effect. It won't be a free market but discrimination on feelings instead of building the economy.	Karina	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:24:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Business in South Africa needs less regulation, not more. Seems to be more BEE in a different format. Giving this function over to the municipalities who can't even provide clean drinking water and decent roads will prove to be an absolute disaster. They already have a reputation for being inefficient at best and corrupt at worst. Why should a licence be renewed every five years? Let business get on with contributing to the GDP and employment and empower business to do this - stop regulating and interfering with something that can grow and benefit South Africa!!	Hilary	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:24:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gavin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:24:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Wat het geword van vrye mark begins, hulle wil geheel en al kontrole hê oor als en almal en dit skep net meer ruimte vir korrupsie en afpersing!!! Alle lisensies is onderhewig aan tydperke van geldigheid en is net 'n manier om' n reeds leë geld koei nog meer te wil melk!!!!!	Braam		

	2025-11-24 09:27:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No benefit to this at all. It will discourage businesses, leading to even higher unemployment. Come on now use your common sense.	Pat	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-24 09:31:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	All the official business checks and balances are already in place with CIPC and SARS. 1. This is just more red tape that is introduced, which will further limit existing actual business and investment in the country and the cities. The government cannot even properly operate existing licensing, such as vehicle and driver's licenses; this will be another disaster. 2. It is other mechanisms which the national and local government can use to extort and blackmail business owners—in other words, expanding the ability of the already existing MAFIA state of SA. 3. Introduce another way of discrimination based on racial laws in SA.	Ben	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:32:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government wants more control, this is not going to help anyone who is trying to start a small business in this country and to survive. The unemployment is the highest in the world and now they want to strangle free entreprise. Also a gateway for more corruption and bribes. People are struggling and are starting up home industries and small road side businesses to survive and this government is trying to create more jobs at the taxpayers expense but making is more difficult to actually have a business. Greed.	Lorraine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:33:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Municipalities, who are not even able to govern their own towns or cities will be given the right to inspect businesses with unclear mandates as to who is legible to obtain business licenses etc. It will be more red tape and it will strengthen the socialistic drive of the government beyond anything else. These subtle, yet deadly little changes will kill the free and democratic right of every business owner to operate freely and independently.	Christine	Eastern Cape	business owner
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	2025-11-24 09:37:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Business needs to be conducted in a restriction free environment we cannot have all these laws, BEE labour laws, registration laws that is why the unemployment figures are so high stop all this burau critic nonsense.	Antonie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:41:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mark	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:41:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Corinna		self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:42:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:43:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Fiona	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:43:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	If, as it is stated, this is another BEE technique in disguise, I am totally opposed. Yes, there should be a registry of businesses, but only for e.g. statistical reasons and NOT to equip persons due to read.g. ethnicity. Only merit and good business practices should be the norm	Ann	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:45:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Heidi	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:45:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kevin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:48:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We are over regulated as it is, so why more. Government is killing our economy with all the regulations.	Henry	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 09:51:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	All a clear indication of promoting bee rubbish, disguised form of discrimination and racism All just hogwash rubbish	Piet		Non-profit
	2025-11-24 09:52:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Noree	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:53:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Xenia	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:53:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Xenia	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:53:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Georgi	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:53:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Georgi	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:54:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Georgi	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:58:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	A business license should be in existence until the business de-registers. An annual renewal fee should be applicable, but mandating a 5-year period makes renewal the prerogative of the issuing authority who can deny a licnese at any time for any reason.	Robert	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:58:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Geen license vir besighede nie . Ekonomie is reeds te swak en druk op besighede gaan meer besighede laat vou. Elektisiteit is klaar so hoog.	Maryke	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:58:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	CIPC already fulfils the purpose of licensing in any case. This is just another control and funding agenda	Johan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:59:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Wilna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:01:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is BEE in disguise and will only benefit certain parts of the population. The amount of compliance that businesses in South Africa are subjected to is getting way out of hand. This is counterproductive to lowering the unemployment rate and will only become another bottomless pit of bribery, wasted Taxpayer money and corruption. South Africa cannot afford this.	Morne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:02:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Truly pathetic. A registered business that I have been building up for the past 15 years will then be at risk of being denied all because of the colour of my skin or that I don't employ enough of a certain demography of people. Apart from the corruption at municipal level, this will also lead to more people running their business "off the books". "Off the books" businesses won't be paying income tax, SDL etc. How is this smart?	Raymond	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:04:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Dolf	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:04:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is pure madness to strangle the economy and move forward the national democratic revolution of the poverty and unemployment.... Find more licences, more taxes, more reasons not to open business and add more unproductive cost, grab more cost to do business, more tax for the cadre graft and instead of creating real goods and services and real then of course - the utopia of poor morons is the outcome.	Kevin	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:07:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		paul	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:08:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Robert	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:10:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	As it is now, most municipalities are already overwhelmed with service delivery issues and they cannot even cope with the basic requirements of service delivery. Joburg municipality is a good example of a municipality in distress. This proposed bill will slow down everything even more and will lead to further mismanagement and corruption. And to be repeated every 5 years! This is ridiculous and will lead to businesses closing down and hence more unemployment. It will be open for corruption and will become a money making scam. While I respect the need to make sure businesses are functioning within the law and are not selling counterfeit goods - this will strangle the small businesses which are the life blood of our economy. Find another way to do that without compromising flourishing lawful businesses. The counterfeiters will just find another way and the lawful business will be hamstrung by yet more red tape and time consuming bureaucratic processes.	Deon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:14:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is another level of government interference with businesses rights to determine who, how and why they select employees and make rational business decisions. Another step towards a disastrous policy that destroys our free market economy. It must stop!	Delville Wood	Mpumalanga	business owner

	2025-11-24 10:15:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rod	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:18:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Not good for our economy	Margritha	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:19:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Wicus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:21:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is another level of government interference with businesses rights to determine who, how and why they select employees and make rational business decisions. Another step towards a disastrous policy that destroys our free market economy. It must stop!	Dave	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:22:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		julia	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 10:23:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	how can we trust them to be impartial about these "licenses". It's just another door to corruption.	Nico	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:36:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		DuDU	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:36:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just a means to achieve the aims of the communist manifesto which includes: 1) Limitation of private property through progressive taxation, heavy inheritance taxes, abolition of inheritance through collateral lines (brothers, nephews, etc.) 2) Gradual expropriation of landowners, industrialists, railroad magnates and shipowners, partly through competition by state industry, partly directly through compensation in the form of bonds.	Robert	North West	retired
	2025-11-24 10:40:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Alida	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:45:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Frederik	North West	retired
	2025-11-24 10:46:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another tax and sadly will be abused by local authorities to hold businesses to ransom. In addition their own incompetence to manage anything will also make the process onerous and one can only imagine the "incentives" that will be demanded by the staff involved to "help process" an otherwise completely legitimate request.	Paul	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:48:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lynette	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:48:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		codlin	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 10:49:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	They just make new laws and more money to steal.	Andries Stephanus	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 10:51:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This draft Bill is concerning from a constitutional point of view. It has worrying potential to inhibit basic human rights through bureaucracy as well as corruption. The rights in question include Freedom of Trade, Freedom of Association, and it introduces the possibility of discrimination. In addition, I believe this bill proposes legislation which is unnecessary. Various industries are already regulated and taxed. There is no need for further legislation to licence businesses to operate.	Anton	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:51:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jane	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 10:53:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Graeme	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:54:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Caroline	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:54:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	There is the CIPC, does this not already do exactly this. And businesses must already apply for a license. This adds an additional burden on an already overburdened administrative process. Doing business should be made EASIER no more difficult by adding additional red-tape, which is definitely going to exploited to introduce additional layers of corruption and selective racism by the South African government, Another level of BEE or Black Apartheid (BAPARTHEID) in disguise .	Geert	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:55:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Srephanie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:59:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another money-making scheme from the government, which they want to control and destroy, as everything else in this country!!!	Jan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:01:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Idrees		
	2025-11-24 11:05:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The governments money-making scheme once again, to control and destroy lives and business as usual.	Andrea	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:09:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	With municipalities and departments and police systems and post office and everything under the control of government everything fail, there are people that cant get the job done and jeopardise those that are in businesses by implementing things out of your control to help the economy. As of this nothing what government implemented was successful or help other it was all for their own gain and pocket	Liee		
	2025-11-24 11:13:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Leonie	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:13:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Wendy		
	2025-11-24 11:13:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		venette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:18:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill will make it more difficult for the small business owners who already battle to survive. Unemployment will rise. What is the purpose of this bill? More and more red tape to feed the government. Taxpayers will pay at the end.	Johan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:21:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	In most market economies, you only need a license for specifically risky or regulated activities (liquor, firearms, medical, etc.). South Africa would become one of the only countries in the world requiring a general “license to trade” for everything. These are overtly political and ideological criteria, not purely health/safety/environmental ones. It hands local politicians and officials the power to decide who may trade and who may not, based on race, nationality, or political priorities. This bill is a piece of socialist drivel. It is unworkable and unconstitutional.	Yvette	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:25:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is definitely a discriminatory approach as it will only apply to law abiding citizens. What about all the informal businesses, they will not register. How will it be policed?	Bradley	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:25:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is definitely a discriminatory approach as it will only apply to law abiding citizens. What about all the informal businesses, they will not register. How will it be policed?	Bradley	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:26:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Annemarie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:27:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is BEE undercover!!!!	Sandra	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:30:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just BEE in another form. Total rubbish!	W M	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:33:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Meyrick	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 11:34:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Racist legislation. More red tape for SME's and will destroy more jobs. More work needed by government officials who are incapable and corrupt.	Rodney	Limpopo	

	2025-11-24 11:35:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I feel the bill attempts to disguise government's intention to promote further discrimination in the form of BBEEE legislation.	Russell	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:36:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The South African government has proved time and again that it cannot remain fair and honest in it's dealing with us the citizens of South Africa. Corruption, nepotism and graft have been integrated into every branch of our state including the municipalities who are supposed to serve us. I believe they are seeking yet more power over us, the citizens of South Africa	Daryn	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:36:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marinda	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 11:36:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Christina	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:37:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Charles	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:39:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We need to make it easier for anyone to do business, not more difficult. This is just a tool to enforce more legislation, which we don't need. We need a free market to create jobs. The global marketplace moves too fast for business opportunities to go to waste due to 'local municipality failures'. We all know they cannot even manage their responsibilities at the moment, why give them more power and more responsibilities? It will enable further corruption and bribery. Just look at the news today - Jhb top officials earn millions while service delivery goes down. And now you want to give them more power?	Ludre	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 11:42:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nick	North West	retired
	2025-11-24 11:43:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	HARMFUL ADDITIONAL RED TAPE ADDING NO VALUE TO THE CITIZENS	Kassie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:49:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Terry	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:49:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hardus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:50:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marlene	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:52:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Not only is this another form of tax it is giving an inspector the right to shut down a business and or confiscate goods legally purchased for resale. No entrepreneur is going to invest in goods and services where the business has an expiry date determined by legislation. When you establish a business, you have to register with SARS, and if it is not a sole trader, you have to register a CC or PTY with CIPC. The authorities already know what businesses are legal or not without having to put more hurdles in place which will discourage rather than encourage people to establish businesses and create jobs. The more jobs being created will reduce the number of grants being dished out. They should employ inspectors to seek out those who practice corruption or dodge paying taxes. If this legislation gets the green light, I for one will shut my business down and pay off all the staff. This will add to the queue seeking grants.	Robert	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:57:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Alsone	North West	
	2025-11-24 11:57:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Alsone		
	2025-11-24 11:59:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Maggi	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:59:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Maggi	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:00:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government already over-regulates businesses. They are killing tye economy!	Sara	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:00:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government already over-regulates businesses. They are killing tye economy!	Sara	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:05:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	A business already needs to register with the government, viz. SARS, among other governmental departments. It is not necessary to add another form of tax and control.	Martin	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 12:06:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	A business already needs to register with the government, viz. SARS, among other governmental departments. It is not necessary to add another form of tax and control.	Martin	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 12:07:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	endorse this comment A business already needs to register with the government, viz. SARS, among other governmental departments. It is not necessary to add another form of tax and control.	Howard	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:12:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill will effectively kill South Africa's entrepreneurial spirit. This is one of the things that does work in South Africa. With such high unemployment, we need easier access to work and an ability to generate an income. Not more red tape and bureaucracy!	Barbara	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:15:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mark	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 12:27:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ezra	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:33:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Andrew	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:38:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Johannes	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:38:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Johannes	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:39:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nikki	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:42:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		francois	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:42:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will add no value at all in my opinion, but has plenty of scope for abuse.	Russ	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:43:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marthinus	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:45:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Charlotte	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:52:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rick	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:53:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	how much more control does 'government' want over our lives?	hilton	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:53:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	how much more control does 'government' want over our lives?	hilton	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:55:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Pierre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:57:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government has no place monitering businesses, esp by the municipalities that are rife with incompetence and corruption. This is just a cover to make yet more money out of private business by enforcing 5yr renewals, and interfering with business practices. Cannot even imagine the chaos at the municipalities to renew and review 5yr business licences - this is a joke!	Sharon		employed individual

	2025-11-24 12:57:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Instead of making it easier for businesses to operate, create jobs and pay the most needed salaries, they make it even more difficult. What they acutally create, is another way for corrupted officials to get bribes. Because that is what a lot of businesses will do to get the needed license. What is next??	Gerda		
	2025-11-24 12:59:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rabe		
	2025-11-24 13:00:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	There are enough taxes and controls over business; there is no need for more. Most importantly, there is no need for another channel for corruption.	Shane	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:00:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support the draft business licensing Bill.	Maita Ronald	Limpopo	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 13:10:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerard	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:18:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Registered business already pay annual registration fees and monthly, bimonthly and annual taxes. This bill is more red tape, more money and gives the inspectors way too much power. Small businesses will be the ones to suffer the most. South Africa needs small business to thrive.	Shannon	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:19:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I agree with NEASA. This is simply another form of enforcing BBEEE instead of allowing entrepreneurs who have the drive and or ability to get a business license independent of bureaucracy. You also now give powers to people to issue fines and who can determine whether they will allow or not grant licenses. The quicker Government makes it easier to open a business without the nonsense and bureaucracy, the quicker you will employ far more people and get informal business to join the seriously depleted tax paying base.	Bevan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:19:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another hidden form of BEE wich is totally un exceptable	Schalk		
	2025-11-24 13:21:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Meryl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 13:21:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Christa	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:21:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	In our town we had to deal with different inspectors the past few years. What is so amazing is that the inspectors invade the town and hand out fines to all and every business but the township with most unregistered businesses get skipped every time. Same will happen in this case. Same over and over. So no.... I do not support this bill...	Anna	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 13:24:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Oh please anything to do with the local municipality I will stay away from as far as I can! Besides the rude and incompetent people working there, the long queues and disregard for older people, why is this government so hard pressed to rob people of their income. Instead of making life easier this government is now driving to rob people even more of their hard earned income. We pay enough taxes!! Why do you have the need to control everything? Is it the communistic ideology?	Hester	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 13:25:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	As usual, it's just another disguise to circumvent previously failed attempts to implement their devious agendas.	Greg		self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:26:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is madness. Municipalities are the biggest cause of the collapse in SA and now we aim to give them even more power? Comeon! Get real.	Nareh	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:28:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Counter active to creating employment. Our biggest concern	Janine		retired
	2025-11-24 13:39:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Celeste	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:43:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Les	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:43:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nikki	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 13:48:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	“Dr Brian Benfield, a retired professor at Wits University and board member of the Free Market Foundation, called the Bill “dangerous”, warning that its real impact would be devastating. “Beneath its euphemistic promises lies a blueprint for bureaucratic domination, one that will make starting, running, or even maintaining a business in South Africa more difficult, more uncertain and more perilous than ever,” he said. He argued that the Bill gives sweeping, vague and discretionary powers to officials at all levels of government. According to Benfield, the inevitable result will be arbitrary enforcement, rent-seeking, corruption and an ever-deepening atmosphere of uncertainty that chokes investment and suppresses job creation.” https://businesstech.co.za/news/government/843342/dangerous-new-laws-gazetted-for-south-africa/ This is simply a method to central control of a communist state. As the South African government has interfered more and more in business over the years, the country has seen a drastic decline in GDP, jobs and output with many industries completely ruined eg the steel industry and mining industry. The government is bloated and has no idea of what it takes to run a business. What person would invest in a business only to be told at the whim of some government official that they cannot run a business on some arbitrary official’s opinion? Maybe they are too white or too coloured or too Indian? Or that running it will entail even more onerous red tape, at the risk of some half wit or corrupt government official? A recent March 2025 report from the IMF ranked it last among 49 countries measured for ease of doing business, citing excessive regulation and government inefficiency. “Story by Sifiso Mahlangu • 12h • A source in the Human Resources Department of the Ekurhuleni Municipality has revealed to The Star that 50% of middle to senior management at the municipality is underqualified or does not meet standard requirements. “	Patricia	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:51:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marcia	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:52:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Linda	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:52:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Linda	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:55:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The bill is discriminatory and unconstitutional. It will decrease job creation and offshore investment	Braam	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:57:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		cornelus		retired
	2025-11-24 14:04:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Absolutely do not agree, this is another means to target the Population that contributes to 99% of this Countries Taxes. It's based on the government to have more power and control over those contributing to the life of South Africa, and reflects Communism to advance further in our country .	Claudie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:05:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Francois	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:06:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Francois	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:09:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Concerned that the bill will be used to exclude white citizens form participation in the economy. Concerned that existing businesses will be denied licensing and thus be targeted with penalties Concerned the net result will be a central control of the economy. The state decide who will be licenced and not a free market	Willem	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 14:10:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		N		
	2025-11-24 14:11:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	There is a concern that this will favour certain businesses from operating, furthering the corruption that already exists in South Africa. More people will be without a job and poverty will increase.	Edith	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 14:15:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill threatens the very foundation of entrepreneurship and job creation in South Africa. Instead of simplifying business operations, it imposes layers of red tape, costly compliance requirements and harsh penalties that will cripple small businesses and informal traders. Forcing every business, no matter how small, to navigate complex licensing processes and renewals will discourage innovation, push many into closure, and worsen unemployment. While the bill claims to promote inclusion, its heavy-handed enforcement powers and risk of corruption will harm those it claims to help. South Africa needs policies that empower entrepreneurs, not punish them with bureaucracy.	Ashley		

	2025-11-24 14:16:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		BEN	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 14:16:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		BEN	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 14:17:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	- Numeroues governance and oversight bodies and regulations already exist. No need for new or more. - lead to increase in bureaucracy, and corruption. Will impact investment	K	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 14:22:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		ISABEL	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 14:23:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is a typical communist overreach to control everything and every one.	Johann	KwaZulu-Natal	student
	2025-11-24 14:27:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Businesses are battling to survive the rising cost across various fields due to theft by government officials and yet they insist on creating further problems for business owners. How exactly do they expect to grow the economy? I guess its another method to collect more money to steal. STOP creating added stress on businesses. The whole idea is ridiculous.	Sydney		self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:29:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Frans		
	2025-11-24 14:31:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		ANdre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:31:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Will be abused by corrupt officials and the legislation is unneccesary and a mssive overreach of power.	Timothy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:32:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The current government is dying, out of money and corrupt at its core. This is another desperate attempt by government to steal steal money from the citizens of South Africa. Government now want to push BBBEE into small enterprises and businesses which people worked hard for and making a living from. It is clear from the Principles and Objectives that the government wants to force BBBEE down on small companies, entrepreneurial businesses and owner operated entities. Government even wants to go so far a to restrict businesses from doing business outside of their immediate areas (i.e. provinces etc). The South African government employs the most people from all governments globally. They government is proven to be corrupt to its core and now they want to add more people to its payroll and to increase corruption even more. This should not be allowed.	Martin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:58:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Faan (S.R)	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 14:58:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jarrod	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:13:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		JOHN	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:15:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This would become another corruption outlet so that those issuing licenses would just expect payments, like it is with Home affairs.	Carlson	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 15:24:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Charles	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:29:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	ANC overreach. We need less red tape, not more. Let businesses get on with it. They have NO right to interfere with people who just want to earn a living. And please, just because something is "law" doesn't make it right or just. If the ANC actually followed democratic principles we wouldn't have these problems.	Shaun	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 15:29:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Renato	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:33:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	At a time when we desperately need an economic boost, these regulations and registrations go contrary to that. We need less red tape in the economy, not more Let businesses build the economy. There is no need to add more regulations to an already over-regulated business sector. There is no justification in interfering with people who just want to grow this country, make a living, and create jobs. These regulations and restrictions only dampen our already fragile economy.	Derek	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:34:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Municipalities can't even do their mandate properly and there are too much incompetent people and corruption in municipslities - now you want to give them more responsibility!!!!! Wow.	Mariette	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 15:47:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jonathan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:48:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I'm tired of feeling penalized by the government for being a small business that employs workers. I totally agree that this is more red tape and bully techniques aimed at confounding those people who are willing to take the risks and develop a business that employs people. Besides isn't this what COIDA is for? Licensing this and that has become a criminal cash cow in this country where departments are in total chaos, which in-turn encourages crime.	rollo		
	2025-11-24 15:54:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I have zero confidence that this proposed bill will benefit South Africans regardless of race . It will harm businesses and individuals and limit growth in our economy. Leave small businesses to operate so that we can grow our economy.	Carey	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:55:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	For Us to Go Ahead with Empowering People on the Ground, We need to Make things Easier, Not Harder. If you Want to make a business and make money, you should not be Held back by a License. Or whatever else the power that bee could think up. The more you try to control, the less people want it... Most businesses start as a passion and eventually blooms into work for other... But this has to start from somewhere. The more we add Bureaucratic nonsense to the "Start your own Business" Flag, the less business will want to be here... If you want to create jobs.. Then Get out of everyone’s way. Take all the rules and regulations made to make regulators money and burn it. Then We will have success in creating Businesses. Instead of Wanting people to have a License, Give them a Care package... A How to Get your Business Going and spell it out. in 11 languages. Follow this Care Package and you will go places.... Red tape AKA "Regulations/Licenses And Extra TAX" These are all roadblocks. These are things that make Every day hardworking People criminals, Not because they are not trying or willing, but because the RED Tape is everywhere. So Do Business, but your going to get your Hands Burned.... That is how things work now... People are Fighting to Survive, and your solution to have more money is to add More SH!T on the Pile of Sh!t that this country calls BBEEEE... Government needs only to Remove itself... The world was built on the shoulders of Self-made Men and Woman. No One regulation has caused more than a single jobs to be added by limiting others. be it by rules or colour...	Kallie	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:58:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		charlene	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 16:17:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Janrich	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:22:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	They cannot organise a party in a brewery. More attempts to steal.	Jan	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-24 16:23:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government has no place or authority to license business or prevent people not licensed from doing business. The constitution makes it quite clear that "Every citizen has the right to choose their trade, occupation or profession freely. " (Section 22). If people choose to do business, then government will not block them because of some arbitrary desire to create a business licensing regime! Why does this government so yearn for the National Party style?? Just stop it and let people build business and let South Africa prosper without government overreach and corruption!	Roland	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:44:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		RAy		
	2025-11-24 16:46:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		R	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:48:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		CJ		
	2025-11-24 16:50:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		TC		
	2025-11-24 16:53:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This could just create another corruption loophole. Municipalities can't even handle it's business as it is now, so how are they going to be able to do this also? Another crazy idea.	Trevor	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 17:01:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rainer		
	2025-11-24 17:12:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Penny	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:25:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		michael		
	2025-11-24 17:33:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Yvette		
	2025-11-24 17:36:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sonja	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-24 19:04:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jacp		
	2025-11-24 19:19:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Why should a business register with cipc then and pay a yearly fee if you now have to apply for a 5 year business license,also now inspectors can just enter private property.	Werner	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 19:41:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ernest		
	2025-11-24 19:59:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Freddy	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 20:06:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Maria	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 20:16:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Red tape Incompetent municipality Does not promote employment but rather stunts it Too much control This will damage the already fragile economy No definitely not	Marietjie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 20:20:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	So how do you create entrepeneurs, jobs and skills development if you want to license a business. All businesses need to start up from somewhere. 99% from scratch, without capital. Where do these up-and-coming business owners get the knowledge, skills, education and ability as well as funds to apply for these licenses? Any smal business that has to wait 30+ days to get a license, before it can operate, will be out of business, before it even starts off. With your corrupt officials, working in the state departments/municipalities, NO license will be issued without some or other form of bribe! Take you communistic bill and stick it where the sun doesn't shine.	Norman	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 20:20:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	So how do you create entrepeneurs, jobs and skills development if you want to license a business. All businesses need to start up from somewhere. 99% from scratch, without capital. Where do these up-and-coming business owners get the knowledge, skills, education and ability as well as funds to apply for these licenses? Any smal business that has to wait 30+ days to get a license, before it can operate, will be out of business, before it even starts off. With your corrupt officials, working in the state departments/municipalities, NO license will be issued without some or other form of bribe! Take you communistic bill and stick it where the sun doesn't shine.	Norman	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 20:31:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is ridiculous.	Johannes	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 20:47:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	South Africa needs to be freed from our red tape of doing business, not to have more. Now, instead of creating jobs for the people, you're creating BLOAT for the Government and BURDEN for the tax payers who are going to pay for people to harass them. No. No. No. Please put this in the TRASH CAN where it belongs.	Brian	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 20:54:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We cannot afford more policing on already burdened businesses especially when it comes to inspectors with sweeping powers to grant or decline any business activities in SA. This will become another "hidden tax" stopping businesses before they have even begun	Michiel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 21:05:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sandi	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 21:09:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Chris	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 21:11:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rhunelle	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 21:19:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Magriet		
	2025-11-24 21:21:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This government is wanting to lead like a dictator and definitely not a benevolent one!! it wants control of every detail of our lives to be put into their hands. this will make it more and more difficult for business to exist and employ people. We need a free market economy.	Mariana Ulricka	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 21:46:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	In order to run a business it must firstly be registered by CIPC and SARS. Why another registering body? Why can the new body remove my license? This is absolutely crazy.....	Cornelius	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 21:53:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Freedom of Enterprises and Trading will be taken away. Bribery will flourish.	Christi	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 21:55:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Carina	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 22:30:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Thus far not one dept of government is managed. How can thy manage this important issue.	Dirk	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 22:34:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gerhard		

	2025-11-24 22:35:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		justin	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 23:23:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Svetlana	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 23:23:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hennie		retired
	2025-11-24 23:23:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Goverment is already failing no services, coruption , no jobs, goverment entities crashing and now they want control of businesses. No no no they will drag the all private sector down with them. This is the worst law yet. Taking land they don't own without compensation they will do this with businesses as well.	Annemie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 00:50:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Alex	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 01:10:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jurie	North West	business owner
	2025-11-25 01:56:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Desmond	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 01:56:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Desmond	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 03:50:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kevin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 04:13:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Wesley	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 04:34:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Samuel	Free State	retired
	2025-11-25 04:34:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Samuel	Free State	retired
	2025-11-25 04:56:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Limiting and limiting people's ability to make an income. You chase us out of corporate and enterprise to fend for ourselves and that is threatened too. Unacceptable. Get over the past and start looking at the present and the future	Damian	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 05:18:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gideon Daniel	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:19:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Will limit business growing and developing because this bill will hold companies back from moving forward.	Sandra'	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 05:32:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More power to the corrupt and bias politicians and local governments. DEFINATELY NOT!!!! Stop crippling our country you fake politicians!	MICHEL	Gauteng	retired
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	2025-11-25 05:40:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Shane	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 05:43:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The business industry of South Africa is already under a lot of pressure. It is the private sector that is keeping us afloat. There is a saying that says don't bite the hand that is feeding you. I am afraid that if businesses get too much extra laws we will lose a lot. We should rather try and encourage growth in businesses and work alongside them so that everyone in this country can thrive.	Marius	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:04:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michael	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 06:08:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Douglas	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 06:13:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Môre centralised control by people who do not understand business, BEE in disguise and a money making racket	Theo		
	2025-11-25 06:17:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Growth of our economy is essential for the well being of all South Africans. South Africans are legislated to "death". This new Bill will discourage new businesses and entrepreneurship. Especially micro-businesses. I say no!	Annelize	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:30:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Maralyn	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 06:35:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Abuse of powers by inspectors and fraudulent transactions will be the new norm. It will cause most businesses to clise their doors and unemployment will sky rocket. I will then rather invest my money in a bank abroad and live of the interest received as that will be more profitable.	Hugo	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:43:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I hereby record my strong opposition to the proposed Business Licensing Bill. This Bill, in its current form, represents a serious threat to jobs, investment, entrepreneurship, and economic freedom in South Africa. It introduces an excessive, bureaucratic, and punitive licensing regime that will cripple businesses instead of supporting them. 1. An Unworkable Administrative Burden Requiring every business in the country to obtain and renew a licence every five years will overwhelm municipalities that already struggle to deliver basic services — expecting them to manage a national register of businesses is grossly unrealistic and guarantees administrative collapse. 2. Harmful to Jobs and Economic Growth South Africa desperately needs investment and employment. This Bill moves in the opposite direction by introducing: Delays in approvals, High compliance costs, The constant threat of fines, confiscation, and arbitrary enforcement 3. Excessive Enforcement Powers The Bill grants inspectors: Unfettered authority to demand licence proof at any time The power to confiscate goods and shut down operations These open-ended powers create opportunities for abuse, harassment, corruption, and extortion, especially small businesses. 4. Discriminatory Licensing Criteria Concerns raised by NEASA and others indicate that the Bill introduces demographic “preference systems” that could determine who does and does not qualify for a licence. Such provisions amount to discrimination, are constitutionally questionable, and constitute BEE by stealth. No law should restrict an individual or group’s right to trade based on demographic background or national origin. 5. Damaging to Informal and Rural Economies Millions of South Africans make a living through informal and survivalist enterprises. This Bill will force them into complicated licensing processes they cannot afford. For these reasons, I do not support the Business Licensing Bill and say NO.	Petrus	Western Cape	business owner

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	2025-11-25 06:54:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Helen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:01:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Our country needs business, and now you are even making it more difficult to start a business. Every 5 years renewal - what is this? The licensing department folded under the 5-year renewal, and now you want to implement a failed system again?	Tanja		
	2025-11-25 07:06:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Colin	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:09:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This just another limiting measure against free market trading. National Employers' Association of SA (Neasa), which represents 7,000 businesses argues the plan, which would allow municipalities to give preferential licensing to small, disadvantaged-group-owned businesses through simplified processes, amounts to "BEE in disguise. I am strongly against the proposal.	Casper	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 07:10:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It's time that the SA government stopped interfering in the economy. They are destroying it, not aiding it.	Andrew		retired
	2025-11-25 07:10:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Patricia	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 07:14:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Noleen	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:14:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bernerine	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 07:16:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We have a unemployment problem, we need less obstruction to small businesses not more costs and red tape.	Quentin		
	2025-11-25 07:16:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Amelia		
	2025-11-25 07:18:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Kevin	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:23:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This sounds like just another way to destroy existing jobs and to cripple the country further. If left unchecked, the government and municipal employees will get richer while the business, middle and lower classes will get poorer as businesses are fined, have their stock seized and their doors closed. This is opening all sorts of doors for further corruption, bribery and bullying.	Grace	Free State	retired
	2025-11-25 07:27:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Helen	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 07:31:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Riaan		
	2025-11-25 07:32:08	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Do not support this bill as gives municipality and inspectors too much power and will stifle employment and investment which this country so badly needs	Janine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:36:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Izak	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:42:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I oppose the Business Licensing Bill. South Africa's government and municipalities do not have the capacity, systems or integrity to implement a national licensing regime of this scale. Existing services, billing, enforcement, by-laws, digital systems and administration, already fail consistently. Adding more licensing, inspections and compliance will create delays, corruption, unfair enforcement and higher business costs. The Bill also gives officials excessive powers to enter premises, confiscate goods and close businesses. In a country with known corruption challenges, these powers are unsafe and open to abuse. Instead of reducing red tape, the Bill will increase bureaucracy and make it harder for small businesses to operate. Before introducing a new licensing system, government must first fix capacity, digital infrastructure, internal controls and enforcement ethics. Implementing this Bill now will damage business confidence, discourage investment, and harm job creation. For these reasons I strongly oppose the Bill.	Tijmen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:03:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Andrea		
	2025-11-25 08:08:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		G		
	2025-11-25 08:13:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Carla		
	2025-11-25 08:13:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Harriet	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 08:17:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jeanette		
	2025-11-25 08:17:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jeanette		
	2025-11-25 08:21:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jesse	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 08:23:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michael	Western Cape	self-employed

	2025-11-25 08:30:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Department of Small Business Development Subject: Comments on the Proposed Business Licensing Bill Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed Business Licensing Bill. I am writing to express concerns that the Bill, in its current form, may be unworkable and potentially harmful to jobs and investment in South Africa. 1. Administrative Burden The proposed licensing system introduces additional applications, renewals, inspections, and compliance processes. Most municipalities already struggle with capacity, and these new requirements are likely to cause significant delays, preventing businesses from operating or expanding. 2. Damage to Small Business and Employment Small businesses drive job creation. Additional licensing obligations increase costs and discourage entrepreneurship. This Bill may unintentionally slow down economic growth and reduce job opportunities—especially in local communities. 3. Duplication of Existing Laws South Africa already has extensive business regulation through CIPC, SARS, municipal by-laws, sector-specific licenses, and health and safety legislation. Adding another layer does not improve compliance but instead creates confusion and red tape. 4. Risk of Inconsistent or Arbitrary Decisions This may lead to inconsistent implementation across municipalities and may undermine certainty for investors and small businesses. Recommendations • Strengthen and enforce existing regulations rather than creating a new national system. • Prioritise digital simplification instead of new bureaucratic layers. • Provide clear, transparent criteria for decision-making. The Bill in its current form risks creating more problems than it solves. I respectfully request a revision that supports small businesses and encourages economic growth. Thank you for considering these comments.	Roy		retired
	2025-11-25 08:31:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	A dangerous overreach and anti democratic, against the principles of the constitution.	Mark	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:45:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Leaves huge vacancy for corruption ...the inspectors will allow their cronies to do what they wish to do and stop and limit legal business	Bernice	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:46:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Unless there is a direct verifiable negative impact on the health of other citizens from certain economic activities, government has no reason to regulate and put up barriers to any economic activity. Additional administrative red tape, and opportunities for corruption by government employees, will just make the lives of the ordinary South African citizens worse off.	Achim		
	2025-11-25 09:03:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More corruption and definitely fewer jobs, and more people without jobs	Mornay	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:04:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	If this is for the informal sector = then make it for the informal sector. The formal sector has enough regulations that comply with international standards.	Adele	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:12:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not believe that this bill will in any way help small businesses to grow. It will be a hindrance to the growth of the economy. Large businesses will carry on but once again small businesses will be put out of business.	Rohan	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-25 09:12:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		robyn	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:15:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Martin	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 09:16:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Riaan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 09:19:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Marco	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:25:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is already cumbersome to manage a business, further red tape and adminstrative burden will kill small businesses. Municipalities does not have the capability to manage and process the granting of licenses. It opens up another gap for corruption to license inspectors and license grantees.	Arno		
	2025-11-25 09:31:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I hereby register my objection to the proposed bill. No, I do not support this bill as it amounts to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could unfairly influence who qualifies for a licence. In essence, this bill represents a further extension of the already highly discriminatory BEE restrictions, which risk excluding certain groups of society from eligibility for obtaining a business licence based solely on demographic or national background. Furthermore, this legislation would create conditions ripe for abuse, opening the door to entrenched bribery and corruption that has already plagued governance. Granting inspectors the authority to issue fines and confiscate goods is completely unacceptable, as it places disproportionate power in the hands of individuals without adequate safeguards. This bill is yet another attempt by political elites to consolidate control over the economy, stripping ordinary citizens of their fundamental right to open and operate businesses freely. Such measures will not only undermine entrepreneurial activity but also further damage South Africa's already fragile economy. Most importantly, this bill is not in the spirit or intention of the Constitution of South Africa, which guarantees equality, fairness, and the right to economic participation without discrimination. For these reasons, I strongly oppose the passage of this bill and urge that it be rejected in its entirety.	Colin	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 09:36:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		charlene	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:36:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is just another way for the government to have control over citizens and to discriminate against some. It also creates more red tape and many incompetent and corrupt municipalities will not manage the licensing as required and will take advantage of it for their own gains. It is another socialist bill which will further the crippling of South Africa's economy.	Nicholas	North West	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:36:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jan	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 09:42:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Linda	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-25 09:45:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support the principles of the bill as I am a white male business owner and am already being excluded from many aspects of the economy on the color of my skin.	Stanley		business owner
	2025-11-25 09:45:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rolf	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:45:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government should do what they should do and allow business to do what they need to do	Albert		
	2025-11-25 09:45:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another useless racist proposal that requires more government bureaucrats and imposes unnecessary administrative burden on businesses. Every 5 years, every business in SA reapplies for a license - What a joke! The government can't even cope with driver's licenses every 5 years. And impose some draconian laws to control something that has already been approved. SA needs less incompetent government interference in business.	Barry		business owner
	2025-11-25 09:54:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Elsabe	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 09:59:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	What is the use of having CIPC for business registrations and then having to license your business as well, rather run it all under the same umbrella.	Jody	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:17:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another money making racket of which the public will see no benefits whatsoever.	L	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 10:27:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Shelley	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner

	2025-11-25 10:27:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Shelley	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:34:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Geoff	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 10:38:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sarel	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 10:48:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More fees and more requirements and more inspectors to pay.	Vanessa	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 11:17:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Manny	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 11:54:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I object to the Draft Business Licensing Bill on the grounds that it will significantly harm South Africa's business environment, limit job creation, and place unsustainable demands on state institutions. The Bill proposes a universal licensing requirement for every business, regardless of size or risk. This will increase compliance costs, slow down new business formation, and discourage entrepreneurship at a time when the country urgently needs to stimulate growth. Small and emerging enterprises — the main drivers of employment — will be disproportionately affected, resulting in reduced opportunities for emerging business, and higher unemployment. The Bill further places major new administrative and enforcement duties on municipalities and other state bodies that already can't meet existing statutory obligations. Many municipalities face severe capacity constraints, long turnaround times, and inconsistent regulatory performance. Adding a nationwide business licensing function will overload systems that are not equipped to handle it, creating bottlenecks, delays, and uneven implementation. Of particular concern are the broad discretionary powers granted to inspectors, including the authority to demand proof of licensing at any time, issue fines, confiscate goods, or suspend operations. Such unrealistic and wide powers, without strong checks and balances, increase risk of abuse, corruption, and arbitrary enforcement. The Bill also appears to introduce preference-based criteria that could effectively exclude certain demographic or national groups from obtaining licenses. This raises constitutional concerns and undermines inclusive economic participation. For these reasons, the Bill in will constrain business activity, reduce employment, overburden state entities, and centralise excessive power in the hands of officials. The Bill should be withdrawn or substantially revised.	Dougal	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 11:58:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More gov control is not needed,	Johan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 12:00:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Roland	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 12:08:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Josef	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 12:12:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Leon	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 12:24:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hendrik	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 12:27:37	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jaco	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 12:33:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This seems to be BBEEE motivated. This can never be monitored by the municipalities in the Eastern Cape as their lines were cut due to not paying their telephone bill and other creditors. Please do not entrust this task to the municipality, as they are not able to send us an invoice without having any mistakes on the document.	Gail	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 12:38:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I believe the way forward is equal opportunity for all citizens irrespective of race. This should be the stance of a Democratic Country.	Denise		unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 12:57:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This seems to be another attempt by government to misuse power and funds to rob all south africans of a livelihood.	Eugene	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:02:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government wants more control and insight into businesses and is concerned about matters that are not their concern.	Chantel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:24:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government control over private enterprise is almost always bad but when it is disguised BEE, discrimination and control to be implemented by grossly corrupt nominated officials that are neither objective or appropriately qualified, it is disasterous!	Bruce	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 13:42:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gabrielle	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 13:43:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	There will be Corruption and this is a gross overreacting of government. Keep you noses out of our business you already making enough money form our taxes. CPIPC is already in place. Every day there is a new way for government to steal from the people. This is going to lead to mass job losses. It's not worth it to have a business anymore.	Jc	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-25 13:45:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Erika	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:45:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rhunelle	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-25 14:25:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Greg	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 14:42:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	There is no reason that a business should be licensed. This will harm the economy and jobs and increase inflation. The government doesn't have the competency or benevolent intent.	Gerdus	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 14:50:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This Bill boils down to discrimintation and does not allow for free market, it will only damage the econemy further and put the citizens under more pressure while the ANC facats steal more money.	Theuns	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 14:51:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It must be a free market for all. we dont need more bureaucratic bullshit rather less.	Nick	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:57:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Willem	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 14:57:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support the bill of licensing	Cathelene	North West	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:59:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gavin	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-25 15:06:23	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Stephanus	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 15:06:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Stephanus	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 15:07:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support the bill of licensing	Carel		
	2025-11-25 15:09:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Andre	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 15:10:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Do not agree	Leonor		
	2025-11-25 15:15:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No I do not support the Bill	Cornelia		unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 15:24:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Although there are principles for running businesses ethically, we have seen that in south africa no matter how ETHICAL one want s to be, the whole system gets CORRUPTED by selfishness, nepotism and greed resulting UNFAIR business practices, increasing DISCRIMINATION. Especially for us SMALL BUSINESSES	Prudence	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-25 15:25:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Why does the Government want to keep on sticking their fingers into our business. They should focus on implementing policies that help to ease business startup and economic growth. Not keep on trying to control stuff when they are not good at controlling anything. The only reason I can see on why they keep on pushing these control measures has nothing to do with protection of the public but all about how they can further squeeze people of South Africa for money. Unless they make policies that lessen complexity and compliance they will only add to the workload and expenses we as small business owners already suffer under. So NO. I don't want this law that will give beurecates more power to plunder and mess out economy up.	Xander	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 15:26:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Talitha	Free State	retired
	2025-11-25 15:26:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Do not support the bill	Gerda	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 15:26:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No to principles of business license	Lindiwe	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 15:36:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Stop government intrusion and control.	Harold	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 15:37:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Arnoldt		self-employed
	2025-11-25 15:39:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Henvia	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 15:50:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Why does the Government want to keep on sticking their fingers into our business. They should focus on implementing policies that help to ease business startup and economic growth. Not keep on trying to control stuff when they are not good at controlling anything. The only reason I can see on why they keep on pushing these control measures has nothing to do with protection of the public but all about how they can further squeeze people of South Africa for money. Unless they make policies that lessen complexity and compliance they will only add to the workload and expenses we as small business owners already suffer under. So NO. I don't want this law that will give beurecates more power to plunder and mess out economy up.	sean	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 15:54:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Peter	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 15:55:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I am so tired of these new rules that take away our livelihood and freedom to earn a living. The government only want to do harm. None of this is right.	sandra	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:04:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Once again the government is over reaching .. we should have the power to do open and run a business without the consent of the government!	Leslie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 16:04:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	People should be free to trade and make a living, without having to apply or pay for licenses.	D	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 16:08:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is utter BS. They cannot just step in and take over businesses because that is what this is manipulatative take over. SA must wake UP!	Tinus	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-25 16:09:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Natalie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 16:16:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mella	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 16:16:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Isabella	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 16:16:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Isabella	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 16:19:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sarel	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-25 16:22:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Wade	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:24:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Andreas	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 16:25:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Unattractive to investors. Claim to be reducing red tape however creating additional processes. Preferential licensing - why create more barriers and opportunity for corruption.	Shane	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:25:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Net sekere besighede moet lisensies betaal. Wat van die stalletjies wat die sypaadjies vol sit reg voor besighede in die dorpe en stede.	Andre		retired
	2025-11-25 16:35:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Currently in South Africa all the municipalities are in financial difficulty and this is due to poor work ethic, the huge amount on corruption and fraud committed on every level and the lack of efficiency in all departments. This legislation is likely to increase bureaucratic red tape, while creating even more opportunities for corruption, and not only will this impose new burdens on businesses already struggling to survive, It will deter a lot of investors from investing in South Africa. Already the BEE policy's and the employment rules are a great deterrent for investors. This will sink our economy and keep on making the the few richer people even more money, while the total economy struggles!	Leslie	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 17:10:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		jorge	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 17:15:04	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Danie		
	2025-11-25 17:19:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No changes required. Economy boomed befire until this cirrupt & ineot givt took iver . We do. It beed any changed. It is eniugh tgat anybody wants & pays for past licence, as it is their money which orifits they will pay tax in. Enough if this rachdn & control! Especually when dubject tk this thoe musgovt!	M M	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 17:21:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bertus		
	2025-11-25 17:21:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Luben	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 17:27:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Same-oh, same-oh, just with a different name: BEE. Too much power invested in 1 body, will without a doubt lead to abuse, i.e. bribery and corruption.	Gail	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 17:29:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Robert		
	2025-11-25 17:35:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Renee	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 17:44:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another ANC attempt at favouring a specific portion of people so that another group or groups of people are either excluded or marginalized. it will most likely result in a waste of money and be disasterous for the economy of SA!!	Graham	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 17:48:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More corruption from this ANC corrupt government	Marianna	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 17:50:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hettie	Gauteng	

	2025-11-25 17:53:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Why? So that more corruption can take place? So that more small business owners can close their doors? So that more unemployment can take place? Cause this is exactly what is going to happen when small businesses can't keep up with this incompetent government demands	Retha	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 17:56:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Frans	Free State	retired
	2025-11-25 18:23:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Coert Johannes	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-25 18:25:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Melané	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 18:25:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Melané	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 18:26:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Coert Johannes	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-25 18:47:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Chris	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 19:09:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Isabel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 19:26:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Companies are already registered at CIPC and SARS. Ensure that the small businesses do the same so that we are all equal. Besides the small businesses e.g. spaza shops etc register with the municipality already. Why now have a second business license?	Louisa	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 19:48:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Keith	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 19:52:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Elaine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 20:30:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support the business Licensing Bill, since some South African municipalities are constantly under investigation for corruption. This would give local authorities the power to grant licenses to businesses that could benefit their own business dealings and reject business that could be in direct conflict with their business dealings. This bill would also place more administrative and financial stress on business owners.	MIEMIE	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 20:36:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Not a supporter of BEE	K		
	2025-11-25 20:50:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Karen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 20:50:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Karen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 21:07:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	By claiming the right to license the property or action of anyone is claiming that the government owns that business. A licence to use anything means that the licensor is the owner of that which is licenced. It is criminal that vehicles and guns has to be licenced and in the process the ownership passes, fraudulently, on to the government as the licensor. THIS IS THEFT DISGUIZED AS IMPROVING WHATEVER, NO, TO ROB AND CONTROL FOR THEIR BENEFIT, EVIL AND DESTRUCTIVE The maxim : YOU WILL OWN NOTHING AND BE HAPPY is what is playing out here. Now they will push it through during holidays when nobody is looking	Rudolph	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-25 21:18:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Dina	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 21:42:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Albertus	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 21:53:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	too much support pushed to municipalities and most of them have no clocking clue what it means to be an entrepreneur.. hiring staff and making the business work municipalities know nothing of what the importance of a business is,.. clueless and they are all corrupt..	Gavin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 22:14:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Municipalities are already under massive management pressure to perform. Unfortunately they are filled with incompetence. Gaining a license every 5 years is going to be problematic, leading to loads on noncompliance, bribery, and illegal business operations. This is also against the principles of the constitution in that it is taking away the right to make a living.	Rob	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 22:39:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This notion is anti-competitive as the business that is best for its customers won't necessarily be able to trade. There is enough legislation already through CIPC and SARS that compels businesses to register and customers to insist on these registration documents. Furthermore there is more than sufficient BBBEE legislation to address historically disadvantaged groups. Adding more legislation and registration requirements add bureaucratic burden without additional benefit and also give this responsibility to municipalities who struggle to perform basic functions like collect money for electricity. This is unnecessary and infeasible	Bradford		
	2025-11-26 05:16:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jackie	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-26 06:47:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	this is just another way for the corrupt government the burden the small business	stephan	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-26 07:04:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bernadine	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 07:14:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ernie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 08:13:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Pieter	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 08:26:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Manie	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-26 08:27:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!	Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-26 08:33:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another absurd regulation in a country where businesses are already over regulated. More restriction will mean less prospective entrepreneurs will be taking a risk to start a business and existing business owners will be wary of further investment limiting future employment opportunities. Besides, local governments are struggling to steer their own ships, getting them involved in local businesses will be detrimental.	Ryno	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 08:36:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		David	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 08:37:35	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Demi	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-26 08:37:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Demi	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-26 08:40:57	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Anja	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 08:46:56	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	What a joke. Is "Big Brother" trying to control everything?	Rudi	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 08:55:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Philani	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-26 09:00:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rob	Western Cape	self-employed

	2025-11-26 09:09:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government wants to charge already overtaxed citizens for business initiatives which will stop all entrepreneurs. The government is not providing millions of jobs and not want to make it Difficult for entrepreneurs from earning a living ? Absolutely against more red tape as municipality's are already not coping with their workload. Now to create more work to license new business in addition to CIPS is ridiculous and open to corruption - just another stumbling block	Sally	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 09:10:25	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The country needs more business from the outside world not more red tape to complicate investing and growing our economy	Patricia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 09:16:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	All of the above reasons.	J		employed individual
	2025-11-26 09:25:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is common knowledge that our country needs a strong middle class with an unhindered entry into small scale business opportunities without bureaucratic interference . This is now exactly what not do .	Paul	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 09:25:58	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is common knowledge that our country needs a strong middle class with an unhindered entry into small scale business opportunities without bureaucratic interference . This is now exactly what not do .	Paul	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 09:36:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	AGAINST LICENSING OF SMALL BUSINESSES!!! Small business are trying to make a living and the government should celebrate people who want to work, not hamper them further!!!	Karen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 09:41:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Small scale businesses and new small/medium business opportunities will be negatively impacted/prevented with this type of unnecessary bureaucratic interference.	Kallie	Gauteng	
	2025-11-26 09:55:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Violation of a constitutional right to free trade. Opening yet another avenue to corruption. Preferential Licensing (BEE) Yet another avenue to fill the coffers of government	Dave		business owner
	2025-11-26 09:57:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	No municipal or government entity has the capacity to handle and enforce this act. It can never work.	Johan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 10:09:16	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Nikki	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 10:17:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I must respectfully reject this proposed bill. The measures outlined will significantly increase operational challenges for small businesses, making it harder for them to remain viable. This will inevitably lead to more closures and, as a result, increased job losses. Is this the intended outcome of the bill? If not, I urge a reconsideration of its provisions to ensure that small businesses - critical drivers of employment and economic growth - are supported rather than burdened.	Dawn	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 11:25:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We as business are sick and tired of restrictions on trying to generate and support the economy. The Bill is draconian and needs to be scrapped completely. Be fair! it should not be about government control as they have failed terribly in most spheres of its own institutions. Its deeply concerning and disgusting. I do not support this bill or any part thereof.	Russell	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 11:27:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Edward		retired
	2025-11-26 12:22:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will clearly stifle economic growth which is desperately needed to combat unemployment.	AJ		business owner
	2025-11-26 12:52:51	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	BEE doesn't work. Fill only the disadvantages pockets. This is the same. This is even worse.	Petronella	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 12:54:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government over reach.	George		
	2025-11-26 12:54:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Andre	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 13:24:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		junai	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-26 13:26:09	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Far from the ANC's hollow promises of "streamlining" and "inclusion," this bill is a Trojan horse for expanded racial quotas, bureaucratic overreach, and economic sabotage. In a nation already crippled by 32.9% unemployment and a 0.6% GDP growth forecast for 2025, this legislation will not foster growth – it will choke it, deter investment, and deepen poverty for millions. By embedding Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) as a licensing gatekeeper, it perpetuates ANC-fueled racial division while making it harder for honest businesses to thrive. We demand its immediate withdrawal before it inflicts irreversible damage on South Africa's fragile economy.	Annatjie	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 13:51:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It will be a fiasco. too many small vendors and they won,t be all followed up on. Only larger companies will be targeted creating an unfair practice.. This will have a deterring effect to people wanting to open business. This is STATE CONTROL and not positive	Justin	North West	retired
	2025-11-26 13:56:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	1)I do not support the Business Licensing Bill as it again places too much power into the hands of bureaucrats, providing little or no protection especially to those in poorer communities. The draft licensing legislation should therefore be subjected to a regulatory impact assessment analysis so that ALL the consequences, intentional and unintentional, are considered with regard to this Bill. The fact that the Bill will allow an automatic revocation of a licence with no appeal process before closure appears to be an unjust administrative action that undermines the provisions of section 33 of the Constitution. Section 25 of the Bill seems to validate this view as hawkers could face harsh punishment for doing business if found guilty of this offence. The offender would be liable to a fine of an unspecified amount or imprisonment for up to 10 years or both. In accordance with section 42 any number of onerous requirements could be added under the authority of this blanket provision and the justification for this Bill. 2)The provisions of the Bill are discriminatory as it aims to preclude any group of society from being eligible for a business licence, based on demographic or national background. This is just BEE in a different form-a policy which has destroyed our country economically and socially. 3)The broad powers proposed for inspectors must be STRICTLY regulated to avoid possible instances of abuse as this occurs too regularly in our country. 4)The Bill will impose an increased administrative burden on the municipal authorities, which already clearly lack the capacity. The Bill will spur on illegal business activity as operators seek to avoid complying with the Bill. This will lead to increased bribery and corruption. 5)The compliance burden is too onerous and will place a significant financial burden on SME's resulting in more closures and job losses. 6) The Bill will further deter foreign investors and be another barrier to economic growth which has stagnated.	Theresa		retired
	2025-11-26 14:06:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Just another form of red tape to make it harder for people to run a business. The preference system will say who qualitfies for a business and not. Just BEE in disguise, aimed at the whites in the country.	Gavin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 15:24:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is nothing but implemented COMMUNISM	Hendrik		unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 15:39:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Dawn	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 15:46:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This policy would expose businesses to unethical and discriminatory practices. It is highly unlikely that the capcity of municipalities and or government would cope with administration of such legislation. Government policy should rather focus on stimulating private business growth to reduce unemployment rather that suffocating through polies such as this one.	Andrew	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 15:57:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It seems like another BEE scheme, just money making for the government.	Francois	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 18:05:18	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sandra	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 18:27:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Cornelius		
	2025-11-26 18:43:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Die gowerment wil net steel en ons verarm	Marius	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-26 18:56:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rosemarie		
	2025-11-26 20:24:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michiel	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-26 20:38:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Yet another threat for the minority in SA. Focus on creating jobs for all races & allow productive South Africans the freedom to find a way to generate income & provide work for others struggling to find jobs! Way more important issues to focus on in SA.	DelRay	Western Cape	
	2025-11-26 21:56:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Anthony	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 22:24:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Isabella	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 22:24:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Isabella	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 23:30:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Carolina		
	2025-11-27 04:39:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Considering that most municipalities are grossly mismanaged, indebted, incompetent and under administration and incapable of providing basic services to the public. What corruption will creep in here. more money to steal and license to issue at will and withhold. More opportunities to bribe the public and hold them hostage. Not to mention the race issue.	Audrey	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-27 08:12:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Martin		
	2025-11-27 08:28:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	More regulation does not address the issue of existing over-regulation. This Bill is a wolf in sheep's clothing. This Bill is then also a tool to further the biased policies of the government and the state, which at every turn seek to push racist agendas and supress minorities.	Andre	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 09:47:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Michael	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-27 10:01:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Google AI says: Most countries regulate business registrations through a centralized, government-mandated system, typically managed by a national business registry or a similar public authority. The process is governed by specific legislation, such as a Companies Act, and serves to formalize businesses, ensure compliance, and provide legal identity. Key Aspects of Business Registration Regulation Mandatory Registration: Businesses generally cannot start operations before being registered and receiving a legal identity. This is a universal practice, with a business register existing in every jurisdiction. Centralized Authority: A specific government agency is responsible for overseeing the registration process. In South Africa, for example, this is the CIPC (Companies and Intellectual Property Commission). Unique Identifier: Upon registration, each entity is assigned a unique identifier that is used across all administrative systems for consistent referencing. Information Required: The basic information collected during registration typically includes: The business name and legal form. The address of the business. Details of directors and other officers. An identifying number. Information to ensure tax compliance and for statistical purposes. Ongoing Compliance: Registered entities are responsible for keeping their data up to date with the registry and complying with ongoing regulations, including tax obligations and labor laws. Purpose of Regulation: The primary goals of these regulations include: Ensuring tax collection. Minimizing risk to the public and ensuring consumer protection. Providing legal standing, which allows businesses access to formal contracts, banking services, and courts. Modern Trends in Regulation Many countries are digitizing their systems to make registration more efficient and accessible. E-Government Services: Offering online name searches, electronic submission of documents, and online filing of annual accounts is a growing trend.	Ezanne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 10:30:33	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Remove BEE, get back to free market economy and rather ensure that businesses are operated safely and according to standards already existing.	Drikus	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 10:54:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Daphne		
	2025-11-27 12:05:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The normal thing for registration of Businesses Globally is according to a Business Act in all countries. Municipalities are already in a mess and cannot even comply in doing what they are supposed to do. Government should have better control over Municipalities so they could perform better in the purpose they are there for. In 99% of cases the public has to wait far beyond months for approval where needed and especially where refunds owed to you, in many cases just to hear they do not have the funds. How long will the majority of Municipalities take to renew a license? If the renewal is not within the required period, then many businesses will just be closed down!! Once again, it leaves lots of room for major discrimination. Therefore my answer stays NO, NO, NO.	Werda		
	2025-11-27 12:19:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is not friendly for job creation, nor for encouraging investment	Gregory	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 12:47:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Heidi	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 13:04:32	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another way for government to milk money out of consumers/businesses.	Kate	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-27 13:11:11	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Current business registration and maintenance processes are already complicated and don't need to complicate processes further, for your average citizens, who are already battling.	Mxolisi	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-27 13:49:41	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Annet	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-27 13:58:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It could have the way for anither South Africa golden opportunity for inspectors to take bribes from non compliant businesses.	Jemmey	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 14:00:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is difficult enough to run a business in this country and make ends meet. There is so much red tape already and this would only deter young entrepreneurs and start ups. The one man show, hairdresser working from home, baker or seamstress, graphic artist etc would view this as an added complication and ultimately added cost, also Ito time and effort. What is the benefit ?	Kassandra	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-27 14:48:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Our economy is already under immense strain, with unemployment at a record high, and now you want to introduce yet another major hurdle for people simply trying to earn a living. It's staggering to imagine how this could possibly benefit our country. Even the consideration of such a bill is bewildering. This proposal places an unnecessary burden on young entrepreneurs eager to build their future, as well as on current business owners who are already overwhelmed by excessive paperwork and red tape just to comply with existing tax and employment laws. Introducing a licence that must be continually maintained would be a damaging and deeply hostile move against the people of this country.	Lisa	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-27 16:39:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I suspect a hidden agenda. My businesses operate in semi-rural areas. I employ a total of 160 permanent people who have no viable alternate source of employment in the areas in which we operate. I abide by the rules e.g. registered for UIF, WCC, and follow BCEA. My businesses are already registered with CIPRO, for which we pay annual fees. Municipalities are unable to carry out their prescribed duties. How will they cope with this additional burden?How will licensing be approved? By whom? What criteria? What cost? I can see that registering 'informal' businesses could be beneficial, but the questions remain the same. I imagine it will lead to corruption, corruption and more corruption.	Johann	Eastern Cape	business owner

	2025-11-27 17:05:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I find it astounding that a government that struggles to get the basics right deem itself fit to make yet another set of laws for business to comply with. Also that from the depths of corruption the government has the audacity to make laws that are tailor made for corrupt individuals to ply their trade. This country is kept afloat by the energy and drive of private enterprise with as little as possible red tape. Both by SA citizens and migrants who are motivated to work because where they come from is grossly mismanaged by their own governments. The ideals of transformation and inclusion sound great politically, but an economy where competition is encouraged has proven over many centuries to be most sustainable. Consider for example the dismal performance of the most transformed state owned entities, the most glaring of which is Eskom. Since meaningful private generation was legalised the private sector solved the country's power problems. It only took two years (after fifteen years of suffering). Eskom remains a disgrace considering the amount of electricity produced both in aggregate and in terms of units per employee compared to 15-20 years ago. SA needs growth of well above 1% to accommodate population growth. Nothing solves the poverty and previously disadvantaged challenges like fast economic growth. The government should get out of the way and allow unfettered private enterprise to solve the country's problems. No more laws. Start to fulfil your social contract (policing, education being the most urgent), rather than harass the private sector. This law is the antithesis of what is needed for SA. No thanks	Johann		self-employed
	2025-11-27 17:06:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	My business is already registered with CIPC and has to comply with the appropriate acts. This is over regulation in order to 'milk' the cow that still gives milk. Municipalities cannot even provide basic services such as water and electricity - how can you give them this important responsibility? If implemented, this will be unconstitutional, and Gov will again lose in court.	Louis	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-27 21:52:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Fanus	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-27 23:40:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is nothing but a way for government to kill more businesses. It will be used to close down companies operated/owned by white people.	Jaco	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 05:35:38	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. It risks: • Increasing bureaucracy • Fueling corruption • Hindering investment • Damaging job creation • Undermining constitutional rights • Impeding SME development • Suppressing economic growth For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further.	Aubrey	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-28 05:46:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. It risks: • Increasing bureaucracy • Fueling corruption • Hindering investment • Damaging job creation • Undermining constitutional rights • Impeding SME development • Suppressing economic growth • Current inspectors are not qualified to make an assessment that will align to the requirements of the application. For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further.	Eric	Mpumalanga	employed individual
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	2025-11-28 06:07:29	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Johan	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-28 06:38:21	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It will great more problems than creating new jobs.	Johan		self-employed
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	2025-11-28 07:09:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	#ScrapTheBusinessLicensingBill The inevitable result will be arbitrary enforcement, rent-seeking, corruption and an ever-deepening atmosphere of uncertainty that chokes investment and suppresses job creation." - Dr. Brian Benfield	Wendy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 07:24:39	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. It risks: • Increasing bureaucracy • Fueling corruption • Hindering investment • Damaging job creation • Undermining constitutional rights • Impeding SME development • Suppressing economic growth For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further.	T		self-employed
	2025-11-28 07:34:00	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Gary	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 08:00:59	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lou	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 08:11:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The function of government is to facilitate in creating a stable environment for business. Not to regulate it to the point that it cannot function. This bill will negatively impact business's ability to create employment.	Gina		
	2025-11-28 08:29:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Section 22 of the Constitution states that people have the right to choose their trade, occupation and profession freely. This proposed bill will allow the states abuse of this right and freedom and we all know the state levels of corruption is rife in both national, local and municipal levels and will lead to preferential treatment by both bribe and the race of the individual concerned and will function as little more than a mechanism to drive racial economic exclusion as is the ultimate goal of the corrupt abdicate ruling party.	Ian		
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	2025-11-28 08:32:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Since when do we need permission to start or operate a lawful business?? If one starts a business it is not for 5 years, it takes longer to just establish the company/business venture. The entire economy is in distress as a result of BEE legislation. If this proposed legislation is allowed to be enacted, the entire economy will collapse. The function of government is to facilitate in creating a stable environment for business. Not to regulate it to the point that it cannot function.	Dennis		
	2025-11-28 08:51:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This opens channels for bribery, unnecessary taxation, discrimination on who/race will get licensed approval.	Dylan		
	2025-11-28 08:57:36	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This law has no benefit for the country of South Africa. The government system can already not cater for the administrative tasks for the country, how does the government plan to handle this additional unnecessary licensing admin? I am also concerned with what would constitute as a "fair" business that may receive a valid license? What protects the citizens against corrupt officials? Another concern is that this system would encourage illegal business trading with the result that there will be even less tax payers while the honest business owners will have to cope with the additional burden of even more tax and administrative tasks preventing them to do business and employ workers. This law will increase unemployment in South Africa.	Caspar	Mpumalanga	employed individual
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	2025-11-28 09:31:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Rupert	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 09:41:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It is completely and importantly necessary for a full scrap of this bill to save entrepreneurs, informal traders, and our sputtering economy from this license-to-loot disaster.	Daniel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 09:54:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	South African business owners and entrepreneurs employ thousands people, they don't need corrupt bureaucrats making life hard for them. In fact they need to be supported and encouraged. We need to find ways to make opening business easier for them!	Jacky	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-28 10:08:43	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Diana	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 10:44:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This will be the death of the economy and the total rise of corruption to a level never seen before. In the beginning, the poorest of the poor will be the ones who will suffer the most, and as the time goes by and this discriminating and racist bill takes hold, the people who hold the power will be in a position to enforce such corruption in the form of bribery that the businesses that actually pay the taxes, will close. Out of all the most explosive and destructive things that the ANC has done to ALL the people in South Africa over the last 30 years, if this bill passes, it will be the death of them and the rise of a nation. ANC, touch our pockets and the sanctity of your citizens, and you will have your hands chopped off. Stop abusing your power, you only have it cause we allow it. Don't push us further.	Gareth	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 10:46:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support this proposed bill. It is just another attempt to tighten the choke -hold government has on it's citizens. Instead of supporting and expanding opportunities this bill will destroy some businesses just to hand the ashes to someone else for a vote in the next election. The focus on digitization has nothing to do with convenience and opening opportunities, but everything to do with control. Reserving certain sectors for certain people is pure madness and the proposed mandate for inspectors is concerning to say the least. To think that municipalities will all of a sudden start functioning properly and that all corruption will disappear over night is wishful thinking and this proposed bill will, despite possible good intentions, end up as just another source of income for corrupt officials and not help the man on the street.	Jefrey	Gauteng	
	2025-11-28 10:52:22	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	To have a blooming free market, the market should be free. Government should focus on getting their own business right, not making it difficult for the citizens who have to make a living by instituting unnecessary, costly and unasked for legislation.	Andre	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 11:11:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Restrictive and undue hinderance and limitation of a free business environment. The state must reduce legislation to promote business environment, not increase it with another bill.	Christopher	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-28 11:15:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The government talks about assisting SME but then try to introduce further obstacles. The SME businesses are already under severe strain and this bill will result in further closures and unemplyment. Entrepreneurship is key to this country's economy. Introducing any barriers threatens our already weak economy and will prevent valuable job creation. This also opens up the opportunity for preferential licensing. Working with our municipalities is difficult enough and should be limited at all costs.	Norma	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 12:18:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill will kill small businesses and major job losses	Willem	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-28 13:11:14	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Not feasable	Eugene	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 13:18:12	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Jan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 15:24:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support this Bill, it will cause hardship and unemployment.	Chris	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-28 15:26:01	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support this Bill, it will cause hardship and unemployment.	Chris	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-28 15:26:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I do not support the bill, it will lead to many job losses	Roswitha	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-28 16:35:52	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I reject the Business Licensing Bill 2025 in its totality. This will create an additional admin burden as well as additional costs to a lot of small businesses who are already struggling. It will create unnecessary red tape and punish those trying to earn a living. In a country with an already high unemployment rate, this bill will lead to even more unemployed individuals where licences are not issued. In short, the whole economy of South Africa will suffer severely if this bill is implemented.	MICHAEL	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 16:43:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Bernard	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-28 16:49:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Not acceptable.Too much not clear and open to manipulation.	Ed		
	2025-11-28 17:02:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Mark	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 17:22:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hannes		
	2025-11-28 17:31:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill will fuel further unfair racial preferences. The unemployed doing whatever legal means of earning to feed themselves and children will be overwhelmed with bureaucratic nonsense that will defeat the object of what they are trying to achieve. This bill is inhumane and should not be passed.	Colleen	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 18:43:46	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Government cannot and has not built or contributed positively to the economy. This is another means for inspectors to demand and take bribes. Add value not opportunity to TAKE! You have a track record for the past +30 years that this will not be used and reach apparent or intended purposes	Ryan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 18:57:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Talvin	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-28 19:05:15	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		mary-lynne	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 19:09:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Everyone deserves the right to earn an honest income to support themselves and their families, without any government thieving or interference!!	Louise	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-28 19:31:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Hanli	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-28 19:48:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Melissa	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 20:00:03	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We already have municipal licenses that have been changed from two years to one year validity and these have to be paid for as well. Why do we keep having to have more documentation and red tape when it's not necessary? It's just duplication and it makes One want to close Shop and put more unemployed locals out on the streets. Please don't break something that's not broken	Patrick	KwaZulu-Natal	retired

	2025-11-28 20:01:02	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Hell no.	Jack	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-28 20:09:27	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Sharon	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 20:18:44	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This bill will cut the throat of every 2nd household trying to survive a corrupt Government hell bent on corruption no matter the consequences.	Alfred	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 20:22:06	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Works abroad doesn’t mean can work here in a corruption dominated country.	EM	Western Cape	
	2025-11-28 20:24:50	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Olga-Marie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 20:39:42	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I am against more beaurocracy and more fees	Jennifer		self-employed
	2025-11-28 20:44:31	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	It will kill our free market system and be detrimental to thr economy	Jaco	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 21:03:13	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	THIS BILL WILL KILL FREE TRADE FOR SMMEs, LITERALLY TAKE FOOD OUT OF PEOPLE'S MOUTHS & LEAVE EVEN MORE PPLE WITHOUT AN INCOME.	Lin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 21:08:54	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Annelize	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 21:45:45	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Corruption will thrive and more people will be unemployed and hungry.	Ina	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 21:52:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	If the Government's end goal is to totally destroy SA economy- then this will be the final nail on the coffin Focus on sorting out the corruption in this country vs trying to find out more ways to squeeze money out of people in a dying economy	Margaret	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-28 22:37:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	As a small business owner myself. It is already hard to start up a small business to cater for your basic financial needs. I struggled for almost 3 months to register my business at my local municipality. Including extra steps to atart a business would mean that less people would even attempt to start up something that could benifit the economy, because of its difficulty. If anything the process should be easier than it currently is.	Justin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-29 00:39:10	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Louis	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-29 05:59:34	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Parents should have the freedom to sell what works for educating kids and in doing so support their families and parents should have the ability from buying what they deem fit to educate their kids.	Cassia	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-29 07:08:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Vicki		
	2025-11-29 08:49:28	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Dihlabeng Municipality is incapable of delivering the most basic services for which we already pay exorbitant rates and taxes. Unlikely that they will be able to administer business licensing. We already are registered with CIPRO, so this is just another revenue extraction ploy by government to exploit economically excluded citizens. Rather reduce the size of public service, cabinet and government.	Debra	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-29 15:39:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Lynn-Marie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-29 16:01:53	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Who is the person's that think to implement absolute impossible time consuming/extra administrative burden on already non functional municipalities and implement a licenced system to slow down our dismal current economic growth. The more red tape and difficulties to get new businesses started and new employment with licences slowing businesses to start working,the more the negative effect is on a capitalist system .A capitalistic system is the only possible way to get the South African economy to give people more job opportunities(That is all South Africans staying in SA) income tax growth opportunity and easy ways for entrepreneur ship to grow. Regulations is once again an added tax, more expenses to start a business. Our beautiful country is currently managed by political affiliated individuals who only see ways of making money. Well the bad news is,you need money to make money. If it is a bankrupt municipalities. We are in for even worse economic growth	Deon	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-29 17:33:26	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I call on Parliament to reject preferential licensing in the Business Licensing Bill. If the government wants to help promote a growing economy, it should remove barriers, not build new ones. Families and small businesses are the backbone of South Africa’s economy. I do not support handing politicians the power to decide who may trade, who may feed and who may serve their community.	Margot	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 17:34:40	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	This is RIDICULOUS!! More job losses will be the result. Just another corruption move with no actual interest in our economy	Liz	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-29 18:29:48	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	DO YOU WANT TO BLEED THIS COUNTRY ABSOLUTELY DRY?? LITERALLY TAKE FOOD OUT OF SMALL CHILDREN'S MOUTHS? IF WE NEEDED THIS BILL, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN THE 1940s. GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO FOCUS ON FIXING CORRUPTION & GET ITS ACT TOGETHER!!	Laurinda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-29 18:31:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Anna	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 19:29:17	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Cheron		
	2025-11-29 22:43:24	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Seriously?! Most people in the country are living from hand to mouth. We live to work, we don't work to live because things are hard. More red tape, more funds going to government in the form of licensing fees. This is all just another way to fund our corrupt government and will do more harm to us. Please don't make things harder than they already are.	Sherize	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-30 09:13:19	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	I oppose this unnecessary increase in the levels of parasitic bureaucracy which adds no value but just feeds off ordinary people by imposing regulatory costs which we are told "fixes" a problem which the country doesn't actually have! All this bill does do is impose additional controls, burdens and costs upon small business owners that are already highly negatively affected by already excessive red tape, which adds no value but just allows bureaucrats to find ways to be paid for applying regulations upon us all we which we do not need or want. In addition it reduces the freedom of small businesses to grow and innovate and operate - for no benefit to the the country overall. The only people who benefit are all the overpaid bureaucrats, corrupt officials who now have more gate keeping opportunities to solicit bribes, and control freaks who just seem to enjoy appointing themselves into positions of power over others. Further it is EXTREMELY destabilising to any business to have to reapply for a "license to operate" every 5 years, which could be denied by some bureaucrat on a whim! How is one supposed to plan for long term growth in such an unnecessarily restrictive, invasive environment? As such I see absolutely no merit in this proposed Bill and would point out that there are far bigger REAL problems in the country that the government should be focusing on, instead of wasting everyone's time and attention and effort, in trying to stop the government from introducing yet more unnecessary red tape, supposedly to solve a "problem" which does not seem to even exist?	Alan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-12-01 06:56:20	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	My reasons for not supporting the bill are: Red tape and increased government control Frustration dealing with people who are not capable to implement the system Unfair approval processes Unlawful confiscation of products Abuse of power from inspectors	Elna	Limpopo	retired
	2025-12-01 07:07:30	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Another BEE money laundering scheme for our Political thieves.	Richard		
	2025-12-01 12:09:55	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Go tax and license the taxi industry. But you are to scared by the mafioso who run government!!	Leon	Free State	business owner

	2025-12-01 12:13:05	No I do not	Principles of business licensing		Ray	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-12-01 12:33:07	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	We don't need more regulation of small businesses, we need less regulation. This is a ploy to extend corrupt activities.	Susan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-12-01 12:52:47	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	The Mining authority has already implemented this. as they make it almost impossible to get a licence	Richard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-12-02 11:01:49	No I do not	Principles of business licensing	Please stop increasing the hurdles for small business. Leave us alone so that we can get on with earning a living and supporting our families. This measure or idea, will add zero benefit for the business!	Chris	Gauteng	
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	2025-11-19 17:41:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government just want to see how they can regulate normal business and add additional load to get a business up and running. Another money making scheme! How are they going to enforce it? How long will it take to start a business?	Dirk	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-19 18:54:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	So more money in the pocket of corrupt government and corrupt officials. BEEE so only the buddies can benefit. No no no.	Daleen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-19 21:03:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pieter	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-19 21:15:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Beverley		
	2025-11-19 21:23:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		R		
	2025-11-20 02:51:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-20 06:11:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Etna		
	2025-11-20 08:23:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sally	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-20 09:19:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Douglas	North West	business owner
	2025-11-20 09:21:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	You are going to create even more unemployment!!	Gj	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-20 09:36:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Like everything else in South Africa corruption and double standerds, BEE advance of unskilled blacks and their friends to the point of destroying everything functioning. It simply cannot work in this country. It will mean further oppression of minorities like Whites.	JB	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-20 09:54:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not believe that South Africa needs more laws we need more work oppertunities created not governed the goverment just causes more unemployment	Tania	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-20 09:56:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another potential race based legislation to be weaponised against minorities in the country!	Louwrence		
	2025-11-20 11:32:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another piece of legislation that gives the government the power to move the white population out of the economy of the country to enhance their black empowerment ideology	Craig	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-20 11:34:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		craig	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-20 13:06:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It will become race based and nothing to do with your business and creating jobs	Colette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-20 13:08:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This legislation is very dangerous and can create the problem of preferential licensing for government favoured companies and individuals	John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-20 20:23:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 04:18:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	SA is supposedly democratic and a free market. Not at all. Government should STOP interfering in entrepreneurial spirit of business owners. STOP your discrimination against any business talent. STOP your controlling and restricting antics.	Desi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 15:51:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charlene		
	2025-11-21 15:55:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dave	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 16:01:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Juanita	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:02:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Isabella	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:12:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shirley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:12:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We need to encourage new business, not make it as difficult as possible.	Claire	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:13:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		João Paulo		
	2025-11-21 16:14:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Why is this even being considered? This government is already making it as difficult as possible for businesses to start and thus to provide employment and grow our economy. Add corruption into the mix, and it's yet another disaster.	AJ	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:15:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill is the latest attempt of corrupted ANC to endorse BEE and steal money from all businesses in SA	Valentina	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:21:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barry	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 16:21:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barry	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 16:22:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		M		
	2025-11-21 16:23:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alvin		
	2025-11-21 16:24:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ian	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:25:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill only serves the ANC and its People. Other Race Groups will be targeted and abused by the Government Inspectors. This Bill will not work In favour of Upright Businesses. This Bill will only benefit Businesses that that deal in Corruption. Another Pot of Dollars to Loot.	Dhanpal	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 16:28:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cornelius		
	2025-11-21 16:28:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Do the SAPS, Trafic poice , street venders, or whoever is owner of what ever bussines all have to register? Who is going to control or manage all these bisnesses? More poeple to be employed to manage this? How are they going to be paid and by which sate instetution? I think this will not be managable or realistic!	Wilhelm	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 16:29:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another version of racism and corruption.	Marina	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:29:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It's time we stop focussing on race. Any law that places preference on race not only adds red tape, but promotes racial decision and social problems. Furthermore bringing race into business licensing reduces competitiveness, shifts focus from merit and capability which will discourage investment and slow economic growth, which ultimately disadvantages more people. This is a regressive strategy to fix injustices that need to be fixed on equal access to opportunity, starting more foundationally at education level.	Luke	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:31:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More government control-would lead to further corruption and bribery	Yvonne	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 16:32:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is against the South African constitution, international law and treaties South Africa has signed	Lourens	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 16:32:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I absolutely agree that this is yet another disguised attempt to promote BEE in this country. This law will most definitely have a negative and devistating effect on an already struggling economy. Should these government bodies be given the power to decide who may or may not be approved for licensing it will lead to further discrimination against certain groups and cause even further corruption. It is my opinion that any ridiculous altematums can be set for those businesses that the government wants forced out of business which will inevitably lead to the closure of these businesses. Who are the municipalities to decide whether you may or may not be granted an opportunity to conduct business while these entities are burdened with having to go under administration themselves and or under performing because of corruption and mismanagement of funds	Yolandi	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-21 16:33:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cheryl	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:34:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another government money making, corrupt, looting , thieving, bribery gravy train for ANC cadres with incompetent, unqualified, racist people running the show simply by virtue of their skin colour.	Angela	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 16:34:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government just trying to control who can own a business with criteria that would be along the lines of BEE. No to racism ! ! !	Grahame		self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:35:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kay	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-21 16:36:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I agree that this is just BEE in disguise. Preventing associations from running a business is stupid - some associations have a turnover of millions of Rand per annum and employ more than 100 people. Rather become more digitally aware and register businesses online, but fix the current system.	Rob	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 16:37:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barry		
	2025-11-21 16:41:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barry		business owner
	2025-11-21 16:41:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not believe the new bill will be merit based instead operating along BEE lines which are not democratic or just.	Clare	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 16:44:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Discriminatory.	Barry		business owner
	2025-11-21 16:45:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:47:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will again just be another racist law. We are already the most racist country in the world under anc	Johan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 16:49:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Cannot trust municipal inspectors.	DB	North West	retired
	2025-11-21 16:51:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I could have ticked the other boxes too regarding my concerns. It seems more opportunity for corruption, delay and discrimination. It actually sounds unworkable, but when has that ever stopped the ANC?	Denise		
	2025-11-21 16:54:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gee	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 16:56:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another evil & devious way of the anc to rake in more money from the already struggling tax payers. This gov cannot manage SA's economy, therefore I don't trust anything they suggest of doing.	Robert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:57:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not agree with this bill in its entirty. Any natural person born in south africa should be able to register and do business. No restrictions on race/color or anything else in that matter.	Ivan		
	2025-11-21 17:01:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This would be subjective and counterproductive! Not conducive to creating jobs!	Ken	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:03:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	First, get your house in order and ensure compliance with current legislation before passing new laws that will also not be enforced or that are open to corruption. Imagine the bribes paid to inspectors! The DRC follows such a similar law, and having worked there, I can tell you nothing will be able to stop the corruption and bribery that will follow.	Rigard	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:04:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Although I understand part of the idea behind this, I believe that in its current form it's dangerously formulated. Municipalities already struggle with workloads, the preferential licensing goes against the idea of equality and generally this feels like something that can be abused far too easily.	Michael	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-21 17:04:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It can easily be used to prohibit you to operate as a business. we all already are paying for having a business. we paid to register the business. what is wrong with the current system?	Lorette	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:05:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Once again overreach by government and their officials which will inevitably lead to more corruption.	Kimayne	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 17:07:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More ANC income stream manipulation. We have to get rid of these mamparras!	Stu	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:08:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE in disguise	PATRICK	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:09:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities already struggle with workloads. Preferential licensing goes against the idea of equality. It feels like something that can be abused far too easily. There is a an element for corruption to boot.	Jonathan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:16:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Priscilla	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:19:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		M	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:20:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Edgar	Outside SA	retired
	2025-11-21 17:23:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carol	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:23:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barbara	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:23:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lynda	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:24:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be the states solution to ban white people from owning businesses. It's racist to the core.	Sias	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:24:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Don	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:25:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another demonstartion of how bankrupt the government is because of illegal activities for which no one is kept acountable. This will lead to even more corruption from government officials and people keeping their moneis safe instead of opening a business.	Jan Albert	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:26:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We will never give you the ultimate control you so badly seek	Daniel	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:26:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lorraine	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:26:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is unwarranted nanny State interference with supply and demand principles. Also disguised BEE leading to unwarranted interference by probably unqualified inspectors (a gap for further State capture??)	Barry	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:28:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gaynor	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:29:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape. Preferential licencing. More power to the inspectors. Principles of business licencing. More racist apartheid laws on its way. I look forward to the general election.	Larry	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:29:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Louise	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:31:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Stop destroying creativity --- which leads to job creation ---which leads to a stronger economy-----which leads to a stronger nation !!!	Shelley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:31:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No freedom and preferential licenseing will exclude many owners, and red tape will delay many applications in order to cause them to fail.	Gerald	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:32:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		gerry	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:33:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Open to discrimination and lots of red tape.We battle enough getting our municipality to do their current jobs .	Trish	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:34:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Celia	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 17:37:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lianne	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:38:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is already a company register. Use that.	Linda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:39:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Harold	Free State	
	2025-11-21 17:41:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another attempt to put BEE in place and will be unworkable and detrimental to small businesses	Rosy	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:44:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I don't not agree with this. This will create a headache because fairness is not something thats practiced by our government inspectors and the thought of renewing a license every 5 years sounds mortifying considering that renewing a driver's license is hell. So NO NO NO!	Siliziwe	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:46:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We need the country to GROW, not DIE, with all these new laws and legislation introduce epically since 2004, has made small business difficulty to operate, never mind make a profit. This is also impacting large business. These childish behaviour of the government needs to STOP. The government of the day has failed the Youth and the Pensioners of this country.	narren	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 17:48:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Corne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:50:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lorraine	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:50:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Open for briberies of officials and killing business and economic growth in ths cou try even more!	Mari		
	2025-11-21 17:52:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		ahmed	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 17:53:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This proposal is unworkable and allows for further discriminatory and arbitrary decisions. Instead of promoting business and job creation so desperately needed in South Africa, it will hamper both and add further layers of red tape which will drive investment away.	Rowan		
	2025-11-21 17:54:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will give government the power to withhold licences from anyone who isn't black. It is also aligned with the ANC`s redundant socialist ideology which wants to centralise everything, in spite of the fact that anything the ANC touches, dies.	Mathys	Limpopo	employed individual

	2025-11-21 17:54:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Stebastiaan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:55:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sue	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:55:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Erika	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:56:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ethene		retired
	2025-11-21 17:56:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lilian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:56:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Liana	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 17:57:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Braden	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:00:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brian	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:01:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Siegfried	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:02:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This opens up corruption for this in charge. It is the worst for the economy and I cannot see Municipalities managing this when they can't manage their present amount of work! This is the worst idea ever!	Marion	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:02:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johann	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:03:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is nothing more then Government wanting to impose more race laws. Increase "compliance" meant to fail and thus collect more revenue via fines. They have destroyed this country No more!	Victor	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:04:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is simply another way to extract funds for Incompetent municipalities from overloaded businesses and tax payers. This is another ploy by the ANC to create an opportunity to allow the cadres to plunder reserves as has been evident (beyond question) before. We have been fools to allow all this plundering for so long. It is time to take a stand South Africa!!!	Ian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:06:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hendrik	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 18:07:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Totally unnecessary and will be harmful to our country. BEE is already unfair and prejudice and this will be even more so.	Torben	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:11:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is more BEE	Kate	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:12:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Penny	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 18:12:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Blazej	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:13:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		sean	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:14:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Neville	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:14:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		MILTON		
	2025-11-21 18:14:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Robert	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:15:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mrs i	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:15:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The corrupt fat cats at the helm of this ship are going to be use this to push existing businesses out of business and open orders of magnitude more avenues for corruption and bribery. This is the kind of stupid communist bureaucratic nonsense the rest of Africa implements the second they gain independence, and WHAT has that brought them? Terror and poverty. Stop this madness.	S	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:16:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another money making racket open to corruption and abuse. No doubt there will be selective granting of licenses and favouritism for select individuals. This government is so corrupt at the moment why add more opportunities.	Rory	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 18:16:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The last thing South Africa needs is more discrimination and red tape!	Robin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:16:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Do not make life more difficult for everyone and another blow to business and the economy. With another layer of red tape which we are all drowning in. Job killing and unnecessary.	Jackie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:17:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dave	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:18:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will just open up another avenue for corruption by inspectors etc demanding bribes to facilitate the issuing/ renewal of business licences.	Paul	North West	retired
	2025-11-21 18:21:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pat	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:21:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:25:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This doesn't bode well for business sounds like dictatorship from the powers that be where is our freedom. It also smells of corruption as well	Anne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:27:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Teresa		employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:27:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will just be another way in which corruption will thrive and it will also simply be nothing more than a legalized method of enforcing BEE onto every business even a single person small business. A great way to totally wipe out all white owned business. The aims and wants of these politicians is so blatant. They will destroy their very own people's place of work simply to get what they want.	Adrian	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:29:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Duncan	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 18:33:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Savyra		self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:34:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government trying to control even small businesses, who are trying to make a living and employ people. Economy is being strangled and this is not empowering small business, its going to strangle an already poor economy, another BEE law.	Marianne	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 18:36:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This could lead to racial profiling and preferential treatment of certain groups and discrimination against other groups of citizens. I can also be used as a political tool to control the economy but not for the benefit of all business owners. As we have seen with the failed BBEE system this can become a corrupt and kleptocratic system which benefits the few connected business owners.	Steve	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:36:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Edward	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:38:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is anti business and against entrepeneurs. Against free enterprise and will encourage corruption. Absolutely no.	Robert	Outside SA	retired
	2025-11-21 18:40:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:41:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brad	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:41:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ronell		
	2025-11-21 18:41:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pam	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-21 18:43:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Feel this is another was to create racial preference to people politically connected. Having run my sml business for 26 years. I feel this should be scrapped. Working in the entertainment industry all this laws and preferences will come from a pre regulation list and creative and other "out of box" companies are going to be pushed aside. More communist control by the Marxist comrades	Terrance	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:43:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I honestly believe that Government is well on the way to destroying any opportunities for certain people to make a living in this country. More and more ? bills are being pushed through without proper consultation and I find this very concerning.	Mary-Ann	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 18:44:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mpho		
	2025-11-21 18:45:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Karlen	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:48:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Robert	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 18:49:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hanneke	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:52:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill is onerous and will cause chaos for people that are already struggling to make a living due to Government's fault. The Bill is biased towards B-BBEE and further excludes and/or limits our democratic rights to make an honest living in SA. There is already mass corruption and fraud, and this Bill will enable officials and Government to steal more from us.	Mark	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 18:52:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gary	Northern Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-21 18:53:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We are supposed to be going away from race based policies. So retrogressive!	Victoria	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-21 18:55:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way for the Govt to give licenses to their counterparts regardless of whether they have the skills and also bring racism to the front as per usual.	Heather		retired
	2025-11-21 18:55:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way for the Govt to give licenses to their counterparts regardless of whether they have the skills and also bring racism to the front as per usual.	Heather		retired
	2025-11-21 18:55:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The malice of this government is beyond belief. They really want to break this country by forcing out the people who still ensure that there is an economy which finances all their failing projects and, of course, theft.	Anne		retired
	2025-11-21 18:55:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is a powerply and is highly concerning as the right of freedom and to earn money would be in grave danger. Corruption is rife already, this is just another opportunity for stealing. Furthermore, the discrimination and preferential treatment is of great concern	lizane	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:56:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Phillip	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:57:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses are registered country wide with the CIPC. This is a perfect system and can easily be accessed by government for info. Most municipalities are inefficiently run. Cant see the reason to add more systems to municipalities to run. This opens the door to corruption , preferential licenxing and most of the negative points like red tape, etc. Why ruin a system that is currently working and running well for a risky municipal decision. I can already see the persons taking decisions on business licences taking bribes and giving preferential treatment to those people paying bribes. Please be realistic. This is unfortunarely the reality of how our country is run. This will really have a negative impact on our economy. Just please keep business under the business act and where it belongs as current. Thank you. so much	Annalize	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:58:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill is only to make more money out of already struggling businesses. They will decide for who to issue licenses - BEEE extension. More people will be without jobs.	Francina	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:59:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Daniel		
	2025-11-21 19:00:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Also to make more money out of working people	Petina	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:00:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In a system that is already broken this is just a further thing to embezzle money and take bribes. This will only restrict you doing business freely and new startups will dwindle as the red tape will be too restrictive. More people will die of hunger because anc will steal all! FUCK THIS GOVERNMENT	Dirk Cornelius	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:02:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I don't think government must have so much influence on businesses. They will use it to manipulate the system and to milk businesses for money which means more businesses will close which increases unemployment and poverty in South Africa.	Maryke		
	2025-11-21 19:03:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I can see bribing big time to renew your license. What happens if a business license is revoked unecessarily, workers will suffer. The municipality cannot even run themselves, now they want to dictate.	Pravin		
	2025-11-21 19:03:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Aubrey	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:04:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The description of everything regarding the Bill is vague. Anything can happen if it is implemented. The lack of clear definitions seem like a symptom of an anterior motive.	Erina	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:04:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I Definitely do not support any of this concept at all !! This is opening up the chances of bribery and manipulation at its best. The chances of any white business getting a lisence will be zero, and to be harrassed by "inspectors" whenever they feel like checking up on any particular business is good, demanding bribes and manipulation etc - confiscating whatever they feel like... South African people in general are not honest, and this system will most definitely be abused. This sounds like a Mafia idea at its best.!! The queues at municipalities will be endless...plus the chances of a backlog in the system is very good! The municipalities are already not coping with all the documentation they have to handle...!! No, this is not a good idea at all!! They way things are working through the CIPC is much better. Although they also have a backlog, it isn't as bad. And everyone is working with this business registration process already. Rather look at streamlining the CIPC process better, and make it easier for businesses to register online, and update their information yearly. That will remove all dependance from municipalities. And then work with a better court system where businesses that are operating illegally can easily be reported and followed up that way. But please, do not let more corruption come through municipalities.. It is terrible as it is already!! And besides that, there are numerous municipalities that are bankrupt...and can't even perform their basic functions properly. So please, reconsider this idea!!	Susan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:07:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This system would be open to all manner of abuse - including facilitating inspectors demanding bribes !!	Kathy	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:10:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frances	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:11:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Yet another money making scheme for incompetent municipalities or provinces. It’s pathetic.	Tom		
	2025-11-21 19:12:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Talking is the only thing this government can do. Every aspect of this legislation is bad for business and the country. This government is bent on destroying the country that made billionaires of many. They have been taken care of and they don’t care a damn about any other citizen. They live off chaos; like their counterparts in other African countries and beyond.	Doreen		retired
	2025-11-21 19:12:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is unconstitutional. How can people be stopped from earning a living because of their demographics (race). Drop the race aspect. Reading between the lines your intentions don't look good.	Bernhard	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:13:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses are over regulated as it is. Many small businesses close down as a result of that	Riana		self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:13:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses are over regulated as it is. Many small businesses close down as a result of that	Riana		self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:13:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way for the ANC Cadres to feed at the trough; & abuse their power; merely another name for BEEEE!! DEFINITELY NO!!	Martine	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 19:14:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background. Another laundry in disguise perhaps?	Theo		self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:14:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Do not over regulate business ,s in South Africs . The government must make it easier	Begley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:16:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Why worry and put more pressure on the working class. Businesses will close down if they are denied licences. We already have a huge part of the population jobless. How many more must lose their jobs because of business closure. Just another opportunity for corruption.	Somaya	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:17:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The Draft Business Licensing Bill is an astonishing display of how profoundly out of touch policy-makers can be with the realities of running a business in South Africa. Instead of fostering growth, investment and employment, this Bill proposes a suffocating layer of bureaucracy that will smother the very enterprises the government claims to support. The idea of forcing every business—large or small—into yet another licensing system is unworkable, impractical, and economically reckless. South Africa’s municipalities are already overwhelmed and struggling to perform their core functions; expecting them to process nationwide business licences within 30 days is a fantasy at best and deliberate misrepresentation at worst. What this Bill actually guarantees is chaos: delays, backlogs, arbitrary decision-making and a new breeding ground for corruption. The proposed powers granted to inspectors are equally alarming. Empowering officials to demand proof of a licence at any moment and confiscate goods without due process opens the door to harassment, intimidation and abuse. It is a law tailor-made for petty authoritarianism—one that treats entrepreneurs like criminals instead of contributors to the economy. NEASA is entirely correct in warning that elements of the Bill amount to thinly veiled discrimination. Introducing preference systems that determine who qualifies for a business licence is nothing short of ideological gatekeeping. Label it “modernisation” or “uniformity” all you like—this is BEE repackaged and weaponised. Any legislation that precludes individuals from participating in the economy on the basis of demographic or national background is not only unconstitutional but economically suicidal. South Africa desperately needs policies that encourage investment, simplify compliance and support job creation. Instead, the government has chosen to pursue a Bill that will drive entrepreneurs underground, push investors away and further erode confidence.	Abrie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:17:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Duncan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:18:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape and BEE!!!!	Lesley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:25:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tanya		self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:28:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tersia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:28:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No, this is just a power play to have only BEE register a company	Sanet	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:32:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	They seem to be trying to have complete control over everything...soon, if anyone wants to be able to do anything in this country it will depend on connections, kickbacks, or both.	Paulette	Western Cape	self-employed

	2025-11-21 19:32:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I vote no as this is yet another ANC scheme to control all the businesses in SA in order to enforce BEE	Heila	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 19:33:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities !!!!! to control the licencing when they are mostly proven examples of incompetence. Another lip smacking oppertunity for graft. More red tape.	Toine		
	2025-11-21 19:34:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bernhardt	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:36:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just more jobs for friends and a bigger feeding trough to loot.	Carrol	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:38:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lester	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:39:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Yvonne	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:40:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petet	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:41:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paulus	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:45:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The new business licensing laws proposed by the government are unworkable and potentially damaging for jobs and investment in South Africa!	Tiffany		business owner
	2025-11-21 19:48:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No more legislation to potentially further embed the deadly BEE principles. Let's empower, develop, support and promote economic growth... creating jobs for all	Riana	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-21 19:49:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:49:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is yet another aparthate discriminatory piece of legislation in support of a Marksist government stratigy.	Gerrit		
	2025-11-21 19:49:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is yet another aparthate discriminatory piece of legislation in support of a Marksist government stratigy.	Gerrit		
	2025-11-21 19:50:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Magdalena		retired
	2025-11-21 19:50:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Magdalena		retired
	2025-11-21 19:53:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anthony	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:53:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another ridiculous idea That is going to do more harm And many jobs are going to be lost and businesses close, WHY Mess with the economy even more? Thousands are already starving because no jobs and now the hey want to do even more harm!! This is a sick plan	Caroline	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:54:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	What have municipalities done well, in this country... this will be a funding source for broke corrupt munis	Charl	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 19:56:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:58:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Sounds like a good opportunity for fraud, bribery and all out corruption	Robert		
	2025-11-21 19:59:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way to enforce ANC racist laws and policies	Danie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:00:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Over-regulation could restrict the right to trade (Section 22) If the licensing system becomes: Too slow Too expensive Bureaucratic Used to deny licences unfairly …then it may indirectly violate the right to choose and practice one's trade. b) Informal traders could be harmed If the Bill makes it hard for: Street vendors Small spaza shops Informal micro-businesses …to get licences or operate legally, this may affect: Right to dignity (Section 10) Right to equality (Section 9) Right to food and livelihood (via socio-economic rights) c) Risk of abuse by municipalities If municipalities use the licensing system to: Target immigrants Shut down competitors Enforce discriminatory zoning …this could violate: Equality rights Freedom from arbitrary administrative action (Section 33) d) Privacy concerns (Section 14) A national registry must protect: Personal data Business information Trade secrets If not properly safeguarded, it may infringe privacy rights. The current track record of the government all of the above is a serious risk. Stop over regulation.	Ulrich		
	2025-11-21 20:01:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is a concern that businesses will be licensed according to whether they meet BEE objectives. If someone has a small legitimate business they should be allowed to operate without political interference. However, I do understand the need to comply with local health and safety regulations in order to be licensed. Municipal officials should be checking that these are complied with.	Caroline	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:05:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Sodra die term "demografiese samestelling" of iets dergeliks in `n dokument deur die ANC opgestel voorkom, kan allerweë aanvaar word dat rasvoorkeur een van die belangrikste elemente daarvan sal wees. Onderdrukking van minderhede gaan eenvoudig meedoënloos voort. Maw, blankes sal outomaties nie kwalifiseer vir besigheidslisensies nie.	Johann	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:05:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willem	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:07:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is just another version of BBEEE.	Selma	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:07:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another layer of red tape and so open to abuse and more onerous BEE pressure	Steffen	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner

	2025-11-21 20:09:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Minority groups will be excluded by ANC directives.	Francois	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:11:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Claire	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 20:12:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Riana	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:12:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Riana	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:14:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mavis		
	2025-11-21 20:16:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mary	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:16:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gerhard	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 20:19:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Currently the whole economy is stretched as it is, and businesses are closing on a daily basis due to current government interference and racist driven legislation. It is amazing that such legislation as a 5 year term business licence system is planned at all. It seems the people whom get these brain waves do not understand the cost of setting up a business and that most businesses have limited profit margins in the first number of years. Have they learnt nothing from the devastation in other Africa countries where established businesses were forced to close due to government "funny" policies killing the economy. Just consider what is happening now in Zimbabwe where the government is paying out farmers whom had been put of their farms due to their "land grab" policies from years back. SA is heading for the same disaster with the pathetic killer laws they want to implement and impose on businesses. So stupid!!!! More and more people with available capital would in future rather take their money out of the country if this 5 year licencing debacle is implemented. And I do not blame them.	Des	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:20:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another racist bill against minorities. I say no to it in its entirety.	Joe	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 20:21:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Enough getting involved in the citizens of South africas business. It's already a stranglehold, this country. Don't make it more so!	Natalie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:23:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Morne	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:25:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wilna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:26:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wilna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:26:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wilna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:27:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacqueline	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:27:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Steve	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:27:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government should be trying to help business, not control business.	Guy	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:29:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elizabeth	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:31:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charmaine		
	2025-11-21 20:33:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		cecile	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:33:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jane	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-21 20:34:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	They should be helping businesses grow to decrease unemployment not take control.	Tracy	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 20:34:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another vehicle for bribes and corruption. This is totally ridiculous. Whoever came up with this proposal clearly have alterier motives.	Naomi	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:35:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There are too many people unemployed, now there will be more. Is this including the informal trading as well. Just another way to fill only a couple of peoples pockets. BBBEEE	Danny	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:36:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just an means to get a reason to" lawfully" steal from businesses.	Amtonie		
	2025-11-21 20:39:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses will stand the risk that they may be closed down with a refusal after only 5 years. This is ridiculous. Will lead to a loss of job opportunities that we cannot afford.	Theodor	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:39:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another piece of DEI racist legislation that the ANC wants to force onto business communities that will further handicap and stifle businesses. Stop this racism and let business do what it does best ie create sustainable jobs.	Allan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:39:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:43:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government does ot have the capacity to fullfill this roll. In addition the greatest portion of government is corrupt, this idea will add fuel to the fire	Johan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:46:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willem	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-21 20:47:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Subtle Black empowerment to a selective groep, leaving behind present disadvantaged and minority groups who are the backbone of the countries commerce. This will certainly be used as a further drain on citizens who will have to carry the burden of more taxes , levies and licencing fees	Tobias	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:48:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Business should be freed from red tape to create employment.	Gerhard	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:50:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is time that the ANC realise that laws based on skin colour will not grow our economy. Neither will centralisation of power. It will lead to enhanced corruption and just one more race law.	Pierre	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:51:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Rather focus to make South Africa safe. Stop with this nonsense of BEE etc. Lets get the work done. Lets get work for everyone. Stop the R350 grants and rather keep the minimum wage the same for two three years, reduce the VAT and maybe reduce the salaries of the ministers.	Conrad	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:52:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barry	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:54:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We do not need more regulations in South Africa we need less regulations for job creation. My business has nothing to do with the government I pay taxes already and I don't need any more obstacles to grow my business. Government is overreaching severely already.	Martin	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:54:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We do not need more regulations in South Africa we need less regulations for job creation. My business has nothing to do with the government I pay taxes already and I don't need any more obstacles to grow my business. Government is overreaching severely already.	Martin	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:57:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Adri		employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:57:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another ridiculous tactic of the Government to make money and in the process destroy businesses, most of which are struggling to make ends meet but are actually keeping the economy alive.	Mario	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:59:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is not workable or enforceable as most municipalities are even unable to provide basic services or even the maintenance thereof. Sounds communistic and very sinister. This will absolutely destroy what is left of the economy....	Adel		
	2025-11-21 21:02:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rayno	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:03:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melissa	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:04:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Letti g government decide who can and cant have a business licence is rubbish. Wheres the freedom?	Bernice	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 21:05:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This has never worked in the history of humanity, why would it work now?	Alex	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:06:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jennifer	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:09:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More opportunity for corruption and extortion	CECILY		
	2025-11-21 21:11:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just creating a new channel for bribery and corruption.	Christa	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:12:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alta	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:14:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will create more bureaucracy and make it even more difficult to own and manage a business. It will make local authorities even more bloated to fulfill a business policing function that does not belong at local authority level. It will replace the original legislation with new legislation that is inconsistent with the South African Constitution. It will allow selective licensing that effectively constitutes unfair discrimination.	Andre	Free State	retired
	2025-11-21 21:17:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Why all of a sudden is this coming up,, everthing worked perfectly. It is again aimed at non BEE companies and small bussineses to cut down on people who is trying to earn a decent honest life. It is allabout money and racial laws.	Piet		

	2025-11-21 21:20:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It will definitely damage our Economy more and destroy any positive investment from foreign countries. It is a waste of money that we cannot afford.	Elna	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:21:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It will definitely damage our Economy more and destroy any positive investment from foreign countries. It is a waste of money that we cannot afford.	Elna	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:21:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape, more government interference in private business, more corruption and extortion, and more BEE. This all equates to less business and therefore less growth.	Kenneth	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:22:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		VALERIE	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 21:24:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Louise	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:25:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:32:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alison	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 21:32:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way for the corrupt anc to get info on where they can go and steal!	Ralie	Free State	retired
	2025-11-21 21:34:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 21:34:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michiel		self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:34:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be BEE all over again, and would be wide open to corruption.	Barbara		retired
	2025-11-21 21:35:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE Version 2	Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 21:37:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The South African government has proved its ineptitude and bias in all forms of business. BBBEE does not work and has achieved nothing positive since its inception. I object strongly to this proposed act as it simply opens yet more doors for corruption and enforcement of reverse apartheid measures - all of which inevitably contribute to the growing joblessness that plagues this spiraling country	Kenneth	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 21:38:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE is bad enough for our economy. We do not need another law that says who and who not we can hire or how our business are run. To give inspectors the power to decide if a business is legit or not, is bad. And then more laws that will scare away younger entrepreneurs that want to create jobs and build a healthy business, now has more laws, more admin, more worries and more red tape. Can we please open up our economy by helping businesses to grow and expand. to create jobs of who ever has the work ethic and training to do the work. Everybody has equal chance to study and be part of our beautiful land.	RUDI	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:40:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 21:40:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alice	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:41:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I a deeply concerned that the Bill gives sweeping, vague and discretionary powers to officials at all levels of government. In the current climate of little trust in officials and broad constrictive governance, the inevitable result will be arbitrary enforcement, rent-seeking, corruption and an ever-deepening atmosphere of uncertainty that chokes investment and suppresses job creation	Minette	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 21:41:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Opens the door to more corruption and intimidation	Maxi	Western Cape	retired
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	2025-11-21 21:42:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 21:43:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More antiwhite communist BEE, very destructive and will continue to destroy the economy even further	Jane		
	2025-11-21 21:44:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Please keep the corrupt ANC government away from another ploy to loot and steal.	Lorinda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 21:45:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hercules	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-21 21:46:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Neville		
	2025-11-21 21:46:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gert	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 21:46:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Erika	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:47:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape, authority given to people who could have ulterior motives and predjudice.	Phillip	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 21:49:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another ploy to force BEE on businesses	Carl	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:50:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We need to promote economic growth, entrepreneurship, and job creation in the private sector, not stifle it. Concerning is the powers granted to inspectors, preferential (and potentially prejudice) licensing process, and just more opportunities for corruption and over-bearing governance in general.	Karien		
	2025-11-21 21:50:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Have they got nothing constructive to do but think up dumb rules, regulations and laws to enforce their ridiculous ideas onto us. They want to rule and regulate everything which is just open to corruption in some way or another. I'll qualified people will now decide who THEY think should get licences or not. And I can imagine the bribes they will be open to receiving for granting licences. Oh my word...	Elle	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:50:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Suzanne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:50:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Suzanne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:52:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Matt	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:53:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marianne	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:54:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Felicity	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:56:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Antoinette	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 21:57:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mrk	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:57:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mrk	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:01:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rozanne	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 22:02:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Law makers need to promote economic growth, entrepreneurship, and job creation in the private sector, not stifle it.	Dave	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 22:04:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just to gain more control over who is allowed to have a business and who not. It'll be used to discriminate against anyone they feel does not fit their ideology and agenda!!!	Rachel	Free State	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 22:08:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Clarence		
	2025-11-21 22:09:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This just another corruption and missed use law negatively effect job creation and our economy	Susara Maria	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 22:09:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This just another corruption and missed use law negatively effect job creation and our economy	Susara Maria	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 22:09:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be another opportunity to foster bribery and corruption and delay the complicated growth - it is tenders in disguise	vijay	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 22:11:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Unnecessary and discriminatory!!	Rosemary		employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:16:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Newzroom Afrika Government's proposed overhaul of the business licensing system is drawing criticism from the National Employers' Association of SA (Neasa), which represents 7,000 businesses. Neasa argues the plan, which would allow municipalities to give preferential licensing to small, disadvantaged-group-owned businesses through simplified processes, amounts to "BEE in disguise." Small Business Development Minister Stella Ndabeni says the goal is to bring alignment and proper regulation across municipalities, not to burden business.	Frances Louise	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 22:22:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Stefan		
	2025-11-21 22:23:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melanie	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-21 22:23:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	.it gives power to a municipality to decide if you can or cant run your business. It takes away rights that existed for hundreds of years.this is money making scheme and a system to control who can open a business. why 5 year s . Government cannot get tmore tax out of a small tax base and now is trying to earmn money by unjust ways. Drivers licence 5 year renewal is a disaster and a unnecessary headache for many citizens ,same for FA licences . so far we all know that Government and localgovernments are failing to provide basic services and here they are pushing for reverse apartheid [remember the pegging act] laws that can effectively favour one race that bee favours already. Its time for a tax revolt by personal and business taxpayers. Business will oppose this by shutting down and moving out of this country. But maybe that is what the ANC members of government want . collapse the country and have a fire sale of its assets. When legislation like this is contemplated one wonders who are the greater evil , the Nats or the current government.	Jeeva		
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	2025-11-21 22:24:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way that the ANC and government want to exercise race based controls.	Ramesh	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:26:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This proposed legislation has the potential to be used in a discriminatory manner.	Wayne	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:29:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way for corrupt officials to line their pockets.	Hugh	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 22:32:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A new way to collect money by incompetent, corrupt officials.	Adelaide	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 22:32:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elizabeth	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:34:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lionel	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:37:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just a lot of extra money, and obviously will white people not get approval, if you can’t apply for a job, you also won’t get this!!	Linda	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 22:39:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sw		business owner
	2025-11-21 22:41:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rachel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:41:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape. More corruption. More unemployment.	Jary	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 22:43:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We are turning into a communist country. Are minority groups going to be pushed aside and everything given to the blacks? Is there going to be preferential licencensing? What are the criteria going to be to be able to obtain a license. Are the government going to insist on there being blacks as partners?	Phyllisann		retired
	2025-11-21 22:43:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Damaging to business and growth in SA.	Emor	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 23:00:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ronaldo	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:01:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:06:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brenda	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-21 23:08:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marcel	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:09:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carey	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 23:11:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Erika	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 23:13:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 23:19:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leonie	Free State	retired
	2025-11-21 23:21:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is absolutely the worse law even compared to all the BBE laws put together. The fact that Municipalities can decide who qualify for business licenses are absurd - quess who the qualifiers will be!! A definite no!!	Wim	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 23:21:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Devan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:28:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another discriminating bill against the white minority! Racism!	Herman	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:28:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another discriminating bill against the white minority! Racism!	Herman	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:28:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The Municipalities do not have the capacity to manage the licensing, as evidenced by the majority of them being unable to manage their existing mandates. This would also mean that the current Mayor could both influence who gets licensed and demand "tithes" from those who want new licenses or renew licenses. Corruption at its base level.	Robin	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-21 23:32:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gavin	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:39:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	JUST ANOTHER WAY TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WHITE-OWNED BUSINESS	Vivian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 23:43:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alison		retired
	2025-11-21 23:43:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tariq	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 23:52:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frik	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 23:52:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This draft Business Licensing Bill is clearly entering the danger zone, which can only lead to destructing of small business in South Africa, excessive interference in our free market, abuse by inspectors, more bribery and more corruption.	Andre		retired
	2025-11-21 23:57:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Juan	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:58:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just as others have said...it's just another way to make owning businesses, and improving the economy more onerous than it is already...just put a hat on it and call it what it is, another way to entrench BEEE and yet more government interference.	Susan	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 00:18:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another pointless bill. We don't need it as there's nothing wrong with the current system. Why should a business have a 5 year license? A business should exist for as long as the owners and/or shareholders want it too. This bill is nothing more than a racist attempt to stop white people from starting and operating businesses and contributing to the economy while also keeping the ANC connected elite in control. I assume that that this new 5 year license will come with a fee to be paid each time, so this is nothing more than another stealth tax. Why would anyone want to invest in our country if thier business license is only valid for 5 years as there would be no guarantee that it would be renewed. Stop wasting our taxes on bills that we don't need and start acting in the interest of everyone in the country. It's been over 30 years since we've become a proper democracy. It's time to do away with all race based policies.	Simon	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 00:32:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nicola	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 01:01:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	They will close businesses down for nothing other than racism or wanting bribes and then more people will be unemployed.	lorraine	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 01:16:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nerine	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 01:51:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lee	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 02:14:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gideon	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 02:43:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rashida	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 02:47:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marco	Western Cape	

	2025-11-22 03:17:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support the Business Licensing Bill. It creates unnecessary red tape by forcing every business to get a five-year licence, which will hit small and informal businesses the hardest. Municipalities already struggle with basic services, so expecting them to run and police a national licensing system is unrealistic. The wide powers given to inspectors open the door to abuse, and the preference systems risk becoming discriminatory. Overall, the Bill harms jobs, investment, and entrepreneurship instead of helping them.	Shannon		
	2025-11-22 03:28:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Enough discrination against people from other color. The country need to move forward, and not stay stuck in the past	Anna	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 03:51:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 03:57:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As this is just another form of BEE maybe you could reconsider in order of necessity rather than colour.	Deborah	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 03:57:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As this is just another form of BEE maybe you could reconsider in order of necessity rather than colour.	Deborah	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 04:11:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The Municipalities are already, not coping eith doing the basics, adding to this would be a disaster. Water leaks, roads in shocking conditions, street lights not working, parks untidy, refuse removal non existent in some areas, and in general wherever you travel in our country rubbish, and mess abound. How does adding to this make anything better. The government snd Municipalities, with correct, fund management and general management, would create jobs that would solve many problems all at once, rather than passing Laws that in reality will only benefit a handful of nepotism advantaged individuals. Fix the obvious before making a whole lot of senseless new laws!!	Sieglinde		
	2025-11-22 04:22:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lourentia	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 04:25:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Joey	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 04:26:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Under the Bationak Party, I was not white enough and under the ANC led government, I was still discriminated against by not being black enough, Af present, the only way for "Coloured" people to survive us to generate your own income and seek a market that has not been tapped into before.	Clarence	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 04:26:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		William		self-employed
	2025-11-22 04:29:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andrew	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 04:33:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dorothy	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 04:33:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This legislation would grant the ruling government significantly expanded authority over private enterprises. Such centralized power increases the risk of political interference, corruption, and undue influence in commercial decision-making. It also creates the potential for policies—such as Black Economic Empowerment (BEE)—to be applied in a biased or inconsistent manner, thereby undermining fairness, transparency, and investor confidence.	Shane		
	2025-11-22 04:41:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael		
	2025-11-22 04:52:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jaco	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 04:54:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is enough red tape already, businesses need to grow, not be stiffled by legislation.	Rob	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 04:54:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Daniel	Outside SA	retired
	2025-11-22 04:57:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brenda	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 04:58:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Amat	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 04:58:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Instead of addressing more important issues like trying to encourage investment in SA, which will in return, create more employment, this ANC government keep scheming up plans & ideas which can only work negatively to totally destroy this country economically.	Brian	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:00:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Enzo	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:04:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anton	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:05:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sharron		
	2025-11-22 05:06:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brian	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:09:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Powers of inspectors is a horrible problem! It is “apartheid “ in another way!	Jo -Ann	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:15:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anthony	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:16:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andries	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:19:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:22:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hennie		
	2025-11-22 05:25:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just an easier way to enforce BEE and get rid of minority groups especially white people in the business sector. This is also another way to enrich those in power who are the only ones being benefitted from the "BEE" system. Power and money is the only agenda behind this. Demonic ways of an already failed political party.	Lydia		employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:27:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charmaine	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 05:32:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Its just more admin and will hurt the economy.	Gordon		
	2025-11-22 05:37:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Soft targets will be penalized …specifically other race groups as always. How will street vendors be regulated? Too much power is given to “inspectors” and I feel it’s another route to corruption	Dawna	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 05:37:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Soft targets will be penalized …specifically other race groups as always. How will street vendors be regulated? Too much power is given to “inspectors” and I feel it’s another route to corruption	Dawna	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 05:42:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Susan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 05:44:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	My concern is that this bill is creating more bribery and corruption opportunities. If I want to become the only plumber in a municipality, I can pay the officials to make it extremely difficult or decline other plumbers from renewing their licenses.	Craig	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:45:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Corrie	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:45:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:48:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Why change the bill? Why is the bill recommend for five years ? Do they want to create more job losses? If I open a business and put money in and five year later I can't get a license ...we can't create jobs with uncertainty . They will later force you to give your business to disadvantage people or loose your license .no no no	Philip	North West	retired
	2025-11-22 05:48:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christine	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 05:48:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frank-Dietrich	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 05:48:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Demand and supply for a business is based on entrepreneurs. Once applied at CIPC that is enough to be tracked nationally.	Mamogaudi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:50:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Yvonne		
	2025-11-22 05:52:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is BEE DISCRIMINATION again It will do untold damage to the country and ALL its people	Daniel	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:55:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nic	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:55:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Armando	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 05:59:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I strongly oppose the new proosed legislation. We live un a free econony and it should be protected. I oppose any efforts by government to regulate and control private enterprise.	Jeanne	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 05:59:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	we have enough government control and regulations	edgar	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:04:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gladys	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:05:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing will not stimulate economy and provide for additional employment so desperately required. Only a totally unrestricted business license will allow any entrepreneur to run a business and support the economy.	Hans-Peter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:06:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Too open to corruption. Too difficult to administer. Don’t trust the competency of Municipality to run it.	Ann	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-22 06:06:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The economy will fail to grow if businesses are not allowed thrive without state meddling. Competition drives growth and that creates jobs. For everyone.	Charmaine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:07:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This would be the opposite of helping to drive economic growth and prosperity.	Shane	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:07:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rajendra	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 06:08:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:10:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brigitte	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:10:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mark	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:13:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I'm concerned about all of the above. This is just another open door for corruption and unnecessary strain on businesses.	Shawna	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:15:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sven	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:15:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alexis	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:15:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carol-Ina	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:18:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Victor	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:18:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		William	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:19:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gregory		retired
	2025-11-22 06:19:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We should promote entrepreneurship in a country that is seriously in need of economic growth.	Annerine	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 06:20:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We need collaboration and support from the government not more division and opportunity for corruption and discrimination	Adrian	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:20:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Our economy is already in a challenging space and job creation at an all-time low. The introduction of such Bills will only serve to stifle SMME growth and create unfair business practices for the select few, further harming unilateral employment growth.	Giscard	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:22:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gordon	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 06:23:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Enco	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:23:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Enco	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:25:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Magdalena	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 06:25:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Darrel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:25:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter		
	2025-11-22 06:25:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dina		
	2025-11-22 06:26:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will just be another way to pillage the already hard working people of SA of their goods and rights to earn an income. To have to pay for a license every 5 years is ridiculous. We already have to pay CIPC annually. Just another avenue for corruption and bribery. If licenses are going to be issued by local Municipalities then no businesses will be operating as most of the municipal workers can't/don't do their current jobs never mind adding more and something new to do. This will destroy small businesses who are still trying to recover from the disaster that was the COVID period.	L	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:26:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Adrian	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 06:27:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johannes	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:27:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dirk	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:28:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		sheryldene	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:28:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chantelle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:30:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jonty		
	2025-11-22 06:30:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ria	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:30:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Celia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:31:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Karen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:32:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Its just another way to gain income for the government to absorb into their own pockets. It will not improve lives of business owners or their employees. More red tape to control the flow of money into pockets.	Samantha	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:32:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Its just another way to gain income for the government to absorb into their own pockets. It will not improve lives of business owners or their employees. More red tape to control the flow of money into pockets.	Samantha	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:32:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another way to discriminate against people who are just trying to make a living.	Richard	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:32:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brenda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:33:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kevin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:34:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A business license should be for information purposes only. No restrictions should be provided for its issuance. It should be issued by the local authorities and never expire. Should just require a notice of closure if no longer operating. This law shall further restrict human rights in South Africa.	I	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:34:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BBBEE in disguise. Draconian measures aimed at more State control .	Peter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:35:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		André	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:36:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another way to promote BEE. This will harm the economy by precluding any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence. Business owners should have the right to their own business irrespective of their background or race. Seeing that there are not enough jobs for people to survive, this will add more red tape to an already struggling economy where people try to make a means to survive.	Lizelle	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:37:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marlene	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:38:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The key problem with the aim of the proposed Bill relates to a single word which is, "Preferential." It brings to mind the aim with " Preferential procurement policies." We know that the word in both contexts is used to include some and exclude others. How it can pass Constitutional scrutiny is unthinable. Especially given the requirements for how all legislation shoud be interpreted according to the Constitution. As the rights of the non-designated groups to do businees will be limited, it is also unthinkable how the proposed Bill will pass scrutiny in terms of Article 36 of the Constitution. It is clear that the implementation of the Bill, once passed, will require outsourcing of functions through preferential procurement procedures to put a lot if systems in place to administer it. That leaves room for personal enrichment, mismamement, fraud and corruption. Another scheme to pursue a socialist economy to control businesses, and sentralise political power.	Walter	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:41:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christiaan		employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:42:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another avenue for corruption to take place, no bribe , no license. And perhaps of greater concern would be if your skin colour is wrong, you are in trouble, so sorry ne!!!!!	Jakkie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:43:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Dit Gaan onregverdigheid teweegbring. Weereens diskrimenasie waarteen mens Nie sal Kan/mag opstaan en jouself verdedig Nie	Christa	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:43:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Dit Gaan onregverdigheid teweegbring. Weereens diskrimenasie waarteen mens Nie sal Kan/mag opstaan en jouself verdedig Nie	Christa	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:45:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Julie		
	2025-11-22 06:48:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:49:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacques	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:49:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More bureaucracy means more corruption and prejudice. Another poison pill for business and sand in the gears of our ecomomy!	Richard	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-22 06:50:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In a country with such an incredibly high unemployment rate we should NOT be adding yet another system that hinders/blocks business activity. This bill is fraught with dangers of abuse of power, corruption, preferential treatment etc. As well as more paperwork and bureaucratic red tape. Let's rather support and build our economy and make it easy to create jobs! Not create more blocks to progress.	Lauren	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:50:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carla	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:51:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frans	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:51:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jürgen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:52:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dave	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:53:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Niel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:55:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Belinda	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:56:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wilene	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:56:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Seems like another scheme to be corrupt like Spluma. No one in the current government can be trusted with this power. It will be a racist tool against whites and a exploitative tool against the rest.	Willie	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:57:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Desmond	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 06:59:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another way to make a fee and it is BBBEEE or BEE or whatever..	Tim	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:59:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Patricia	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:00:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mariana	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:01:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Yolanda	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:01:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Disguised BEE ??? This is just destructive	Julie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:01:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Besides the BEE factor, we the business must fork out more money to every 5 year for a license and get nothing back but discrimination!	Carinna	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:02:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mariana	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:03:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The aim is total control of everybody.	Berrie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:03:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wendy	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:03:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		martin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:04:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill is potentially very discriminatory, and businesses are at the mercy of the municipalities to register. Not only that, but municipalities already struggle to process current admin, and this will only add to their labour, possibly causing delays in business licensing.	Juliette	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:05:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This not only threatens the freedom to trade but places unnecessary hurdles to starting a business. Starting businesses needs to be made easier for South Africans not harder.	Gavin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:05:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A new level of dictatorship and control. Further expenses for already burdened business owners. The inefficient systems of our municipalities who can't even manage basic infrastructure and services as it is will lead to an administrative nightmare for business owners.	Christelle		employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:06:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		stuart		
	2025-11-22 07:08:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michele	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:08:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michele	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:09:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is just another way of driving the young white population out of South Africa leaving more room for more employment for blacks which will only result in a worse run country and the complete collapse thereof. There is nothing fair about it and won't offer equal rights as a democracy should	Deirdre	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:09:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Legislation stilles businesses, it never helps them. Money helps businesses. If government wants to help business then it can set up voluntary guilds that provide training and funding. This legislative proposal can only have the effect of Aldingen yet another later of rent seeking corruption into our economy	Luke	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:09:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:10:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I really do get it and understand the idea behind it if it was in a tie first world hands. But unfortunately it is just another way our useless government are conjuring ways to fill thier pockets from thiefy hands that they will just abuse the preferential powers just like they recently distroyed a family business of 40 years selling vegetables/fruit at an open market because they couldn't get new law license in time. Amd they ay our government is only looking out for the people. Hah!	Donovan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:11:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		deKlerk	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:13:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No to BEE	Timothy	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:13:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Smanga	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:14:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bev	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:16:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		JBM	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:18:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The ANC is a criminal syndicate. Criminals belong in prison, not in power, or 'service' to the people of this country. They have no grounds to be making policy/changes, or dealing with any 'laws' in any form.	Shereen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:21:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another way for the government to make money so that they can continue supporting their life styles. I question every new proposal that they want to Implement.	Resi	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:24:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dirk	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:25:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Inger		
	2025-11-22 07:25:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape, further rules, regulations and taxes to complicate and hinder income generation efforts.	Portia	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:26:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mark	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:26:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alex	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:26:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another race-based law. Free the economy to prosper with less regulations and control so that more jobs can be created en less people on social grants.	Lenie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:26:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alan	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:28:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Small home based businesses as well as white owned businesses will close down & thousands of jobs will be lost. This is just another opportunity for the government to be corrupt, extort bribes & promote victimization of white people in South Africa.	Rhona	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:28:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government has no place regulating who can have a business or not. This law will also only be enforced on regular formal businesses and not on the informal sector. This is racism in disguise and yet another effort to control every aspect of our lives.	Reynold	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:28:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lucille		retired
	2025-11-22 07:30:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will just make it harder for micro business,s to survive because there will no doubt be fees and extra costs involved. Which is a burden that small enterprises really do not need considering the state of the current economy.	Greg	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:30:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As mentioned, this has a strong bee smell to it. I doubt it will be a fair system. As we all know from experience , a major factor will be, bee & kickbacks. Nothing democratic about this. Would be interesting to know who was involved in drafting this bill.	Eva	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:30:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The propossed new bill directly discrimanates against certain groups and takes away constitutional rights to earn a living, by being able to reject a bussiness application solely based on race or background. In a country which is supposed to be non-racial more racial laws should not be implemented, but rather removed to create a society where everyone is equal. The proposed new law is nothing more than a political weapon. The proposed legislation will lead to massive losses in jobs, where unemployment is already at an level of breaking point.	Jan	North West	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:30:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eziel	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-22 07:33:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I support reasonable regulation and compliance requirements, but I am deeply concerned about the proposed introduction of preferential licensing. While I understand transformation, this approach is economically damaging and counterproductive. It is difficult to see how government could believe that restricting individuals outside the preferential categories from economic participation would “level the playing field” or uplift the country. Limiting people from operating businesses does not create empowerment; it reduces productivity, increases dependency, and weakens the very economic base required for meaningful transformation. Government should instead focus on uplifting the country through improved education (from foundational schooling to tertiary institutions), real rural development (infrastructure, mentorship, opportunities), and genuine empowerment of communities living in poverty by teaching skills and enabling upward mobility. BEE has already made it difficult for skilled individuals outside these categories to be appointed in many roles, and now preferential licensing threatens to further limit their ability to create livelihoods. This is devastating. The ripple effects are significant: by restricting my ability to operate as a business owner, I lose the ability to mentor and uplift my 40 employees – many of whom aspire to grow, innovate, and eventually start their own ventures. Policies of this nature risk pushing more people into informal trading, which this Bill now also seeks to regulate. Furthermore, this proposal adds yet another layer of red tape for compliant business owners, while unintentionally incentivising non-compliant operators to exploit loopholes or resort to corruption. True transformation should focus on raising people up, not shutting others out. Policy must support inclusive economic growth and national progress, rather than entrenching division.	E	North West	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:34:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		C		unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 07:36:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape with potential corruption	George	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:37:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The proposed legislation will again, in all probability, deter investment in new start-ups, and encourage existing business owners to close their doors.	Linda	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:42:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sally	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:42:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rebecca	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:44:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support the Business Licensing Bill. This Bill creates unnecessary red tape that will hurt small businesses, jobs, and investment. Giving municipalities sweeping power to approve or deny licences every five years opens the door to corruption, gatekeeping, and delays. Inspectors being allowed to demand licences, issue fines, or confiscate goods at any time makes it easy for abuse and intimidation. Instead of helping businesses, this Bill creates another system that can be exploited for bribes and control. It discriminates through preference requirements and adds yet another barrier for honest people trying to earn a living. South Africa needs less red tape and corruption—not more.	Surina		employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:44:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Derrick	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:46:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Greg	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:47:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another enrichment project	Tony	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-22 07:48:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There will be discrimination in criteria and issuing of licenses. Once again this is government control, what happened to our democracy in this country? This is not about streamlining anything, all that will happen is that many small businesses will find themselves lacking in some or other criteria and OUT of business, which has a ripple effect onnthe economy, livelihood of families, more pressure on SAssa for grants, more ppl on the street. There is already so much red tape in SA for businesses, BEE, FICA, Unions, SARS, DOEL, SAPS, Governing Bodies and and! This would be bad news for SA and will not encorage business growth!	Chantelle	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:50:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lauren	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:52:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	1. DISCRIMINATORY 2.BBEE in yet another form. 3. Will deter investment 4 will increase unemployment 5 More red tape 6 Will make it more difficult for startups.	Diana	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:52:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jill	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:52:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dee	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:53:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johanna	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 07:54:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This country needs entrepreneurs, they invest their capital, time and efforts to create businesses that employ people. Given the unemployment rate and stagnant growth the state should be cutting red tape and encouraging growth, not placing further arbitrary barriers in the way of entrepreneurs. Those that are willing to create jobs are already facing massive challenges, they don't need more.	Bruce	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:54:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shaun	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:55:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Open to bribery and corruption.	Ian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:55:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government wants too much control and will be against whites	Vilia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:56:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If you want an economy to grow, you have to create a free market to do business in. Allow any person to trade freely in an economy and all the businesses will grow and flourish. This is just another way for the Government to restrict and ultimately stop any businesses from flourishing in South Africa. You are killing this country faster and faster with all your laws and red tape. Please stop interfering with free trade.	Ronel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:56:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anton	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 07:58:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No more BEE needed as it has proved itself unworkabke. thank-you.	Daniel	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:00:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Red tape Like this will loose more jobs as it is too MUCH FOR SMALL BUSINESS JUST MAKING AN INCOME WITH BEE. CLOSE SHOP AND HAVE A CHILD AND GET A SSASA GRANT	B B	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:00:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This seems very much to be just another tool to restrict persons based on skin colour. And obviously opening a whole new area for bribery and corruption, so they can steal more, provide zero services, and enrich themselves while destroying our country and economy. Communists!!!	L		
	2025-11-22 08:01:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nico-Jean	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 08:02:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Almost all the reasons put forward in the choice of what I don't like about the bill are ""All the above" should be a choice. But I chose preferential licensing because they will never be able to know who "bought" there license and, more importantly they introduce another layer for coruption: who "SOLD" the license. If the fee structure is too high it opens that door coruption for minions. Just broadening the size of the gravy train, and not a single official is immune to taking a ride on the train. It is a deep seated cultural anomily that a portion of our population have a culture of condoning theft. It Started in the Zuma years, he thought he was the imortal "Chief" of the South African population. A deep seated culture of tribalism. The current president is more charming, but he has taken corruption to a new level, smiling and charming all the way. How do see a radicalised fool as the SA ambassador to US? He was kicked out, fool. This bill is destined to become a bill that enhances the blind admiration of thieves . Think Tony Yengeni, with his glorious conviction and he is a part part of a new deployment of cadres. MK took the culture of admiration for thieves and viola a new tribe of theives in the KZN area, which filters down to the Eastern Cape, where their culture is "if you have you must give." From what is a cultural form of socialism (which is admirable to watch each others back), to a culture of "treasury has and must give". We are a rainbow nation of tribes, accross all ethnic groups including the two white ethnic groups: Afrikaners and Settlers (of 1820), the colored group that believe they are decendents of the "Koi San" of whom they numbered by the 100's and now there is millions of them (think Amazon head office near the junction of the N1 and the N2). I could go on.	Ian	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:03:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will add more unnecessary red tape. And cost the tax payer to be funded. The beauty of South Africa is we can creatively open a business and be independent without draconian inspections, queues, websites offline, and stress.	Lesley		self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:03:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:04:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way that the corrupt government is trying to interfere with what is left of our economy. This is another way for corruption and BEE rubbish to be shoved down the throats of struggling business owners. Additionally, this is strikingly close to the controls put in place by the apartheid government - proving that the ANC is deeply racist.	Timothy	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-22 08:04:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I strongly oppose the proposed Business Licensing Bill. This proposal is anti-entrepreneurial, anti-growth, and anti-freedom. It would suffocate small businesses and independent traders under layers of red tape and bureaucracy. South Africa already faces staggering unemployment and a shrinking small-business sector — the last thing we need is more state interference, paperwork, and fees that discourage enterprise. This bill will: Cripple small business owners who already struggle with compliance costs, unreliable power, and weak demand. Concentrate control in government hands, opening the door to corruption and selective enforcement. Stifle innovation and informal enterprise, which are vital sources of income and job creation. Create uncertainty for investors and entrepreneurs who need less regulation, not more. The private sector — especially small business — is the lifeblood of our economy. South Africa should be cutting red tape, simplifying tax, and promoting local trade, not adding another bureaucratic barrier that destroys initiative. For these reasons, I say an emphatic NO to this bill.	Richard	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:04:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christine	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 08:05:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE and corruption	Janet		
	2025-11-22 08:07:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tony	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:07:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No fairness.Jobs for pals n comrades,,even without knowledge or qualifications. More discrimination against whites,Indians n coloureds.More corruption,lies n deception.	Papamma	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 08:09:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Small businesses cannot afford this and close downs BEE was the last straw. Staff fired have babies and get Social Grant from SASSA	bbe	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 08:11:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charlene	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:11:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	New businesses don't need to have this added to bar them from opening a business	Annella		retired
	2025-11-22 08:11:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Richard		
	2025-11-22 08:13:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support, this will just benefit the corrupt and cadres, Too much power in the wrong hands	Ursula	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:14:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shirley	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:14:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Des	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:15:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More rules and regulations will reduce businesses and economy. And allowing for preferential licensing will make that even worse. Our country needs every business to thrive. Not to reduce their chances.	Annie		
	2025-11-22 08:17:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Neasa noted that elements of the Bill It amounts to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. The provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Elcke		
	2025-11-22 08:17:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		johan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 08:17:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		johan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 08:19:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	to much corruption, governmental money grab, inspectors are corrupt. don't we have free trade in this country? just another reason to leave this shit country. government is trying its best to keep people from succeeding and making this country grate again. this will result in massive job losses i can guarantee that.	j	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:19:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		nigel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:23:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Will slow down business growth, pave the way for discrimination in issuing of licenses. Add additional business overheads	Frank	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 08:25:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More government interference	Clare	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 08:25:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ella	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:26:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		george	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:28:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ella	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:29:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	How can you grow an economy by restricting the ability of a business being developed and discouraging startups	G		
	2025-11-22 08:31:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ken	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:31:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support this new Bill at all. This will negatively impact a small business & make allowance for discrimination, and open the door for corruption as to who procure a licence and who may not.	Karin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:32:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Any bill that has parameters like "preferencial" has and will be weaponized and exploited. We need more businesses not less and absolutely no more red tape.	George	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:32:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:32:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jaco	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:33:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Robin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:33:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Business create jobs no matter who owns the business.	Chris	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 08:35:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is not "fair discrimination" anymore as per section 9 of the Constitution, this is now unconstitutional. And it is killing the economy and starving poor South Africans. I will close my business and fire all my workers, this is now intolerable!	Marthinus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:36:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This seems yo me of introducing BRRR practices where it does not belong. Anybody who has the backing can open a business currently so why waste money and interfere with what is working.	Brian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:37:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Magrietha	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:40:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another example of government overreach! Talk about social engineering. Stick to what you're supposed to do and try and do that properly without messing up more sectors of society. - that is part of the social contract which this govt. obviously ignores or couldn't care less about. Government obviously leans heavily towards a communist, centrally controlled political structure. It doesn't work! Leave the the free market system alone it's already over regulated to the extreme detriment of the entire citizenry (with the obvious exception of elites and cadres).	Alan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:40:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No concern about a licencing process to control who owns a business. Major concern about it being very selective in its application. This is another ANC form of reverse discrimination. What is important is to ensure that no foreign persons can own a business and that the owners are fully South African citizens and that they employ only legitimate South Africans in the business.	Harvey	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:41:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another form of control by the already failing system. Too much power in the wrong hands can reek havoc.	Rose	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 08:41:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support anything that is BEE related in any way shape or form. I think it is an insult to humanity to get any contract, job or preferential treatment based purely on race (or gender for that matter) There should be other relevant criteria for selection. (Qualifications etc)	Gary	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:42:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Yolanda	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:42:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barney	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:45:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We have had enough of BBEEE!	Louis	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:45:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lourens		
	2025-11-22 08:47:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Niki		
	2025-11-22 08:50:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is nothing That the ANC has proposed or introduced that was of any value to this country. This legislation is just a furthering of the BEE agenda to exclude Indian, White and Colored people from the economy. I am sure there will be further looting theft and corruption in built in the system. We are at time in our country that we cannot let the ANC introduce anything, everything they have touched they have destroyed all while creating division between the races. What we need is unity not more corruption and theft, I am sure this will be used as a tool to bludgeon minorities while being used as another vehicle/platform for theft by the anc.	Roy	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:50:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dave	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-22 08:51:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Discrimination....Discrimination and discrimination.	Phillip	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:51:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities must first fix potholes. They can't even be trusted to do something as simple as that. They are political money pits. BEE and corruption are inextricably linked. Let business be business and municipalities PROVIDE SERVICES.	Caron	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 08:53:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leigh	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:53:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	White people need some way to make a living and all these rules are making this impossible	Nancy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:53:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another sneekish way to control and have power and preference over the businesses. Another way to cheat & steal	Venilla	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:57:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tanya		
	2025-11-22 08:57:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jeff		
	2025-11-22 08:59:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Human	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:03:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There needs to be more consultation with those in the know, as well as unbiased legalities that apply equally across the board.	Mary	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 09:06:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Hands off businesses. Business is the backbone of the country and the economy and Government should encourage more businesses and not get more involved and control businesses. Preferential licensing will increase the danger of excluding certain sectors of society to earn a living.	Johann	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:07:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Belinda		
	2025-11-22 09:08:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am alk for business liscencing. But fair and equal liscencing.	Dave	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 09:08:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The Preferential licensing will be 'socio-political engineering' and, in addition, restrict trading / business to a tightly controlled environment managed by a municipal inspector. This leaves small businesses at the mercy of municipal officers and their political whims / corruption. Remember that the biggest employer is the small business, informal sector and self employed sector and a restriction could impact employment negatively.	Klaus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:08:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:09:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willem	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:12:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Slowly trying to push out minorities is getting tiresome. If they want the minorities to leave the country, they must stop beating around the bush and just say so.	Kirsty	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 09:13:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The ANC led government has shown that it is discriminating against minorities and are only propose and make Bills that support their cadres	Johan	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 09:18:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Racism Corruption Race to the bottom	Andrew	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 09:22:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		gert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 09:25:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Glenda		
	2025-11-22 09:25:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Relying on a municipal entity that cannot even do the normal municipal tasks, let alone a 5-year business renewal license! Asking for yet more money. Municipalities have no right to vote on your business. Of course, the BEE aspect makes it biased against minority groups.	Xander	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:26:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Nothing the government does is for the benefit of the people.	Ed	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 09:27:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Nothing the government does is for the benefit of the people.	Ed	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:29:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Susan	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:29:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Sick to death of the ANC's moves to hobble everybody just trying to make a living, especially if you are not black.. More red tape with already incompetent officials who will probably put any non black paperwork into file 13. Already happening with other licenses controlled by municipalities. Try and get a food vending license if you are not black. Why the sudden need to register businesses with a municipality? Businesses are already registered with CIPC and SARS. Plus every 5 years? So you can get switched off when they decide?	Elizabeth	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:31:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The muncipalities have staff that are paid by taxpayers but lots of the staff dealing with the public often are rude racist and think they are doing you a favour to be of any service to the public, giving them this power to will just open more doors for corruption. Most arent even capable of doing what they have on their plates now	Linda	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 09:31:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Emil	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:31:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This government barely manages their existing public departments, besides the risks of unfair treatment due to demographics, our public institutions will never manage to stick to their own rules (30 days) and then the same procedure every 5 years. Totally ridiculous and counterproductive in every aspect of investment, locally and especially internationally	Jeffrey	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:33:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael		
	2025-11-22 09:37:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 09:38:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nicholas	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:39:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way for government to control white South Africans	Linda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:41:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Urben	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:42:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Most businesses are registered by CIPC.... WHY A LICENSE VALID FOR ONLY 5 YEARS? Just another money making racket	Lenora	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 09:44:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hayley		
	2025-11-22 09:46:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities are already corrupt. Putting more power in their hands for corruption.	Meggan		
	2025-11-22 09:46:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	this is yet another channel for corruption, favouritism and bribery !	Stephen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:48:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing is another way to exclude fair participation from all sectors including investments in South Africa by foreign companies. We should we welcoming growth from all parts of our society EQUALLY and encourage foreign investors to grow businesses and create employment here. It should be that entrepreneurs are encouraged to create growth not be bogged down by red tape It sounds like another scheme that the government can use to tax companies and spend the money on further corruption.	Kate	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:48:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another law added to blocking develop business. Goverment is wants fo control 'our every move More and more red tape to deal with before you want to start a business.	Anthony	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:49:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Bee in disguise	Norman	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 09:49:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The bill does not modenise, it discriminates and will ultimately destroy small business in South Africa.	Melanie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:51:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melvyn		business owner
	2025-11-22 09:51:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Netanya		employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:52:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Maxine	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-22 09:52:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The muncipities can not even run there own areas, town planning, roads, electricity, and now they want to screw us over with this again. Do we not have enough rules already, even in they implement the existing rules they will have all our info.	George	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:55:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris		business owner
	2025-11-22 09:57:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wolf	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:02:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:05:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frank		unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 10:09:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Duidlief		retired
	2025-11-22 10:12:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	retired

	2025-11-22 10:12:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 10:13:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Arthur	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:13:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Niel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:13:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Utter nonsense! Govt should get on with the REAL work and stop thinking of ways to cancel out white ownership of good businesses!	Jo	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:17:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be the same as obtaining finance for a white owned business in SA. Impossible. They will give preference to BBEE etc. owned companies. White owned companies will stand little chance of obtaining licences.	Denise	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 10:19:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Edward	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-22 10:19:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Edward	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-22 10:20:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tjaart		
	2025-11-22 10:21:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way for government to implement their BBEEE and push whites out of businesses	Jenny	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:21:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peet	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:23:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing leaves the door wide open for discrimination against certain groups and unfair promotion of others. Decisions should only be made on sound and rational business practices if you realy want to have the best outcome and prosperity.	Koos		retired
	2025-11-22 10:23:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing leaves the door wide open for discrimination against certain groups and unfair promotion of others. Decisions should only be made on sound and rational business practices if you realy want to have the best outcome and prosperity.	Koos		retired
	2025-11-22 10:23:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support this bill. This government has no idea what and how to govern SA. They are creating more lanes for more corruption and less economic growth opportunities for the people of SA. They have FAILED to manage the various state entities, now they spread their tentacles of greed and corruption. Say NO to the government destroying our country. They won't stop until the shelves in stores are empty and people are starving	Jackie	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 10:26:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing leaves the door wide open for discrimination against certain groups and unfair promotion of others. Decisions should only be made on sound and rational business practices if you really want to have the best outcome and prosperity.	Julia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:27:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		JP	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:28:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Maryna	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:28:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	ANC doing it for the wrong teasons	Charled	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:31:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Isabel	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:38:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Control and profit taking… again Mafia style. "Let's steal from those who are prepared to work hard" mentality.	Anne		
	2025-11-22 10:38:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Control and profit taking… again Mafia style. "Let's steal from those who are prepared to work hard" mentality.	Anne		
	2025-11-22 10:39:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More BEE.	Jasper		
	2025-11-22 10:40:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another form of BEE.	Hugh	Outside SA	Non-profit
	2025-11-22 10:40:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another racist BEE proposal. The government is only interested in more red tape, more government control and more racist policies. They have not considered the side effects of the proposed legislation. The result will be more red tape, less business development, less foreign investment. further failure of existing small business, and more unemployment.	Larry	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 10:41:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We need less intrusive laws in business not more. This amendment merely creates more opportunity for government officials and inspectors for bribes and graft.	Johan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:42:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not wish to have more licensing issues regarding business. There are far too many already! Maybe the focus of government should rather shift to the bribery and corruption within and then once that is resolved try to look at other parts of governance!	Isabella	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:43:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is BEE in disguise.	Andries	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:50:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will end up as more BEE and corruption	Rob	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 10:50:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Irene		retired
	2025-11-22 10:51:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is simply another attempt by the governing party to control the very people who pay the governing party and to thus both have and eat its cake. Up till now, the tax base has valiantly struggled to stay afloat by using its initiative, which very initiative the governing party is now effectively attempting to stifle through over-control in the style of the outdated communistic philosophy, which has been proven world-wide to be grossly impractical and commercially stifling. In fact there is plenty of evidence to back the more than strong suspicion that this is simply a disguise for BBBEE, which has been shown to enable corruption and be to the financial benefit of non other than the political representative members and their close associates (ONLY) - the 'politically elite', whilst stifling the creative initiatives and energies of those who are actually attempting to produce something of value and to pay the taxes so ardently desired by the governing party. If ever there was a reason to abandon hope for this country, this new law would be it.	Kenneth		self-employed
	2025-11-22 10:51:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	While there is zero accountability and severe lack of service delivery, why add another tax burden which adds additional governance and process that add NO additional benefit to citizens and ONLY opportunity for graft and corruption and another hurdle to law abiding citizens to make a living....? First do your current job before trying to convince your citizens that this will be to their benefit.	Eugene		employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:52:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Any race based and divisory laws should be scrapped.	Trish	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-22 10:53:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Nothing more than an attempt to poorly disguise BBBEE	Ian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:57:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lynn	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 10:59:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Liret	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:01:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More racial regulation. This regime can't get the basics right, has turned this country into the laughing stock of the world and yet continues to dig itself deeper into the hole it has created. The ANC has bankrupted a once vibrant economy - it has stolen and legislated the country into penury. It has equally ensured that nearly half the population is unemployed with no chance of employment ever. Yet it continues to introduce more and more badly written legislation that will just make things worse. Stop legislating and start listening.	Hugh	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:01:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In an already strangled and regulated economy, with a figure of over 30% jobless in this country and being warned that this proposed plan is unworkable,potentially damaging for jobs and investment the government want to introduce this!!! NO! A licence for five years,how will this be managed or administered when most government departments have or are failing! NO! Then are gaurentees that nepotism and corruption will not again be the order of the day!? This also smacks of socialism does it not! NO NO NO!	Frank	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:02:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I presume this will also apply to the enormous amount of 'small business' financial turnover being gleaned by the millions of destructive scrap collectors & cable thieves across South Africa? 100% profit on free merchandise, daily. How convenient. This is another ANC racist ploy to disempower minority white SARS registered small business owners, particularly sole proprietors who equally carry the burden of supporting the majority of non tax paying individuals living off of social grants and escalating criminal activity. Outright BEE corruption. It would appear Ramaphosa's frog in water strategy is beyond boiling point, besides the obvious theft of our honest, hard-earned income by the cost of repetitive licence fees, in addition to regular driver's licence renewals. The corruption of the ANC knows no bounds. Pure evil...	Graham	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:04:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:04:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kevin	Free State	retired
	2025-11-22 11:11:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape, admin and cost to business. More restrictions and possible misuse of this legislation. I do not support this at all.	Franco	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:12:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another racist move by a racist gumment	Vic		
	2025-11-22 11:16:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Too much control about who can run business. Leads to people avoiding official channels and starting unofficial means to start business.	Helen	Eastern Cape	retired

	2025-11-22 11:16:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bilal	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:20:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another form of discrimination against the white population of South Africa and a furtherence of the ridiculous BEE legislation by this most useless and incompetent ANC regime. A further loss of mostly black jobs guaranteed to be the result.	Gene	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:23:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Richard	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:23:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacob	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 11:23:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacob	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 11:26:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. The provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Elmarie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:30:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A unfair and racist policy	Kim	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:30:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It seems like overreach. I think that it is good in some ways but dangerous in others.	Karen		business owner
	2025-11-22 11:32:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another form of BBEEE. Who checks on the municipalities. Municipal offices are a shambles now. Will they be able to assist in this endeavour??	Roberto	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 11:34:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Koot	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:38:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lynne	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:40:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape and business issues in a country where running a business is nigh impossible. Chances of abuse here are high. Freedoms of the economy being restricted. Disinvestment will follow. Please open and free opportunities for business. We don’t need more red tape. We are drowning in it. Help the entrepreneurs to build businesses. Employ more people. Grow the economy. Sorry this is a step backwards.	Fred	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:41:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		annekie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:41:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rowan		
	2025-11-22 11:44:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Don	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:45:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacques	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:47:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eileen		retired
	2025-11-22 11:51:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andreas	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:01:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Until BEE is done away with nothing will change. This new bill is a smoke screen.	Margarete	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:02:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janet	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 12:04:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just an extention of BEE and will discriminate against some sectors of the community	Dave	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:07:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another excuse to control Business's - specifically white owned. Just another BEE initiative and another place to rob the whites and create opportunities for corruption. They have buggered up everything else they have touched - why would this be any different	Mark		retired
	2025-11-22 12:07:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We as small business already pay through our teeth for so much and are barely surviving! Also municipalities are already broken now they will have power over business! Unacceptable	Lee	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:07:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We as small business already pay through our teeth for so much and are barely surviving! Also municipalities are already broken now they will have power over business! Unacceptable	Lee	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:08:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elria	North West	retired
	2025-11-22 12:09:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	APARTHEID is dead. Let's not keep it alive. We voted to be rid of it but it's coming back in a different form, ironically keeping those out who voted for change!	Al		retired
	2025-11-22 12:10:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cathy	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:12:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	First, make it difficult (impossible) to qualify for a licence. Second, appropriate the business for the comrades. Third, strip the business of its assets through greed and corruption. The SACP will destroy all free trade as part of the plan. Wake up people!	Catherine	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 12:13:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Klein besighede is baie keer gebaseer om families. Dus sal die BEE nie altyd geld nie. Dit maak dit ook moeilik vir Jong entrepreneurs om n besigheid te begin. Gewoonlok is daar beperkte fondse beskikbaar en wanneer onnodige vereistes gestel word kan die Jong persoon nie daaraan voldoen nie. Dit beperk dus die deelname van jongmense. Dus gaan hulle dan deel word van die altyd groeiende werkloses. Dit geperk dus werkskeping veral deur Jong entrepreneurs. Daar is al klaar te veel rompslomp wanneer iemand n besigheid wil begin en graag wedsgetrou wil optree. Wetgewing moet eerder werkskepping aanmoedig en nie beperk nie.	Jeannine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:14:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		frank		
	2025-11-22 12:15:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As a business owner, I must register my strong and sincere objection to the proposed Bill in its current form. While I respect the intent to improve governance, the practical consequences for businesses—especially SMEs—are deeply concerning. The Bill introduces significant administrative and financial burdens through its stringent licensing and renewal requirements, diverting essential resources from day-to-day operations. The added layers of bureaucracy, combined with broad and loosely defined powers granted to local inspectors, create fertile ground for arbitrary enforcement and corruption. This environment threatens the predictability and fairness that businesses need to operate confidently. Furthermore, the Bill risks undermining SMEs, which are vital to job creation and economic growth. Embedding socio-political objectives such as preferential licensing and redress into a business licensing framework shifts focus away from market principles and may inadvertently exclude certain groups from fair competition. Finally, the provision allowing automatic license revocation without due process—and only permitting appeal after closure—is particularly unjust. Such measures jeopardize livelihoods and contradict principles of fair and transparent administrative action. For these reasons, I strongly and respectfully urge that the Bill be rejected to ensure economic growth, fair competition, and sustainable business development.	Leonie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:18:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is the continuation of BEE. Which will further dampen investment. Less hoops, more job creation. Thought after 31 years of education for Africans they might now gave common sense. I've been proven wrong again.	Johan	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 12:21:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lynette	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:28:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No more race based legislation.	Keith	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:29:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kim	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:31:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anna	Outside SA	employed individual
	2025-11-22 12:31:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The Bill is discriminatory and just another way to control and commit Fraud and corruption. It further holds back economic growth and activity, which the country desperately needs.	Jacob	North West	retired
	2025-11-22 12:34:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cornelius	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 12:36:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Yet more corruption	Ray	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 12:40:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There already exists two integrated systems for registering businesses (CIPC, now Bizportal) and SARS. South Africa's municipalities are for the most part, incapable of delivering on their current mandates. It is not necessary to create another layer of registration for businesses at municipal level, unless it is within a specific sector that may require that (eg. liquor licences). Implementation of this bill will create another level of red tape for entrepreneurs and further slow job creation, plus create another sizable opportunity for corrupt actors within or connected to the state to siphon off more for themselves from the good, hardworking people of our country.	Winston	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 12:43:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hendrik	Western Cape	self-employed

	2025-11-22 12:46:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is a no-no as it will strangle the job-creating businesses even more. How do you expect to give every person in RSA (which is their fundamental right) a job to be able to support their families ? People and children are dying of hunger, and you want to restrict businesses, who are trying their utmost to create jobs. This is now really ridiculous.	Pietré	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:46:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will disadvantages other people from operating a businesses, for example low class people won't be allowed to do their informal business due to certain requirements that might not meet. This means those people will be unable to provide for their family because of this bill.	Makhosazana		employed individual
	2025-11-22 12:47:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eduard	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 12:47:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jan		
	2025-11-22 12:49:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In my opinion introducing this law will not help built the economy of our beautiful country in any way!I think it is just a badly disguised way in which to broadened BEE . Also this government illustrated over and over that they do not have the proper administration skills and knowledgs to manage any project properly.	Aletta	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:51:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mandy	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:54:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gail	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:58:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government has already proved that it cannot be trusted to act in the interest of all the people in the country, only a select few. Giving them more control over businesses will further damage our already crippled economy.	Renier		
	2025-11-22 12:58:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will harm more than building up. We desperately need to be building South Africa but this again is the opposite direction ?	Nico	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 13:00:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gabriele	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 13:03:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eunice	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:03:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is yet more BEE bullshit in disguise.	Joanna	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 13:03:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melissa	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:04:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Less government in every area is where we need to be! When they prove they can run ONE municipality efficiently then maybe they will have some credibility to offer any advice to private citizens who seem to manage much better without their interference....	Susan	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:05:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way for the ANC to control businesses and people as well as making a fast buck out of already struggling micro to medium sized businesses. Cannot understand that we have a GNU but the ANC still continues as if it is the only ruling party. Never ending corruption.	Kevin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:06:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mandi	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:11:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No more regulations!, this will inevitably be used to further apply more racist laws in the future as has already been shown in the more than 140 race laws in this country. Further to that, it is simply another way to squeeze more money out of an increasingly shrinking tax base that is so over taxed already.	Steven		
	2025-11-22 13:12:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Absolutely not! When are bills going to be introduced that actually build our economy up instead of continuing on the rapid downward spiral!	Andreia	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:12:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill is just another way to open up the door to discrimination and make earning a living in South Africa next to impossible.	Amanda		
	2025-11-22 13:17:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is just another way to oppress certain people and to parasitically take money from people. To hell with that.	Brian		retired
	2025-11-22 13:23:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licencing and power of inspectors allow for corruption and discrimination. This is simply another piece of legislation that prevents economic growth and job creation.	L	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 13:24:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rina	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 13:24:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rina	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 13:26:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Niall	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:28:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another controversial race based bill which will stop future job creation and close existing business if corrupt inspectors don't get their bribes. These business inspectors have too much power and this whole bill will lead to greater poverty in South Africa when unemployment is already so high. So this new bill is not needed and they should rather cut all the red tape to create more jobs.	Brian	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 13:30:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape with the objective of controlling the population and advancing government's race-based policies and backward ideological plans. Government must GET OUT OF THE WAY and allow business to get on with growing the economy and self regulate.	Ilda	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:39:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Most municipalities are totally corrupt, so cannot be trusted with fair licence allocations!!!	Kobie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:40:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:44:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Die ding gaan ons eenman sake kelder. Kos van ons tafels af wegvat en mense hulle werk kos	Johan		self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:44:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mariet	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 13:44:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This stinks of the usual ANC corruption - BBEEE They cannot create anything positive but enrich themselves and their cadres via corruption and theft. They continue to destroy the economy the little that is left. Let's see what happens when the grants dry up.....	Fred	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:49:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marco		
	2025-11-22 13:50:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marcelle	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 13:55:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Francois		
	2025-11-22 13:58:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charles	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 14:00:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gistaf	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:05:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support this Bill.	Belinda	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 14:07:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris		retired
	2025-11-22 14:10:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gideon	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:10:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Erika	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:13:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leshna	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 14:18:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Yvette		
	2025-11-22 14:19:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Regte komministiese stel van alles word deur staat beheer. Witmense sal later nie meer toegelaat word om besigheid te doen nie.	Christiaan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:20:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Niki	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 14:26:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Some people already have adequate skin colour advantages handed to them by copious existing government laws. This licence is open to bribery and corruption because of who will be employed to decide who gets to receive a licence or not AND this is just YET ANOTHER hidden repeat tax like a drivers or other licence- which serves only to pay the salaries of the people that work there. Nothing more than faux job creation and revenue collection!	S	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:31:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	All of the above for corruption	Gretchen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 14:32:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We need fire arms to fight criminals who r in possession of illegal firearms	Jasper	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 14:35:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pete	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-22 14:39:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We as small businesses are suffering enough as it is.	Renette	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:42:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		vaughn	Eastern Cape	retired

	2025-11-22 14:45:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	SA is over regulated, racist and anti business. Our economy continues to struggle as thousands of businesses have either closed or moved overseas. The people perish for lack of wisdom and vision. We desperately need a new market friendly government.	Malcolm		retired
	2025-11-22 14:45:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	SA is over regulated, racist and anti business. Our economy continues to struggle as thousands of businesses have either closed or moved overseas. The people perish for lack of wisdom and vision. We desperately need a new market friendly government.	Malcolm		retired
	2025-11-22 14:46:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		E	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:48:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is no way our mostly dysfunctional, corrupt and incompetent municipalities will be able to handle this. There is also no doubt that it will be abused to extract bribes and to give preferential treatment to family and friends of municipal officials.	Anneli		retired
	2025-11-22 14:51:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way to discriminate and stifle new businesses if it does not suit their agenda.	Michele	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:51:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way to discriminate and stifle new businesses if it does not suit their agenda.	Michele	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:55:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another race based law of over 150 of them. I have no faith and trust in this current government and the motive behind these laws.	Brian	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-22 14:59:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jean		
	2025-11-22 15:01:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities can't even do any job properly, how will they manage business licensing? They'll get business ideas and by stealing more from the municipality will create similar businesses with/for their comrades after receiving a fat bribe and turn your application down.	Johannes	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:06:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Renée		
	2025-11-22 15:08:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marilena	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 15:09:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Bribery will take place and preferential status over family and friends first. Municipalities have failed the people with the work they are doing now, so this will not work out.	Maggie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 15:11:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dianne	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:12:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lois	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:13:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Roarke		employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:15:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barbara	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:16:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mduduzi	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:18:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brendon	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:18:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		V		
	2025-11-22 15:19:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Venetia	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:20:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gerda	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 15:21:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marlice	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:22:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More discrimination to target white people. More corruption and bribery.	Eugene	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 15:23:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Country can’t control or manage much so what are they going to prove with this? I think it is a ridiculous idea please think carefully before you dream up all this rubbish to disrupt an already struggling economy and nation.	Margie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:23:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charles	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:24:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	My concern is that a certain majority group will grant licences to that particular group and marginalise us who have been in business for generations.	Farhana	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:24:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shamista		employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:30:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Let The ANC fix their own house before the meddle in the one thing that can save SA - the economy. How much more BEE do they need - their road to profit themselves and not the people who most need help.	Brian	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:36:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kevin		self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:38:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ann	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:38:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The evil if BEE overreach	Christopher	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:41:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jaques	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:43:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This opens the doors for more corruption and incompetence making it even less attractive to start or run a business in South Africa.	Jill	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:44:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wayne	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:45:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is completely irrational. Another bottomless pit of corruption, incompetence and waste of money is being created. There is no need for another layer of red tape to be added to the Registrar of Companies. Private business should be free to act as unencumbered as possible. Trespassers must be prosecuted and brought to book. This idiotic act will strangle private initiative and just add to unemployment.	Okkie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:46:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will infringe on the right of an individual to earn a living by way of trade.	Eric	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:51:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Neasa said the provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background. This is unconstitutional.	Nicci	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:53:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elaine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:58:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way to impose race-based controls that preclude the people who actually want to work, from being able to	Kerry	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:00:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Open to abuse and corruption	Paul	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:03:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It opens the process to abuse and corruption. Just like licensing of drivers where people are more prone to making bribes to officials to get licenses, what kind of extortionate types are we know going to be subject to. Officials have shown themselves to be unable to make rational decision asist are incapable of this. Over regulation by an incapable state is never a good thing. The state has proven its incapable with its policies and almost every thing it touches turns to shit. Our parastatals are proof of this as is our struggling economy. Our Minister Stella Ngabeni Abraham's is an idiot of note and is bereft of original thing. We do not want to be a Marxist likr state or economy. Where in or case the idiot "political elite" are in charge. Bereft of common sense driven by arrogance. But nowhere near an elite thinker	Rovaun	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:03:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Powers of inspectors.	John	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:04:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Colleen		
	2025-11-22 16:06:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marcel	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:09:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Malcolm	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:15:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will lead to even more corruption. I question the constitutionality of this proposed bill since it smacks of discrimination.	Theo	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:17:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Its not up to the government to decide who or who cant run their own business....with the corruption in government only if you pay a bribe will anything come from it...	Heidi	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:17:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Most municipalities in SA can’t manage their own business, that of honestly managing the money they’re in charge of and providing basic services to the communities in their areas. Why burden them with more tasks until they can manage those competently?	Carole	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 16:17:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charmaine	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 16:21:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		DALE	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:22:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dulcie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:22:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Etienne	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:25:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill is unworkable in this country where almost all municipalities are dysfunctional and incapable of managing it.. I’m also concerned it’s another ANC Corruption scheme creating unnecessary jobs and fees just to wring more money out of business.	Patrick		retired

	2025-11-22 16:25:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another appalling racist bill to discriminate against hardworking and productive minorities that keep the lights on in SA, whilst the ANC continues to deploy cadres who rape and pillage. This bill must be stopped in it's tracks. Racist laws that enable corruption and nepotism must be revoked today.	Andrew	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:31:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This reverse apartheid government is again attempting to pass unjust and discriminatory laws. Plain and simple. They do nit possess business skills or intellect ehich us why they will never match or better the minorities. Hence they want to favour themselves by discrimination against minorities. Brazen lawlessness.	Mervyn		
	2025-11-22 16:32:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Young entrepreneurs starting with little or nothing a huge unemployment problem for young people Surely legislation can be implemented to Help young people and not hamper them	Wendy	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:34:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Clement	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:39:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barbara	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-22 16:40:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another effort to control business and who can pray operate a business BEE IN DISGUISE An effort to control what and where you buy The government cannot control the fake products entering the country and wants the citizens to control fake or imitations Unemployment will sky rocket	Wessel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:42:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	To put such an important function in the hands of dysfunctional municipalities is a very bad idea. to bring the BEE laws into it will be worse.	Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:42:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The proposed bill is discriminatory	Rolf	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:43:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lesley	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 16:43:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan		
	2025-11-22 16:45:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Deon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:47:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Walter	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:47:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Niels	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:48:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Prof Ponky		self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:49:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Denise	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:50:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elmien	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:50:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marguerite	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:50:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carel	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:51:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another way to destroy the ability of already marginalised people to earn a living and Draconian powers to inspectors to arbitrarily do as they please and demand bribes.	Elba	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:51:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Yashvent		
	2025-11-22 16:57:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Small businesses have enough admin to deal with. My biggest concern is corruption. More corrupt officials trying to extort South Africans.	Leigh-Ann	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:58:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Margarret	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 16:59:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petrus	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-22 17:00:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The so called "justification" for this intrusive practice is a tissue of falsehoods. It will add absolutely nothing positive to the business community. It will, however, facilitate state meddling and open the door to preferential issuance of business licences with an attendant avenue of corruption. It will also add to the already "top heavy" public service and absorb yet more of the tax payers' money.	Ian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:03:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Antony	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:03:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andrea	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 17:04:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Hidden BEEE - Business licenses for 'pals' with plenty of kick-backs to those doing the issueing.	Ronald	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:07:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More government licensing of corruption and discrimination. More tax rands being wasted on beurocratic nonsense.	Norman		
	2025-11-22 17:08:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shaun	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 17:08:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anthony	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:09:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More unnecessary power the ANC wants and it is nothing more than BEE in disguise. I reject this completely.	cobus	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 17:09:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vanessa		
	2025-11-22 17:11:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The whole thing is to target productive minorities and foreigners creating jobs. Why preferential licensing? If that wasn't the case it would be a good idea. And will it be enforceable. This will further hamper economic progress while international companies are disinvesting from South Africa. We are being de-industrialized and just more BBEEE. More poverty will be created from this regulation.	Werner	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:11:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE in disguise	Ian		
	2025-11-22 17:12:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Colin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:12:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another Communist ANC move! Not to be trusted.	Willem	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:12:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johannes	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:14:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Herman		
	2025-11-22 17:15:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		CHRISTINA		self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:17:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Franciscus Xavierus		
	2025-11-22 17:17:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Corrupt	Hilton	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:17:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Glenn	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:18:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Their is nothing wrong with the current way that a business obtains a license to operate. This is not to modernise the system, it is to give power to municipalities and government to choose who can operate a business and how to operate. This will only hamper new business opportunities and slow down economic growth. This is a again a socialistic / communistic bill from government. They should focus on cutting red tape and luring investment and creating a business friendly environment. Instead they are continuing down a socialist path that has thus far delivered nothing except negative economic growth. Municipalities are not coping with the current workload demande from them, how will this be handled effectively?	Zander	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:19:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melindi	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:22:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Morne		employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:22:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rolf	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:23:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wouter	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:25:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		andre jean	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:25:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	First fix the CFR and have existing legislation work properly before trying to change the law. These proposed amendments will leave law abiding citizens at the mercy of criminals like never before!	Frederik	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:36:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It will make it easier to take bribes and if you have a friend that has an opposing party then they can be bias and cancel licenses on feelings.	Mandy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:41:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		john	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 17:42:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hennie		
	2025-11-22 17:43:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Riaan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:44:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marilyn	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-22 17:46:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Prohibitive legislation	Jacki	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:48:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dennis	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 17:49:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hercules		employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:50:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barry	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:52:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hanlie	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 17:55:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In my opinion it is just another way to control everything the business owner won't have any say in his or her own business. They will determine who can have a business. In SA all know who are the preferred people	Willem	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 17:56:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will empower unqualified municipalities to control business licensing, with rules prescribing unfair policies.It allows for municipalities to determine business competition and could be illegitimately biased in many ways. I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL.	Martin	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:56:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	North West	retired
	2025-11-22 17:57:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		CJ		
	2025-11-22 17:59:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Evert		
	2025-11-22 17:59:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		ENGELA		retired
	2025-11-22 18:03:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dawie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 18:04:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will have a negative effect on new and small businesses. It will hamper job creation and limit opportunities for ordinary citizens who are unable to find jobs and who want to start small businesses to make a living. There are already a number of regulations and laws that businesses have to comply with. It is just another way in which the government wants to exercise control.	Jan	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 18:08:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government should have no rights to say who can trade and who can't.	Frikkie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:08:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bennet	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 18:08:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dieter	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 18:12:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Abigail	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:12:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hermanud		retired
	2025-11-22 18:14:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janette	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 18:16:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Racially based and unfair!	George	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:17:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	People work hard to keep their business alive while the government just take more money from the honest people, why do they want to regulate something they didnt start just because its successful or not BEE enough according to them!!! Why can't they concentrate of fixing the roads, maybe stop corruption and fix Eskom.	CLINTON		
	2025-11-22 18:17:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I think it is going to throttle small businesses like those selling kiepkieps, ice lollies, and broken biscuits especially at schools, at their homes and at street corners. Some of them run their businesses outside of "Registered Malls, in townships Some of them support their families from the income made from informal, though unregistered businesses.	Shirley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 18:21:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I don't see that there will be any good, unless if you are connected etc.This seems like another plan to fail the other citizens with new BEE etc laws handicapping those that is also part of RSA.Think about the coumtry, and for what is good for everybody.All to benefit and.not to be controlled by more laws etc.	Thys	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 18:23:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If those in control could be trusted to be impartial and fair in giving licenses then this would maybe make sense but there is too much room for corruption and people being given licenses in favour over others for the wrong reasons	Amy-Lea		
	2025-11-22 18:24:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	South Africa is turning into a comunist state. No more democracy or freedom of the economy.	Dudlry	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:26:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wayne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:37:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If the aim of this act is 1) To excude ethnic groups 2) enhance Bee 3) inhibid free trane for any person or rame It is a NO GO And will enhace the full of the economic wellnes of our beautiful country.	Jan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:37:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If the aim of this act is 1) To excude ethnic groups 2) enhance Bee 3) inhibid free trane for any person or rame It is a NO GO And will enhace the full of the economic wellnes of our beautiful country.	Jan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:40:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	why do we need licenses to do business or trade which is a constitutional right	Colin	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:42:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rae	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 18:42:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		alan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 18:43:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jannie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:46:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:50:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dirk	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 18:52:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gerhardus	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 18:53:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Etienne	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:53:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eberhardt	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:53:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will harm every single South African directly or indirectly.	Werner	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:54:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I Don't support anything that smells like more BEE legislation and bylaws in the future.	Rudolph	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:55:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helene	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:55:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helene	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:04:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another opportunity for government officials to extract bribes to 'facilitate' licenses. What South Africa needs is less government interference, not more.	Heather	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:06:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tania		
	2025-11-22 19:07:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gary	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:08:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 19:08:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gus	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:08:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill is to enable cadre and further corruption. It should be reworked entirely.	Gail Williams	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 19:10:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Claire	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:10:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johann	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 19:11:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dale	Eastern Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-22 19:12:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	my business has been going for 23 years without a licence from the local government deciding on whether i need to operate my business or not. Its apalling abuse of power and the government will be getting more and more unpopular as the years move on.. Control is the worst type of governence . it removes creativity and inhibits growth. What a bunch of ignorant walliies. No No No.	Linda	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:12:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	my business has been going for 23 years without a licence from the local government deciding on whether i need to operate my business or not. Its apalling abuse of power and the government will be getting more and more unpopular as the years move on.. Control is the worst type of governence . it removes creativity and inhibits growth. What a bunch of ignorant walliies. No No No.	Linda	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:12:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Most government and municipal entities are drowning in corruption and inefficiency. Those same corrupt officials cannot be granted powers to extend their corruption into private practice which is the only hope of keeping SA afloat.	Dean	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:14:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willem		
	2025-11-22 19:15:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is both common and public knowledge that if this bill is passed it will succumb to the cancer of bribery and corruption that already plagued South Africa. Further, businesses are struggling to survive already and any further costs will burden already struggling businesses. This bill will not promote any desperate growth our economy needs, it will worsen the already high failure rate of SME crisis it finds itself in at present.	Gavin	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 19:18:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It has been stated that the law is just BEE in disguise.	Francis	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 19:19:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This government is drowning in regulations as it is, they do not need more. It will stifle new business and there will be more unemployment.	Graham	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 19:24:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No-one needs a license to provide value to customers. Government, on the other hand, has a legal monopoly on violence and provides no value. People trade freely to a greater or lesser extent, regardless of what you do, commie.	Kristo	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 19:28:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just a new way to discriminate against well run successful businesses and make more people unemployed.	Gail	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 19:32:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Richard	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 19:33:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:38:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another form of bee. Why should small businesses be regylated so much. This amounts to a dictatorship. Business should be able to grow. Catch a wake up!!!	Sean		
	2025-11-22 19:39:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just a new way to control and finance corrupt offices. Municipal concerns are incapable of good and democratic undertakings as shown by failed road works related to potholes and services! More work for the management who can't cope currently and draw massive wages. God help SA.	John		business owner
	2025-11-22 19:40:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Logistics of getting it done fairly and on time given past history of changes in other fiends. Definitely BBE in disguise and more opportunities for bribes by the inspectors. Are we trying to build or destroy the economy of this country.	Pamela	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 19:40:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Logistics of getting it done fairly and on time given past history of changes in other fiends. Definitely BBE in disguise and more opportunities for bribes by the inspectors. Are we trying to build or destroy the economy of this country.	Pamela	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 19:41:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brenna		
	2025-11-22 19:44:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacques	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 19:45:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Considering the out of control corruption and general incompetence of local government structures, giving them this power will kill off small businesses due to unfair requirements, delay new business, kill ingenuity, advance corruption and monopolies. This will only result in more job losses. Stop trying to force government incompetence and chronyism into every sector of society.	Andreas	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:46:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jocelyn	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 19:46:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eric	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 19:49:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Amanda	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 19:51:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another control tactic from the corrupt government. All business' are already registered with cipc are they not? So why yet another system. How will business'be selected / eligable for a licence? And at what cost for said licence and how can it be up to the municipality to judge whether or not a licence can be renewed or not. This stinks of corruption and victimisation. As the blurb said, this is BEE in another form. Unconstitutional!!!!!	Nic	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:54:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government has already proved that it cannot be trusted to act in the interest of all the people in the country, only a select few. Giving them more control over businesses will further damage our already crippled economy.	Crena		
	2025-11-22 20:00:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is more costs that is now added to legitimate businesses who are already struggling. This will affect SME's the most and this is not going to help the economy to grow at all.	Riyaad		
	2025-11-22 20:04:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The state needs to get out of micromanaging business. The state is destroying the economy and everything they touch dies.	Lisa	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 20:06:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BBBEE in disguise.	Salomon	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 20:06:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lourens		
	2025-11-22 20:07:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Madelein		
	2025-11-22 20:08:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:08:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:13:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pieter Gerrit	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:16:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More useless legislation to control. More ridiculous red tape.	Shaun	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 20:20:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Sick of these racists laws hampering the country and its prosperity	Susanna	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:21:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gwyneth	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:23:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ursula	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 20:23:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ursula	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 20:28:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Betsie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:28:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Betsie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:33:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	These laws make it far to easy to discriminate against citizen and for the person issuing the license to not issue one if they so choose. No reason required. Any law that requires a centralized office to consolidate information is a communistic in its establishment and allows individuals in JHB to make decisions about a bussiness in Cape Town without any idea of the impact, pos or neg said bussiness may have on the region. Leave it local. Local is lekker. There are many reason that this is a bad idea but mostly because it's an ANC initiative, Government driven and we all know that centralization allows too many opportunities to loot and to implement any controls as they please. Furthermore, Communistic Centralization is just going to create more red tape and less accountability. We have more than enough incompetence sitting in seats in government with no accountability. Less dealings with National government the better	Shaun	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:36:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Caren	North West	retired
	2025-11-22 20:37:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lesley	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:39:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lynne	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 20:40:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christine	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:43:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Abuse of the system	Lynette	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 20:44:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just going to increase the corruption of the people issuing the licenses. It's a dogshit plan and this bill should not be allowed to pass.	Matthew		self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:47:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Obviously a bad idea.	Mike	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 20:48:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janine	Western Cape	business owner

	2025-11-22 20:49:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I feel any person should be able to start and operate a business,as long as it is done in a legal manner. This does not promote economic growth.	Eugene	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:49:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I feel any person should be able to start and operate a business,as long as it is done in a legal manner. This does not promote economic growth.	Eugene	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:51:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johann	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:51:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This would be strengthening corruption in totality as well as abuse of power	Sharon	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:52:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Joseph	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:53:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris		business owner
	2025-11-22 21:01:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is not right that the Government should hinder business this has an effect on our economy	Tracy		employed individual
	2025-11-22 21:04:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Will discriminate against certain races and genders	Cosette	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 21:05:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 21:11:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More disguised BEE attempt	Deon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 21:11:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Raymond	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 21:13:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marjorie		
	2025-11-22 21:17:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ivan	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:18:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jose	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 21:18:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Francois	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 21:25:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Absolutely not!	H		
	2025-11-22 21:26:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jeanne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 21:27:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mariette	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:29:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vijeshna	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 21:29:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Robin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 21:32:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing issued by unfair inspectors due to certain powers granted to them will be totally unfair practice by such inspectors.	Brahm	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 21:32:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing issued by unfair inspectors due to certain powers granted to them will be totally unfair practice by such inspectors.	Brahm	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 21:39:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another attempt by a declining "liberation party" to pursue their agenda of Black Elite Enrichment.	Talieb		
	2025-11-22 21:46:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More Marxist control - less freedom	Amanda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 21:47:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Once again the government is trying to marginalise a certain portion of the population.	Jaco	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:51:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jillian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 21:55:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Daniel	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 21:59:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities are already not just corrupt but inefficient too, with a headache of delays in execution. This is a recipe for disaster.	Nqobile	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 22:03:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 22:04:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 22:10:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ernest	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 22:11:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elizabeth	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 22:13:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petrus	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 22:13:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petrus	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 22:15:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 22:15:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 22:16:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Teri-Lin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 22:18:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BBEEE ha already ruined this country and this is just another avenue to push the BBEEE agenda, until they flush the entire country down the tubes.	Beverley	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 22:26:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Deon		employed individual
	2025-11-22 22:32:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Estelle		retired
	2025-11-22 22:43:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Enough with all this excessive legislation. All the ridiculous legislation you have passed since 1994 has done nothing to improve the lot of those you continue to steal from. Give up your personal privileges and pass the benefit on to those who truly deserve empowering employment. Stop hobbling business with red tape.	Philip		business owner
	2025-11-22 22:47:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Beverly	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 22:51:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Enrico	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 22:56:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ano		
	2025-11-22 23:00:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Henri		employed individual
	2025-11-22 23:05:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Daphne	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 23:05:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another attempt by the ANC to control the economy of SA and decide who may earn a living Disgusting bunch of people who are nothing but a bunch of thieves NO. NO. NO. NO. NO. NO NO	Patrick	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 23:25:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will lead to widespread corruption and bribery at mafia level.	Clifton	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 23:49:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities already have a backlog on most administrative tasks and fail to get clear audits or run their finances properly . How on earth do they think that they will get around to issuing licenses within 30 days? This is another way to stifle our already fragile economy. Jobs for pals, cadre licensing, and corruption will be the order of the day. This is the only country in the world where the majority keep on making laws to protect themselves from the minority !!! What a circus.	Michelle	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 23:57:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing will open the doors to corruption, favoritism and bribery.	Paul	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 23:57:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will just lead to more corruption and BBEE principles in disguise	Mark	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 00:09:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marina	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-23 00:25:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Liesl-Mari	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 00:39:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ruby	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 00:41:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This system will inhibit entrepreneurs from getting their creative & inventive powers to move our country forward by creating positive competition and jobs without the onerous red tape which could ultimately preclude certain ideas, formularies and opportunities from getting off the ground. Just another scheme to control and burden enterprises before they even get off the ground and/or stagnate progress!	Pamela	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 01:02:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christy-Anne		business owner
	2025-11-23 01:25:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peet	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-23 02:09:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nadia	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-23 02:09:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nadia	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 02:17:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 02:19:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This has the potential to be discriminatory. I thought there already was a vehicle for business licensing, what is CIPRO for? Are they going to go after spaza shops or only “white owned “ enterprises? The obvious possibility of enrichment of inspectors via bribery is huge. Yet another way the government has found to strangle the economy, they are definitely smoking their socks. Stupid, stupid, stupid.	Vikki	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 02:34:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cornelius	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 02:52:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rudi	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 03:38:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing is unacceptable because nobody can predict how a business develops.	Peter	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 03:50:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I think the government should be looking at actual ways that benefit the people in the long term and not these ridiculous laws that would be increasing the pressure on people trying to make a living.	Rajesh		
	2025-11-23 04:07:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 04:07:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Inge	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 04:18:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Equal opportunity and less red tape should be prioritised	Jennifer	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 04:18:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charl	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 04:23:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another ploy to limit entrepreneurial energy. We need jobs !!!	ILSE	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 04:33:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will allow for even more corruption to seep in. South Africa is already struggling with high numbers of unemployment and bad business investment. This bill will not add anything positive, it will only add additional red tape and places for bribes. The absolute power of both municipalities and inspectors will not be a great place for any business to thrive. Is this the first step to nationalisation of all businesses?	Maria		
	2025-11-23 04:43:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brett	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 04:48:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mike		employed individual
	2025-11-23 04:48:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Terry	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 04:52:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Les		
	2025-11-23 05:01:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sello	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 05:03:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another feeble unimaginative attempt by the anc to feed the trough.	PHILIP	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 05:06:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It takes months to get an identity document, so how long is a business going to wait for approval ...another restriction on South Africans trying to grow the economy., trying to create earnings, ...just more bureaucracy in a country that isn't coping with the existing bureaucracy. Broad powers for the inspectors - who will control the competitive business environment ..so who controls the inspectors. Why does this legislation feel as if it is going to marginalise certain business applications or restrict competetive behaviour.. Scrap this immediately.	Wendy	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:18:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lee	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:23:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nicole	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:25:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will put the power in the hands of corrupt officials to take away the livelihood of people by denying businesses a licence for no good reason.	Christo		
	2025-11-23 05:25:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kobus	Free State	
	2025-11-23 05:28:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The new Bill is another BEE initiative which the entire world is now viewing as racist. It will stop foreign investment in SA in its tracks - the opposite of assisting in building the economy.	Debra	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 05:32:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Opportunity for rent extraction, ie bribary, discrimination. Disincentivising investment. Worsening unemployment.	Jack	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:33:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Quentin	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 05:35:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jenni	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 05:36:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vanessa	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:39:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 05:41:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape and scope for fraud	David	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 05:43:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Linton	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 05:47:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Delia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 05:48:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	1 Just another form of total control. 2 Licenses will be another opportunity for corruption which is endemic in SA. 3 Inspectors will use their power to demand payment etc. 4 the Bill will reduce the growth of small businesses. 5 an Absolute NO to an obvious move towards a Totalitarian state.	John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 05:50:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		marais	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:52:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		chris	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:55:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacob	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 05:55:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Penny	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 05:55:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is not a problem to require business to have a licence, but to use it as a means of forcing all kinds of other changes is not acceptable.	Theuns		
	2025-11-23 05:57:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lloy		
	2025-11-23 05:57:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lloy		
	2025-11-23 05:58:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Karin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 05:58:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kathy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:58:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Delene	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:59:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lilian		retired
	2025-11-23 06:03:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government has cipc, why this now, just anither way to dig into the tax payers pockets. Its really sickening how this government continues to do what it wants to and our people still go and vote for them. They are trying to bleed the middle class into poverty, SA slowly progressing into the next zimbabwe if you do not use ur vote wisely.	Olivian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:06:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 06:08:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Diane		
	2025-11-23 06:09:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alyssa	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:10:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Riaan	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 06:11:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Etienne	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:11:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Let business run business- not unqualified politicians	Barry	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:11:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Let's become successful like other African countries who have rejected this type of policy.	Gary	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-23 06:14:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Race based laws is not constitutional. SA is becoming one of the most race regulated countries in the world. This will also just be a bigger burden on business owners that is already struggling as it is. More costs and license fees.	Lauri-anne	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:15:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will kill small businesses in an already struggling economy.	Janine	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 06:16:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tobie	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:16:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kevin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 06:17:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Natasha	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 06:19:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		George		business owner
	2025-11-23 06:19:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We are against the proposed bill. We cannot afford to stagnate business on this country. Our concern is more red tape and preferential business licenses to the politically connected.	John	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:20:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It's just another way to discriminate against white businesses. The municipalities are failing to deliver on their basic functions so how will they be able to perform the additional task with the prescribed time frame.	Dorothy	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:21:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Afzal	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:21:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Afzal	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:21:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is moving backwards, not forwards as a progressive society. Just for starters Restrictions and fees will limit potential entrepreneurs, thereby putting a stranglehold on growth, development and initiative	Maria	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 06:23:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Arno		
	2025-11-23 06:27:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will give our already corrupt government even more power to discriminate against certain sectors.	Stephanie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 06:28:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Getting a business licence already is only being done by a few law abiding citizens. The majority do not care. Hawkers without a licence or with fake licenses are in the majority.	Alma	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:30:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	31 years after the fall of apartheid there should be no space for discrimination based on race in our legislation. This is just another form of BEE, trying to force certain race groups out of business and legalize stealing from them.	Chris	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:30:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Danie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:31:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Anti Christ Like, communism like. No thanks! I oppose this proposal.	Pieter		
	2025-11-23 06:34:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Is this type of regulation not opening the door for selective nepotism ?	Marthin	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 06:35:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another layer of red tape It will stop small business even trying to operate The CIPC it already in place to look at Corporate business This is duplication	Andre	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:35:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Edwin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 06:36:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE in disguise!!! Our economy is pathetic enough!!!	Cheryl	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:40:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Robert	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:42:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I also object to more red tape!!	Jonathan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:42:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am concerned about the exclusion of minorities and the powers given to inspectors. This will further stifle the economy.	Ameechund	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:42:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another bad decision by the government	Jackie	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 06:42:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 06:44:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mary-Ann	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-23 06:45:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will just stump the growth of our economy even more and we cannot afford for that to happen. SA government and municipalities are corrupt and this will never be any different.	Coreen	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 06:46:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The bill is an overreach of power. Businesses are already registered and regulated in accordance with the Companies act The minister will have too much vague power The bill will discourage business startups and entrepreneurship The bill will further ensure economic contraction and decline	Marius	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 06:46:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another avenue to implement BEEE with more red tape, compromising the efficassy of the system further.	Allison	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 06:47:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Should not be allowed.	Mark	North West	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 06:48:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Should not be allowed.	Mark	North West	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 06:50:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government is over reaching and abusing power to totally control business. This will lead to more job losses.	Mercia		
	2025-11-23 06:50:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Derek	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:50:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another regulation to open the potential for bribes; disgraceful.	Clarke	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 06:55:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mosibudi Maggie	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:55:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The municipality can already not cope with building plans and other regulatory duties.	Jacques	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:58:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Why are we eating time and money working on something that isn't broken while focus and funds should be spent on everything that is not working. This is just creating an opportunity for now discrimination, bribes, and mismanagement	Hayley	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:59:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Trixie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 07:01:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Joyce		unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 07:04:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lettie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:06:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leon	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:07:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tanya	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:08:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charles		
	2025-11-23 07:10:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just one step closer to total communism. This bill will definitely entitle a select BEE denomination, not all BEE candidates. This bill will crush South Africas free market	Malcolm	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:12:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jenny	Gauteng	student
	2025-11-23 07:14:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Any law that contains reference to demographics is discrimination and must not be passed	Adriaan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:15:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government is far to corrupt and racially biased as per current BEEE laws to have this kind of power. It will kill our economy of good functioning companies and open doors for more corrupt inspectors in a new field.	Micah	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:16:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It will take away my autonomy !	Thespina	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:16:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Piet	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:17:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Cipro registration already a necessity to have companies going legally and that already has government getting their slice of the pie. We employ people and sustain families. Now you guys are trying to get already strained and useless service providers (municipalities) to take on more work. They are already incapable to sustain what they have to do, so now you are expecting someone to grand licenses and inspect businesses who will have the power to keep me from feeding families if not happy with what we do. Sounds like another one of those crap ideas thought out by a politician that is bored. Focus on keeping the country running properly, instead of shifting your focus to employers keeping employment rates lower. Suggestion, maybe fix more roads and infrastructure that was not included on the G20 route instead of thinking up more regulations on other areas of the country	Chris	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:18:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another discriminatory way and will further damage, economically and jobs will be affected negatively.	Rowland		unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 07:20:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Val	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 07:20:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		James	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:20:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Karen	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-23 07:21:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Susan	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 07:23:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ruth		retired
	2025-11-23 07:24:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mary	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 07:25:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jethro	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:25:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Unconstitutional as it is not conducive to a free and fair South Africa for all.	Jacky	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:29:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This registration is discrimination in total. Getting a black partner in with no knowledge about the function of the business, just to get the licence. So unfair.	Judith	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 07:31:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ursula	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:31:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No person should be discriminated against having a business license.	Nicoleen	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:34:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Unconstitutional, to force thus upon businesses	Colin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 07:35:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is outrageous as it is just another way to control SAs citizens. It is yet another race based 'law' which will discriminate against some and goes against free enterprise and the rights us citizens have to decide where to work. It is truly another BEE in disguise which will undoubtedly favour the corrupt. This cannot be allowed to go through. It is an abuse of rights.	Gaye	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:35:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ivan	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:35:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ruaan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:37:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johanna		retired
	2025-11-23 07:39:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Own two businesses - this will force me to stop owning a business and maybe even eave.	Ricardo	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:40:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hans	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 07:41:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tim	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:46:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Erika	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:46:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kevin	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:48:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses all should be registered with SARS. Local municipalities are corrupt. What do the Municipaliried have to offer businesses through this proposed bill. Who will hold municipalities accountable for non performance.	Shabeer	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 07:48:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jane	Gauteng	student
	2025-11-23 07:54:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bastienne		employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:57:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another attempt from government to control our lives.	Martinus		
	2025-11-23 07:59:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will not reduce illigal alliens from opening spaza shops. Government needs money and the only way to get it is to force the hard working intelligent population, who can see through their ways, to get it.	Tanya	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:59:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Khadija	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:00:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Errol	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 08:01:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kobud		
	2025-11-23 08:07:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Denise	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 08:10:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government does not need more power to interfere with business.	Christiaan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:10:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Since businesses are already required to be registered at CIPC, this is a massive duplication of effort. Further, it places businesses at the mercy of local officials, increasing the opportunities for corruption. SA should be looking for opportunities to make life easier for small businesses, not more complicated!	Ari	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:10:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:18:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The last thing our economy needs now is to make it MORE difficult to run a business. The government should be focused on making it EASIER for new businesses to enter our economy and create jobs, not introducing more red tape. And the fact that there's an element of "preferential" licensing is completely retarded! Why stop ANYONE from starting a business and employing our people, regardless of background or skin colour?	Terence	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:19:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		michael	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:19:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Neil	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:20:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:20:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:20:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:22:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nic	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:23:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another form of control of businesses. There are too many controls of business already. It smacks of dictatorship. There are too many race laws in regard to business.	Marilyn	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:26:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dan		
	2025-11-23 08:28:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Sick and tired of Government undermining the public's intelligence by manipulating wording to seem as though this bill is a good thing. It is nothing but more control and an attempt to exclude certain groups from the economy.	Sonja	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:28:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If you have a cc you are already registered. WTF is this now? Go to the informal traders and get them to register and pay tax. We already are taxed to death. Spread the burden of tax equally.	Michelle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:31:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Desiree	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-23 08:31:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Actually all the possible answers are major concerns	Kosie	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:31:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kim	Outside SA	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:32:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is nothing in this proposed law to stop municipalities unnecessarily withholding approval of business licenses if the South African applicant is not covered by BBBEE. The New South Africa was supposed to enable opportunities for ALL South Africans not only the "previously disadvantaged ". While I have no problem with promoting business development in previously disadvantaged areas, there should be a clause that specifically states that business licenses for South Africans should not be unreasonably delayed or withheld.	Judith	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:34:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		SAMUEL	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:35:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Monica	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:35:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is nothing in this proposed law to stop municipalities unnecessarily withholding approval of business licenses	Cynthia	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 08:37:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is nothing in this proposed law to stop municipalities unnecessarily withholding approval of business licenses	Brian	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 08:42:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 08:42:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 08:42:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 08:43:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sharon	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:45:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jaco	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:48:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cyril		business owner
	2025-11-23 08:49:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cathy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:50:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dorothy	Western Cape	unemployed individual

	2025-11-23 08:50:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		G.		unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 08:53:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:54:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hester	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 08:56:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ian	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:57:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support this bill at all. More red tape and corruption from the government.	Jacobus	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:58:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another form or way to enforce BEE. If they dont give you a license, you can operate. Job losses, etc.	Johan	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:59:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacqueline	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:59:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As proposed, the licensing process creates more openings for abuse and corruption.	Chantelle		
	2025-11-23 09:00:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gordon		
	2025-11-23 09:01:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More ways to steel extra money and monopolise all industries	Cinzia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 09:01:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just BEE in disguise!!!	Angela	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:01:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nicola	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 09:02:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Let business make business decisions, Government has failed in all of their commercial activities!!	Dieter	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 09:02:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marnus	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:02:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government's top priority should be job creation. Not adding more red tape and potential for graft to prevent this. Sies man!	Heleen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:06:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape. Potential for more fraud.	Sheila	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:07:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This power is going to be abused.	Zandelee		employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:07:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This power is going to be abused.	Zandelee		employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:12:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Philip	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:15:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This can never work as small business owners are already strugling to keep our heads above water, now we have to pay the corrupt municipalities just to keep food on our tables and some random individual who knows nothing about me or my business has the power to disrupt my whole life in the blink of an eye by not granting me a "business licence"????	Michael	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:15:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	They will use this licensing to control businesses and give preference to certain groups	Jan		
	2025-11-23 09:17:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will destroy investment and lead to more corruption.	Gert	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:18:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is going to force more people to leave or close businesses resulting in more unemployment. Make life of a business owner easier not more difficult	Jedd	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 09:18:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marilyn	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:20:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Renier	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:24:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is clear BEE in disguise, adding to the +140 race-based las in this God-forsaken country. It is evil, enriching the Cadres, and should be rooted out at the core.	Gerhard	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 09:24:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Small businesses in particular will suffer at the added costs which affect employment and the survival of these particular businesses.	Bailey	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:25:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Leave the working system alone. It is another government scheme way to close down the free market and to control it.	Marthinus	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 09:26:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It's one thing to register businesses it's another to exclude people using their own initiative for conducting business by limiting licenses to certain groups or people. It sounds like nepotism all over again.	Alet	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:30:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lesley	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:30:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lesley	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:32:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There are absolutely no guarantees that inspectors / municipality / government in general - can and will discriminate against a certain race group or that they could deny a license just to favour another person or race group. this is absolutely nonsense. in my opinion it is meant to suppress not encourage.	Mr Moganen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:33:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Patricia		
	2025-11-23 09:34:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Danie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 09:36:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tina	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 09:40:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Going to become a racist law preventing whites from getting a licence unless certain bee criteria are met. Rather close my business down and move on. Thanks	Michael	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:41:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	With the majority of ANC led municipalities non-functional, with rife corruption, how are they going to administer another race based law? - with more racial bias and corruption like the tender prossesses at the moment!!	Anthonie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 09:42:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Henry	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:44:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will be detrimental to the economy and is complete draconian over regulation - unbelievable that such regulations are even proposed	Lukas	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:46:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jaco	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:51:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Political bias can be leveraged with this system	Thys		
	2025-11-23 09:51:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan		
	2025-11-23 09:55:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elizabeth	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:55:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Conrad	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:58:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The preferential and selective process that could signal bias amongst other BEE concerns. The red tape to marginalize certain demographics and a municipality to discriminate according to legislative legislation. Making it a frustratingly bureaucratic process for entrepreneurs to tender business and further economic development!	Raymond	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:58:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The preferential and selective process that could signal bias amongst other BEE concerns. The red tape to marginalize certain demographics and a municipality to discriminate according to legislative legislation. Making it a frustratingly bureaucratic process for entrepreneurs to tender business and further economic development!	Raymond	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:00:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Heather		business owner
	2025-11-23 10:00:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It’s a ridiculous concept and one step closer to communism, protection for the connected , abuse by government and corruption. A governments role is to serve the people and not the other way round.	Iain		business owner
	2025-11-23 10:04:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johannes	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:05:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Maria	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:05:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Austin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:09:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Emmy	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 10:10:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am truly concerned about prejudice and preferential treatment , which could harm the economy. What will the criteria be? And who will ensure objectivity in granting licences?	Sue	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 10:10:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gavin	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:12:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Oumesh	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 10:17:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Joe	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 10:17:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Joe	Mpumalanga	retired

	2025-11-23 10:17:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Is the Goverment trying to kill work opportunities even more by being biased to who will be able to get their business licenses? How much longer do they want to milk a dead BEEE cow ??? It does not profit the working class. Will only aggravate the current unemployment even further by discrimination and granting faster business licensing to those who does nothing for employment or benefitting towns.	Christelle		
	2025-11-23 10:19:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Magda	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:25:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		willie	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:25:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pieter-Jan	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:25:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This licensing bill is big brother in disguise, our democracy is autocratic in disguise	Marius	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 10:25:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This licensing bill is big brother in disguise, our democracy is autocratic in disguise	Marius	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 10:25:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This licensing bill is big brother in disguise, our democracy is autocratic in disguise	Marius	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 10:26:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Joe	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:30:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another opportunity for already disfunctional municipalities to obtain more funds to pilfer.	Barry	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:34:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This would create favouritism and more loop holes to commit cadre corruption, not to mention absolute exclusion of certain businesses.	Rosanne	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:38:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leon	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:39:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	To grant a Schedule Activities Permit in eThekwini, often takes two years or longer, by which time the new license has to be applied for.	Frans	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:40:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way to kick a white person out of business. This government think they can fix everything with BEE, but they are busy destroying the country even more. This will force white people to close their business and let him run a one man band. If I for example fix electric fences or so on then I will close my business, let all my workers go and then do smaller jobs on my own as one person. I can tell you now that lots and lots of people going to loose their jobs. This ANC rubbish are killing themselves skowely but surely. They went down from over 70% to just 40% votes and I am sure they will not even get 30% of votes in the next election. It's time that all the other parties start working together in forming one which is 60% and kick these scambags out ones and for all	Pierre	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:41:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Maria	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 10:42:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We know that there are people in South Africa who have not gotten rid of racism etc and there are many people who still for some reason despise a certain group of people because they are labelled as priveladged by narrative. So this bill can exclude certain people which is against the constitution. This also opens up room for bribes for preference. And not to mention that most municipalities are desfunctional and can't be trusted with the capabilities of such a task.	Arnold		unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 10:42:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It's just another opportunity to enforce BBBEEE and to get Bribes. More regulations doesn't grow the economy, enforcing the current laws will help. Taxis and Township Businesses are not really contributing to the fiscus but legitimate businesses have to carry the weight. Make it easier to do business, not harder.	Johan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:43:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jake	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:45:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just BEE is disguise, which amounts to theft , plain and simple	Garth	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:46:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The act could be abused and destroy a lot of wealth and diminish income tax.	Nick	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:46:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Annelize		business owner
	2025-11-23 10:46:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melba	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:47:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gary	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:48:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacqueline	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:48:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Race may be used when granting a license	Ewald	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 10:49:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marcel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:50:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Place to start. Where did the undeclared foreign current found in the presidents furniture come from. Everything regarding the ANC government is crooked and biased.	Lionel N	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 10:53:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Silvana		retired
	2025-11-23 10:53:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pamela		
	2025-11-23 10:55:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Why is the South African Government so bent on CONTROLLING everything and everyone it can? Always disguised as 'for the greater good' mantra of marxism, propaganda and clever wording which amounts to nothing more than gaslighting/ narcissism and manipulation, here is another example of a move for control, favouritism, and denigration of those not 'compliant' by individuals given such powers to wield - or not to wield - licenses. What happens when these individuals hold ideological perceptions against businesses who don't fit with their mantra? What stops BLATANT CORRUPTION with this move, by individuals in Municipalities who ask for back channel financial payments in order for small business to continue to operate with a license? It is already clear, and has been proven, how the police disregard certain 'crimes' if paid off. What stops this same corruption happening in this context? Who oversees those in the Municipalise given the power to issue licenses? Another step in killing creativity, job creation and earnings for those with the will, stamina and vision to start a small business. My answer is a firm NO.	Atrayah	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:57:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I will never vote for any amendment or bill that gives the government more power over private citizens who are otherwise law abiding.	Lucinda	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:58:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:58:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way to kick a white person out of business. This government think they can fix everything with BEE, but they are busy destroying the country even more. This will force white people to close their business and let him run a one man band. If I for example fix electric fences or so on then I will close my business, let all my workers go and then do smaller jobs on my own as one person. I can tell you now that lots and lots of people going to loose their jobs. This ANC rubbish are killing themselves slowly but surely. They went down from over 70% to just 40% votes and I am sure they will not even get 30% of votes in the next election. It's time that all the other parties start working together in forming one which is 60% and kick these scumbags out ones and for all. VOETSEK ANC, VOETSEK!! FOKOF !!	Llewellyn	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:58:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way to kick a white person out of business. This government think they can fix everything with BEE, but they are busy destroying the country even more. This will force white people to close their business and let him run a one man band. If I for example fix electric fences or so on then I will close my business, let all my workers go and then do smaller jobs on my own as one person. I can tell you now that lots and lots of people going to loose their jobs. This ANC rubbish are killing themselves slowly but surely. They went down from over 70% to just 40% votes and I am sure they will not even get 30% of votes in the next election. It's time that all the other parties start working together in forming one which is 60% and kick these scumbags out ones and for all. VOETSEK ANC, VOETSEK!! FOKOF !!	Llewellyn	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-23 10:59:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The ANC is fraudulently trying to use legislative overreach to trample on the human rights of all people and obtain complete control over the private rights of SA citizens. Hands of our businesses and go fix your own mess of cadre controlled criminal corruption and state capture by ANC-led cartels.	Jan-Hendrik	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:01:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Raoul		
	2025-11-23 11:04:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Starting a new business under these licensing conditions is absurd, what if you do not get granted a licence second time around. It opens the way to huge bribery and no body in their right minds should think this is ok. Foreign investors will run a mile. Municipalities are not able to keep the water and lights on now, how will they 'manage' this.	sally	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:04:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If this communist government do not steal, they only take care of their cadres.	Hennie	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:04:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	FURTHER objections are: Power of inspectors More red tape Restricts job creation	Richard		business owner
	2025-11-23 11:05:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Louise	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-23 11:09:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Governments are supposed to be for the people, but here we are, with criminals and charlatans running the country raping and pillaging the coffers for their personal benefit. And now they want to add even more red tape and nonsensical ideologies so that they can steal more money, even worse, they could just deny a business license because you don't meet their BEE requirements, or because you haven't paid them enough in bribes or other financial extortion... Are these idiots that run the country trying to eliminate entrepreneurship, are they trying to eliminate freedom of choice? Because thats what this bill seems to be trying to do... The African National Communists! Disgusting people, disgusting ideologies and disgusting policies... Please don't let these gangsters, charlatans, thieves, cheats, rapists, murderers and down right pieces of absolute sh1t pass this... It will be the end of entrepreneurship in this country, especially for those of western descent! How's about a license to be a politician, you are required by law to have a university degree, you are required by law to pledge your time and effort to bettering the life of the people, you are required by law to take a MINOR basic salary if anything at all, you are required by law to live frugally... No extravagant cars, houses, planes or security teams! If you have a clean nose and you are truly for the people as a government, then none of those things will matter, because a strong economy that isn't pilfered by stupid f***nuts can only be better than this BS... Imagine all the great things that could have been done with the money STOLEN by the ANC and their "comrades" (communistic much?), by now our informal settlements would not be informal, there would be housing, plumbing, jobs, security, policing and everything needed for neighbourhoods to function correctly. But no, we got dumb ass mofo's with personal agendas running this country as their personal bank accounts... We need accountability, not this KAK	N/A	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:10:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Trevor		
	2025-11-23 11:10:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	FURTHER objections are: Power of inspectors More red tape Restricts job creation	Julie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:10:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another bill to hire more useless family members to “earn” salaries & waste our tax money… 30 years under ANC control & all they can do is draft bills to destroy the country further… their ancestors must be turning in their graves..	Trish	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:12:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be an open door to corruption, gangster tactics and unfair licensing practices. Nice try government!	Natalie	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 11:17:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shaune	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:17:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A country that controls who gets helped into businesses are not unbiased and is not a free country anymore. Further objections are: Restricting job creation; Power of inspectors	Hessie		self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:18:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andries		retired
	2025-11-23 11:20:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE in disguise	Marlene	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 11:22:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hannes	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:23:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vishan	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:23:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Colin		
	2025-11-23 11:23:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vishan	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:35:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		James	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:35:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Athos		
	2025-11-23 11:36:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Diana	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 11:38:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Qbe		
	2025-11-23 11:41:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Caroline	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:42:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Madelaine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:42:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Madelaine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:44:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:44:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Isabel	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:47:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brett	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:47:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The current South African Government societies cannot administrate basic service provisions , how on earth do this Government expect this legislation to be executed without fatal bureaucracy and corruption ? This is a Communist-founded ploy.	Dries	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:51:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Susan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:56:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Given the state of many of our municipalities, this act will grant powers that many will not be able to perform competently. Delays (eg. Master's office, [planning departments etc.) are inevitable.	Terri	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:58:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There needs to be less regulation not more. We need less centralization of power in government and municipalities. We need to encourage a free market system not discourage it.	Edward	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 11:59:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The South African Government cannot administrate basic services; how do we expect Municipalities can manage this process, and every five years? Fatal bureaucracy and corruption will be the order of the day; this is nothing other than a Communist-founded ploy aimed at financial dependency of the citizen.	Dries	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:59:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Valerie	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 12:00:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill is another bee law in disguise, killing small and medium businesses and severely crippling large businesses.	JD		
	2025-11-23 12:01:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		FRANCOIS		retired
	2025-11-23 12:02:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government has no business interfering in commercial matters, and no legal business should be subject to the whims and permission of a bureaucrat.	Brian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:05:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Darius	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:06:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sandra		
	2025-11-23 12:08:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be used for more effective cadre deployment in the public sector. This will also force local businesses to shut down. Moving MSME’s makes doing business more dangerous because of where offices will be located. Power of officers in municipalities will go to their heads and they will use it for ill gotten gains. Too much room fore more corruption.	Johan	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 12:10:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marzena	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 12:13:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Unfair discrimination for certain sectors of society	Ross	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:15:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government just keeps wanting to pass one Bill after another being totally rediculous again, and this once more will damage us the citizens of South Africa. They just want to continue to control us and everything in our country.	Celeste	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:16:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kathleen	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 12:17:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is more racially based legislation. Will stifle development of the SA ECONOMY further along with BBBEE.	Johan		retired
	2025-11-23 12:25:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BBBEE is already discriminating against white people, which forced white people to open their own businesses, now the new bill will be used to take away the right to own a business and earn a living.	Andre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:31:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is blatant BEE and EE disguised as revamping business licensing which will create more red tape which will penalise minorities and employers and will discourage investment, It create more unemployment and promote corruption in both the top and bottom echelons of government. The bill is unworkable le and needs to be properly thought out by a joint committee of employers and office bearers.	Rod	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:36:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petru	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 12:37:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This law is unconstitutional. Will seriously hinder entrepeneurship and cost 100's of jobs. We are not a socialist or communist country.	Theresa	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-23 12:38:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Leave the 1991 Bill in place. Government wants control over everyone yet again. (We all know the state of the dysfunctional municipalities as is and everything else.) We need to see a functional SA Economy; all people have been educated properly to hold responsible and functional positions that produce financial gains for South Africa, Government should be focusing on that!	H		
	2025-11-23 12:38:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Manfred	Western Cape	business owner

	2025-11-23 12:39:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Manfred	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:39:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Manfred	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:40:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It's already hard for me to get a job, apply for a firearm license because I'm white, now if I want to make my own business, they're just going to lose (throw away) my papers. if out of my personal experience, it happens to m,e i know its happening to others. this is just one reason, the one reason that puts food on my table.	percy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 12:41:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jonathan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 12:43:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Estelle	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 12:44:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	When government intervenes in the life of businesses without consideration of public concerns about its possible outcomes, it may end up with protests by the people and even wide spread revolt. No country can ignore the costs of government regulation, whatever the benefits expected and published by the bureaucrats.	Pieter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:46:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		gert	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:51:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rosemary		
	2025-11-23 12:52:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leonene	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 12:53:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sara	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 12:54:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Edmund	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:56:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The only way to encourage business is to allow it to function fraaly subject to the laws of the land sne health and safety regulations. It seems that Apartheid is STILL thriving in our country only now it is called BBBEE	lydia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 12:56:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		T		
	2025-11-23 12:58:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This government is prrhudiced with its BEE laws	Gillian	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 13:00:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Don	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:00:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Miranda	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 13:02:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not agree with this bill. How many white businesses will have to close down unless they give the inspectors a "handout (bribe) ? This is BEE to the extreme.	Lynne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:02:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another way to control and destroy everything in site	Jackie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:04:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		James	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 13:05:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Now that America has had enough of South Africa and its anti-White laws, this is another way to discriminate and get more money for the ANC. It also means that people can be bribed to get people's businesses registered. This story of goods being confiscated , amounts to opportunistic theft. Meanwhile, the owners of that tavern where so many teenagers died a few years ago is still operating. They say they have nothing to fear. Obviously have the right connections. After 30 nyears of giving a crutch to people to redress Apartheid, this means that pretty much all those affected have been more than compensated. They went to school under the ANC's rule and had every opportunity to get funding and help for opening businesses. As for saying most businesses are in the hands of Whites, have they included unregistered and informal businesses?> Who, of course, don,t pay tax.	Yvonne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:07:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kevin	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-23 13:07:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kevin	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-23 13:09:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michelle	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:15:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am sick of BEE crap interfering with economy.	Hennie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 13:15:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alex	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:16:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Belinda	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 13:17:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mariaan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:18:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another tool of BEE to deny income to a portion of the country's citizens who are prepared to run their own businesses. It's also a blatant attempt to foster corruption by creating an "inspector class" with the power to wield fines and withhold licences. Instead of looking for ways to make life difficult for your citizens, you should be looking for ways to improve the economy by encouraging free trade.	Darryl	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 13:21:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In our current situation this type of bureaucracy will no doubt end up being misused and abused as it will only foster greater opportunities for the unfortunate common trend of corruption.	Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 13:24:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Too easy to grant favours to comrades, bribers and friends while making honest businesses suffer	Nico	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:25:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This just opens doors for bribery and corruption	Colleen	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:28:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Joanne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:29:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses are already registered with SARS and CIPC and regulator, all information is already available to government. This is another way to discriminate and get more money for the ANC. It also means that people can be bribed to get people's businesses registered. This story of goods being confiscated, amounts to opportunistic theft. The legislation is likely to increase bureaucratic red tape, create opportunities for corruption, and impose new burdens on businesses already struggling to survive. Elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence.	Brian	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 13:32:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No . We don't approve of licencing. We already have CIPC. The system has worked for many years. No need to change now.	Kesvellie	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 13:34:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It wil give the government the power to detirmen and decide who my do bussiness	Waldo	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:35:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sharon	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:35:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Patrick	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:35:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Patrick	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:36:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It’s simply BEE in disguise and another money making scheme by the government	Donovan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:36:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Joanne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:36:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:39:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 13:40:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill does not seem to promote economic activity, which is what South Africa needs most now. On the contrary, this Bill will stifle economic growth with red tape, more discrimination, entry barriers and, dare I say, more opportunities for corruption. On the positive side, this may increase the tax base, which could provide opportunities for some relief to the current overburdened taxpayers, although I daresay the costs of implementing and managing the proposed bill may cost more than any additional tax and administration revenue which might be realized. And there appears to be no provision to provide such tax relief within the proposed bill.	Dennis	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:41:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	From experience this will result in targeting and harass white business owners trying yo make a living because of the discriminatory laws excluding white people from entering the retail businesses. Just go to any of the malls and see if you can find white people working as tellers, sales people or in the banking sector. You won’t see even one white person. Stop the hate and live and let live. The CIPC have all the info you are looking for.	Susanna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:45:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More room for corruption and lots of red tape which will inhibit companies.	Rob	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 13:46:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Makes no sense !! Except for nefarious purposes…	Des		retired
	2025-11-23 13:47:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As with a lot of other departments, licensing will come down inspectors demanding bribes in order to actually do their jobs or refusing your license renewals due to personal reasons	Barend	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-23 13:49:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	So, if the governmant or official doesn't like anyone or the colour of the skin, they can refuae their license. BEE in disguise.	Sam	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:50:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lorraine	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:54:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This could be used to show huge discrepancies in who gets favored to have a business or not. it is definitely going against our Constitution of Human Rights. please don't let this Bill go through.. It needs much more consultation..	Kay	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:55:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacobus M		self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:57:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another attempt by a racist government to enforce their failed BBEEE. All South Africans should have the right to open and operate businesses.	Sonja	Eastern Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-23 13:57:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rina		retired
	2025-11-23 13:58:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way Government wants to take away more from its people that actually want to work or create employment. It is an utter disgrace	Gina	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 14:00:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This country is supposed to be a free democratic country that is fair to all ethnic groups.	Arthur	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 14:00:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	What about practitioners who are controlled by say the law society We pay fees to be in existence To have the business registered every 5 years will unnecessarily increase these amounts for nothing in return A fine would then be disastrous and access to persons files by inspectors will cause the practitioner serious problems as he would have paid to authorise the inspection Not a splendid idea	James	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:03:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sean	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:05:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government should not make it even more difficult to establish and run a business. If you have to constantly renew your right to run a business, there is no certainty and thia negatively impacts investment.	Ansofie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:08:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Taurus357ajp@gmail.c	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:16:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The new business licensing laws proposed by the government are unworkable and potentially damaging for jobs and investment in South Africa. I agree with Neasa that elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. It is also possible that the provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and could prelude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Charlene		
	2025-11-23 14:17:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Ridiculous! The municipalities can't even do what they are supposed to do now. What about this extra workload? It's just another way of BBBEE to hand out licenses to whom they prefer too. Think of all the corruption. A definite NO.	Paula	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:18:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	NO to yet more municipal extortion. NO	S		
	2025-11-23 14:18:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We do not need this, especially not more racism. South Africa needs an environment where it is easy for businesses to operate - we do not need more red tape.	Dane	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:18:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More space for bribes or demographic licensing. More space to introduce unworkable policies in one’s own company	Brigette		
	2025-11-23 14:25:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is an extension of BEE, to suffocate and strangulate all good people everywhere, another opportunity for bribery, extortion and theft. No, there is absolutely nothing the ANC proposes that benefits anyone. Just themselves and their corrupt friends.	Nadia	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:29:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:31:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dane	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:34:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Nog 'n poging om mag en beheer uit te oefen oor 'n sukkelende sektor. 'Lisensies' gaan boonop miljoene rande in die sg. elite se agtersakke verseker.	Nora	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:34:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bernard	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 14:34:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Do not agree with this, it will limit current businesses and new businesses. The government will have power to decide who to grant a license to and this is just another way for the government to make money.	Heleen	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:35:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE has not worked for South Frica. We have lost an enormous amount of international business. Preferential licensing is the same as BEE. Our government has not learned their lesson and continues with ideas to destroy the countries economy instead of coming up with better ideas to build up South Africa's economy.	Carmelia	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 14:45:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	South Africa does not need any more preferential licensing - the more entrepreneurs operating in our Country the better for everyone. We are Citizens not Consumers.	Vivienne		self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:46:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Decide if you want to be a democracy or if you want to be communistic ,socialists ,stealing tax payers money(which with your history over the last 30 years will end up in more corruption) ,take it on the chin,you deserve it	James	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 14:46:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing is the same as BEE.	Wilmien	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 14:48:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tim	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:49:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shane	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 14:49:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Beryl	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:49:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Beryl	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:49:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christiaan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:49:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is yet another way to push discrimination and exclude minorities, BEE in disguise!	Johann	North West	retired
	2025-11-23 14:50:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anne	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 14:51:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government is adding more and more red tape to doing business, and now want to add BEE requirements into granting the right to have a business. We are already complying with all SARS and CIPC requirements for our businesses, yet government is hell bend on running and controlling every aspect of the lives of the citizens of SA. All businesses must be legal and tax compliant, yet it is not up to government to decide who deserves to open a business, and where such a business must operate.	Johan	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:52:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If this was only to eliminate all of these foreigner shops, it would be a win, but I know for a fact that it will only be to further enforce BEE. So definitely NO!!!	Elouise	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 14:53:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Henri	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:58:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Guy	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:58:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Will drive informal operators underground, boosting bribery (already rampant in licensing) and illegal activity and will Undermine trust in governance. Will also be used to prevent minorities from being able to run/ start businesses.	Cherise	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:58:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pieter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:58:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pieter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 14:58:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lynette	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:02:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The ANC are trying to politicise business amd exclude white people. They have done Keith harm to the economy as well as continuing wirh discrimination against white owned businesses	L	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:02:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Small and Micro Business is explicitly excluded under current legislation. This automatically and unfairly incluses them and will sink already struggling entrepreneurs for no good reason except to scratch a burocratic itch. The potential for unchecked curruption is endless. The statement that uniformity will be created is completely impossible when municipalities are not run by the same political parties and to the same standards.	Etienne	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:07:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gerhard	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:09:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mariette	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:09:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Special treatment is killing society and strangling South Africa. Hard work and merit are the basis of lasting success, not having an uncle in the department or being the right shade of skin.	Jochen	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:11:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	After Covid a I was one of the people that lost my job. I started a small business from home. My business provides a beneficial service to my community. It is not a noise nuisance, cliente do not park on the pavements and block entrances.from My business in no way hinders any of my neighbours. Applying for business rights at tbe municipality is EXTREMELY COSTLY. Now with this proposed law, all small business owners operating from home will be closed down or pay hefty registrations. We are successful entrepreneurs that contribute to the economy of our country, pay our taxes. This bill will close down small business enterprises!!!	Didi	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:15:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tinus	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-23 15:16:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nicholas		self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:17:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anita	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:18:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Colleen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:19:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Henry	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:24:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cheryl		
	2025-11-23 15:24:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Also concerned about the powers of inspectors, more red tape and the principles of business licensing.	Deborah		
	2025-11-23 15:24:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Manoharam	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 15:25:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jennifer	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 15:25:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government should not interfere with business	Glynn	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 15:25:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sheela	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:26:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	My concern is preferential licensing and 5 year licensing time limits.	Justin		self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:27:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Thus far the present administration in introducing legislation affecting business has resulted in disincentives to invest in South Africa, excessive controls and racially driven initiatives, all of which legislation has adversely affected levels of employment. The South African government cannot be trusted with any additional controls than those already in existence which should be removed in order to create a better, more equitable and growing economy in order to create additional employment opportunities.	Bruce	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:29:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another undesirable policy to control entrepreneurs from doing business. To the detriment of the people wanting to do business and the economy of South Africa. No No No.	Jenny	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:31:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		JOHANN	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:34:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Richard		
	2025-11-23 15:34:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Amanda	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:34:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Only more power to crush people already struggling to survive?	Marina	North West	
	2025-11-23 15:35:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It will give municipalities to much power to decide who gets a licence or not, will give inspectors too much power,	Anthony	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 15:36:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will make it even more difficult for entrepreneurs to flourish. The economy is driven by small businesses, not by big corporations and government. Why does the ANC make it so difficult for individuals to begin their own small business? Does the ANC like keeping the citizens of South Africa impoverished and dependent? It certainly looks that way!!	Kondilia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 15:36:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This gives power to inspectors to discriminate against certain groups of people based on race. I am totally against this bill. We live in a democratic country, or so once would think, but it's becoming more and more like a communist country.	Deborah	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 15:37:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		J	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:39:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There are sufficient Acts that govern companies, now to introduce another level at the municipal level is another disaster in making. Fact is that local municipalities cannot even govern themselves, corruption, failing infrastructure, no service, the list is endless. So this Bill will introduce more red tape, preferential treatment, BBBEE in disguise, make startups even more impossible, especially in current deteriorating economic climate, thus more job losses (lets go for 40% jobless), companies closing, no investment into RSA, more monies to be made by corrupt individuals, with no real value added, accept more control chasing the communist ideologies, In short this government must go.	Andy		
	2025-11-23 15:39:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This BEE rubbish, bribery and corruption need to be stopped.	Claire	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:42:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another avenue for corruption and control	Melinda	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:42:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ralph		
	2025-11-23 15:43:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another ploy by government to fill their coffers every 5 years by having business licences renewed; no doubt, "white" businesses will be discriminated against in order to enforce more BEEE nonsense, in a country where blacks outnumber all others by tens of millions... it's been 30+ years already - move on!	Carol		
	2025-11-23 15:44:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The policy is potentially discriminatory. There are sufficient Acts that govern companies, now to introduce another level at the municipal level is unneccessary, costly and inhibits business functuons and eithnthat employment	Brenda	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:46:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities cannot effectively conduct their own business. This is just another law to support corruption and fraud	Wendy	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 15:46:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities cannot effectively conduct their own business. This is just another law to support corruption and fraud	Wendy	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 15:48:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Impractical and just more ways to discriminate and further governmental abuse of power.	Johannes	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:52:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Bribes for licensing! There is enough red tape alreadyand jobs are already being affected.	Russell	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 15:52:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Beverley	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 15:53:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Looks like more racist based laws by the criminal racist government.	Chris	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:54:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Bribes for licensing! There is enough red tape alreadyand jobs are already being affected.	Russell	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:55:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		ROD	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:56:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bryant	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 15:56:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It's a base for further discrimination as to who or who may not open a business thereby limiting entrepreneurs.	Charné	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:57:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Neville	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:58:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This would lead to even more curruption and giving favours to pals. Leave it as it is and be more fair when applying it.	Gabrlele	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:58:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is not democratic or freedom.	Sune		employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:01:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		caesar	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:05:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	South Africa has a long standing history of abuse of Government position - to give already corrupt municipalities more power over local businesses to abuse	Sverre	Gauteng	student
	2025-11-23 16:06:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses have enough hoops to jump through without additional red tape and another push for BEE, a system already proven to be damaging our country and simply another form of discrimination that prevent the best person for a job receiving it and promoting people who are inept.	Helen	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:06:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johann	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:06:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Luc		
	2025-11-23 16:07:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lucinda		
	2025-11-23 16:07:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lucinda		
	2025-11-23 16:07:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing is my biggest concern, since the ruling partly which bulldozes race based laws into being - without regard and consensus from the remaining GNU partners - are most likely going to use the Business Licensing Bill to exclude specific minorities - whites for instance. The other concern is yet more red tape which deters business growth.	Ramon	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-23 16:09:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Margie	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:15:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Damaging for jobs and investment in South Africa, just causing people who try to make a life for themselves, to struggle more.	Lisa	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:23:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Beee in inforsment. Racial clensing. Not equality. Because this government can't build anything but wants to control everything to seport there comrades and build deals with power and corruption.	Marthinus	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:28:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ludwig	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 16:28:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This practice will, once again, be open to major corruption and will put too many people out of work. It is not just the owner who suffers, it's his family, his employees and also their families. More unemployment, more rot to deal with.	Michael	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual

	2025-11-23 16:32:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is going to lead to more corruption. Not only the owner but his employees will suffer as well.	Wasela	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:32:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Werner	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:33:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This practice will lead to corruption and will put too many people out of work.	Joe	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:33:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cornel	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:34:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan		
	2025-11-23 16:34:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cecilia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:34:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Again another bill for the ANC to rob and destroy South Africa	Vincent	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 16:36:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melanie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:44:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:47:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		James		
	2025-11-23 16:49:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bernard	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 16:50:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		B	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:50:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		B	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:51:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Danielle	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 16:52:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Antony	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 16:53:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacky	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 16:56:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE by another name	Jennifer	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:58:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Donald	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:01:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The Government has yet to demonstrate to SA that they are able to operate without resorting to the unbelievable fact of the corruption that goes on behind closed doors. One fears extortion and endless red tape. We should be praying for SA. Frankly.	Jennifer		retired
	2025-11-23 17:02:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paddy	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 17:07:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ilona	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 17:08:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vickey	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 17:12:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support any gate keeping, particularly race-based policies such as BEE, to my constitutional right to practice my trade in a business. BEE is now being disguised as "preferential licensing" which is nothing other than a scam that has grossly enriched a few ANC-leadership-connected individuals at the expense of further impoverishing the poor and hindering aspirant businessmen. The ANC has proved itself incapable of creating the necessary business and investment environment required for growth and to address the many failures of the state and various other inadequacies facing South Africa. Creating unnecessary regulations and laws simply to justifying grossly overpaid officials must come to an end and stop now.	Howard	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:14:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dawid Willem	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-23 17:14:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alistair		
	2025-11-23 17:16:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Everything is about having control. Once again the ANC government is attempting to rule via control. And it'll be the same corrupt way they enforce all their hair-brained ideas to the detriment of their people.	Terry	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 17:17:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Steven	KwaZulu-Natal	Non-profit
	2025-11-23 17:20:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This proposed bill is a step in the absolute wrong direction.It upholds the biggest threat for our free market system in South Africa.Municipalitys are politically enspired institutions.They drive the agendas of there political masters.Any powers regarding the operational functions of business must be granted to SARS.	Cederic	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:22:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Titch	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 17:24:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	THEY SHOULD RATHER IMPROVE ON THE SYSTEM WE ALREADY HAVE	MICHELLE	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:25:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Too many cons to this Bill!! It's bound to create more (reversed) racism and most likely increase bribes with unethical inspectors and desperate business owners 1. Increased regulatory burden / red tape 2. Vague and broad powers for inspectors 3. Stifling of entrepreneurship, especially small and informal businesses 4. Risk of discriminatory or exclusionary licensing criteria 5. Ambiguity around municipal vs national authority and implementation 6. Higher cost and risk of non-compliance	Marinda	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:25:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sandor	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:28:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Although I do agree that some types of businesses that pose a potential risk to life or health hazard must follow a licensing procedure such as businesses that deal with public health, mines, air transport, electrical operators or operations, weapons industry, a.w.a alcohol and tobacco industries, etc. However there are already well defined legislation, licensing procedures and monitoring procedures in place that both list and licence such enterprises. Furthermore there is legislation that deals with the legislation and monitoring of formal businesses such as CIPC, SARS and the Department of Labour, therefore no further legislation in that regard is necessary other than the governments seeming aim to rent seek, excluding certain persons from owning or running business or excluding certain persons based on criteria that is non-aligned with the Constitution such as excluding person based on their race from licensing businesses of all categories or certain categories based on regional demand or lack of representation of a specific race group in that industry. Similar to current BEE legislation such a policy of exclusionary licensing of business for whatever reason will further frustrate and retard necessary economic growth and very likely increase unemployment. Both present BEE and this particular Bill are out of step with free market principals that foster fair competition and fair prices. The moment any legislation interferes with such principals it reduces competition and works to form cartels, all of which works to reduce the quality of goods and services including increasing prices as that anti-competitive legislation such as proposed will foster. This legislation if passed, will further reduce SA's competitiveness in global markets and will work to increase imports of goods as the quality and pricing parameters misalign with local demand. Reducing local production and increasing unemployment. Rather SA needs less state interference in the economy, not more.	Michael	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 17:32:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There are concerns around further corruption and preferential treatment	Grant	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 17:33:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wayne	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:35:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anne	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 17:36:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Hell no!!	Charzi		
	2025-11-23 17:39:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another attempt by this morally corrupt excuse of a government to impose punitive measures.	ALAN	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 17:39:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	People should be free to start businesses and to provide employment to increase economic growth in SA, without government interference and corruption.	Anita		business owner
	2025-11-23 17:43:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wessel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 17:46:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Morne	North West	retired
	2025-11-23 17:46:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Morne	North West	retired
	2025-11-23 17:49:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ighardt	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:52:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		david		retired

	2025-11-23 17:52:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Roger		
	2025-11-23 17:54:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		FRANCOIS	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:57:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Allan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:57:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:57:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-23 18:00:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mike	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 18:07:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	no foreign business should get preference over a south African national first and only if our own people cannot provide such a business our own people should be helped by the government, especially the youth so they can grow in SA and not leave our country and then foreigners	janice	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:08:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Neil	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:13:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Theola	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 18:17:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another ridiculous proposal. What a mess it will be when hundereds of mismanaged and corrupt municipalities around the country, which have not had clean audits for years, and steal money daily from Eskom etc, are given the power to decide who can and cannot operate a business in their area.	Barry	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:20:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More power and legislation by an incompatible government	Patrick		
	2025-11-23 18:22:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way of controlling people. Those who can run their own businesses and work extra hard to make a success of it to avoid being dependent on Government grants will not have the opportunity any longer. Those who cannot run a business to create jobs and opportunities for others will be granted the opportunity. This will just ensure more control over more people and a greater number of people being dependent on Government Grants. This has a direct impact on the people's schooling, housing and medical help.	Daeen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:25:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Karin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:25:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Karin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:28:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kirsten	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:42:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gerald		
	2025-11-23 18:43:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Keep race out of business, let's just get on with doing what we can to improve SA including reducing BEE inspired unemployment.	Dave	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:44:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Discrimination against certain race of people once again happening in disguise in this country. Not conducive to job creation or business growth.	Roslind	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:45:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		JC	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 18:47:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gordon	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 18:50:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Martin	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-23 18:52:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This just seems like another way to extort more money and ensure that minority groups have more difficulty gaining licenses and ensuring the uder educated government focials can corrupt and extort more from the aily and batteling economy. This is ensuring everything relies on the Givernment and control is unashamedly ensforced legally. we are already batteling with hughe incompetance and arrogance in the department of labour with hugh delays and lines. at the DTI same issues incompetance, delays and arrogance that you need me i dont need you from government.	Jaco	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:53:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way to scam and profit from bribes whilst gorging at the on the carcasses of the people of this country. Especially in Johannesburg. NO NO NO!	Susan		
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	2025-11-23 18:55:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:57:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It’s also spending more unnecessary money - we already pay taxes and are registered with the CIPC. I’m the only person in my company and don’t intend that to ever change due to the nature of my services, I do not want to be held hostage to having to reach certain criteria in order to be seen as legitimate- my clients already see my services as such.	Chantal	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 18:59:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Esther	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 19:00:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ronald	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 19:02:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janet	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:05:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elna	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 19:05:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill could be damaging for jobs and investment in South Africa. It is likely to increase bureaucratic red tape, create opportunities for corruption, and impose new burdens on businesses already struggling to survive. The preferential licensing and designated trading zones show the state is prioritising political goals over market principles and basic constitutional rights. Some concerns include: • the compliance burden is too onerous, diverting time and resources away from the core business of companies; • the Bill will spur on illegal business activity as operators seek to avoid complying with the Bill, which can lead to increased bribery and corruption; • this Bill will heighten the risk profile of businesses, which already have to contend with challenges of access to finance; • the accumulation of regulatory requirements raises costs of doing business; • the Bill will impose an increased administrative burden on the authorities, who already lack capacity; • the Bill does not give clarity of application to businesses with a national footprint; • the Bill speaks of an automatic revocation of a licence, if non-compliance is found, and a business owner can only appeal once the business has been closed. This does not provide a fair process for a business to plead its case before the licence is revoked. This appears to be an unjust administrative action that undermines the provisions of section 33 of the Constitution.	Daleen	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:08:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government and local municipalities can hardly keep up with the basic needs of citizens. This law will further leave the way open to restrict or manipulate businesses, and enforce worse Bee rules. If you really want to screw up the economy go ahead. It might lead to public unrest or worse.	Michael	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 19:10:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The draft Business Licensing Bill proposes a national business registry and additional licensing requirements for all companies operating in South Africa. While positioned as an oversight mechanism, it introduces significant administrative and financial burdens, especially for small and medium enterprises already operating in a difficult economic climate. The Bill duplicates functions already performed by the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), creating unnecessary bureaucracy, added costs, and increased red tape that may slow business operations and limit overall efficiency. These additional requirements risk undermining free market activity by restricting the entry, growth, and mobility of smaller businesses, which are essential drivers of economic development and job creation. The added complexity may result in operational delays, supply chain disruptions, and reduced competitiveness. Furthermore, placing licensing authority at municipal levels could create opportunities for bribery, corruption, and inconsistent enforcement, adding another layer of uncertainty for honest businesses attempting to comply with shifting local regulations. While the Bill may promote transparency in principle, its practical effect may be counter-productive in an already distressed economy. By imposing duplicated licensing structures and increasing administrative pressure, it may unintentionally hinder entrepreneurship and suppress economic participation. In its current form, the Bill risks creating more challenges than benefits, and a more balanced approach is needed—one that supports business growth rather than placing additional obstacles in its path.	Jozua	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 19:11:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jean-Pierre	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:20:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Norman	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 19:20:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marietta		
	2025-11-23 19:21:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Since when do we have to get permission to run a business to make a living?! This is absolutely preposterous! Young white people can't find jobs because of BEE and are forced to make a living by for example run their own business, and now that gets taken away from them as well!! Absolutely not acceptable!	erica	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:31:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kobus		

	2025-11-23 19:33:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dylan		
	2025-11-23 19:35:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jeanne		
	2025-11-23 19:43:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Total incompitance and BBEEE	Felicity		retired
	2025-11-23 19:44:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		BRIAN	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 19:44:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More government control means less efficiency/business and our gangster government will use it to further line their pockets through corruption, cronyism, etc.	Robin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 19:44:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More government control means less efficiency/business and our gangster government will use it to further line their pockets through corruption, cronyism, etc.	Robin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 19:51:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leon		employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:54:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anna		retired
	2025-11-23 19:54:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nihan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 19:59:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gerhardus	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 20:00:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		GAVIN		retired
	2025-11-23 20:02:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is not necessary for a business license. We already have to go through CIPC and it is already hard enough to do business in our country. Why do we need more loopholes to jump through.	Luigi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:02:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I don't support this bill!	Hans	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:03:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just more rasism! When will Nelson Mandela's dream of a free rainbow nation finally come true?	Albert	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:04:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Abdul Khalek Ahmed	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 20:10:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:13:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marianne		retired
	2025-11-23 20:22:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The municipalities are failing with basic service delivering. These additional tasks and responsibilities are above their paygrade and they will cause confusion and a backlog on licensing for the next 50 years. Don't entrust people with more responsibilities if they cannot produce the basics. Please stop with licensing everything. The only people who will comply are the law abiding citizens of the country and they are also the ones who usually pay the price for being honest and having integrity. Don't force good people to become bad to get rid of the worst society has to offer. The government must stop trying to make things better coz everything they touch becomes 10 times worse. Is anything working better now? Have all the unequality been rectified. No, its still the exact same problems. The good people of all races suffer. The poor ones and middle-class. Municipality should supply water and electricity and stay away from things they are not mandated to do	Rosie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:23:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is again just the ANC trying to destroy and control minorities in South Africa. The world is watching and seeing what the racist political parties and organizations are doing to South Africa. It is so obvious that every move they make is to destroy minorities in one way or another. At this point the whole world is seeing the truth behind these moves and acts, and is it beautiful that the whole international world can finally see the truth.	B	Outside SA	employed individual
	2025-11-23 20:27:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willie	Free State	
	2025-11-23 20:27:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janike	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:29:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way for the government to exclude 'certain' people from making a living and to get more bribe money for licenses	Garth	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:35:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hettie	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:35:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another form of manipulation. I can witness that most race groups in South Africa will NOT be granted the license, and South Africa will go the same route as many other African countries. No amenities, no work, no nothing except for 17 people... DO NOT ALLOW THIS!	Magdil	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 20:45:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Any legislation that use skin pigmentation, race, religion, political preferences or/and the like is not only morally wrong but discrimination. All licensing must be done on merit only.	William	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 20:46:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not agree with this bill and believe it will create unnecessary obstacles to business growth and development , which will in turn will affect job growth negatively. This bill may also lead to preferential licensing which would result in another negative factor reducing jobs and economic growth.	Vaughan		
	2025-11-23 20:47:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If licensing businesses are at good-will of municipalities, that will be the end of a free economy, will add more red tape, corruption and uncertainty. Businesses take a lot of risk, both financially and personal, and need a clear and supporting framework. The economy is very fragile as it is, and adding more unclear regulations will throttle the economy even more.	Christian	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:47:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 20:47:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 20:48:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:49:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dave		
	2025-11-23 20:54:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We all know anything from the government table is bias and only aim to include a certain race group	Madelien	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 20:55:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Is this another way to try and assert dying useless authority. Everything you touch lands up as a disaster. What are you doing about "CONTRACTORS" sitting in the side of the roads with painting equipment, gardening equipment and spirit levels. Are they also to be registered. Get your ducks in a row first	Robin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 20:55:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		James	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 20:55:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		James	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 20:55:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		James	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 20:59:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Apart from the obvious current government strategy to implement preferred business in all spheres, it will place further pressure on government organisations that already fail in all aspects of service delivery. This legislation will have a devastating effect on private businesses that are currently driving the economy in absence of a government that rather focus on political ideologies.	Banie	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-23 20:59:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Apart from the obvious current government strategy to implement preferred business in all spheres, it will place further pressure on government organisations that already fail in all aspects of service delivery. This legislation will have a devastating effect on private businesses that are currently driving the economy in absence of a government that rather focus on political ideologies.	Banie	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:00:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:03:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It's a definite that the anc would use this law to exclude certain businesses so that there comrades can gain preferential advantage over the other businesses , once again they are playing with fire ? And don't care two hoods about the people out there	Christopher	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:07:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is discrimination	johann	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:08:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	UNBELIEVABLE !!! BUT THEN AGAIN WHY SHOULD WE BE SURPRISED ? YET ANOTHER WELL DISGUISED ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME ' CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT BY SHORTED- SIGHTED, SELF-CENTRED, SELF-SERVING , POLITICIANS WITH NO REGARD FOR THE COUNTRY'S CITIZENS !!!!	ANTHONY (Tony)	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:09:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is discriminatory, and therefore unfair.	Rob	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:09:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mike	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:11:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		HA		
	2025-11-23 21:12:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carlos	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:13:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hilda	North West	retired
	2025-11-23 21:13:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	the anc would without a doubt use this law to exclude certain businesses	Sarah	North West	retired
	2025-11-23 21:13:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charlie		
	2025-11-23 21:17:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape. Municipalities can't even deliver basic services. Money making scheme and open for more corruption.	Wynand	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-23 21:21:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shane	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-23 21:22:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Francois	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:24:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Colleen	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:26:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Denise	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:26:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hercules Anton	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 21:26:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sarel	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:27:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill will enable the Government to discriminate against any business as it wills, and to give preferential treatment to whichever businesses it wishes. Therefore this new Bill is totally unnecessary and undesirable.	Denis		retired
	2025-11-23 21:28:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More Red Tape to confuse illiterate vendors and small businesses. More taxpayers cash for looting / wasting by the govt.	Laura	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:28:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Potential corruption concerns.	Dionne	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 21:29:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way to enforce BBEEE	Helene		business owner
	2025-11-23 21:31:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andy	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-23 21:36:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another ANC way of trying to monopolize business by pushing out minority races like white...Indian ect....in order to further there radical racist agenda. They want a black only country. Push everyone else out. I simply hate these idiotic dumb uneducated MF. Black privilege yet there people suffer. They want yo destroy this beautiful country...then run away and leave it to the very white minority to fix.	Wayne	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:45:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen		retired
	2025-11-23 21:45:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen		retired
	2025-11-23 21:45:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Stop this BS of preference! You want to operate a business - then every business should apply for a license. Not certain demographic groups get certain special treatments. We need to create jobs, but preference is going to make a few people rich and leave the rest of us to die of hunger.	Nicola	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:49:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This framework hides discrimination in gflowety words. "Previously disadvantage" protected industries imply Indian, colored and white business owners are targeted for exclusion. This further will create another layer of corruption and bribery for municipal officials to qualify applicants	Sean	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:49:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Unemployment is rife, and now government wants to be selective of who can or cant open a business and trade, thus creating jobs, its time government gets overhauled, and people who use there brains for everything else but self enrichment should fill those seats	Josef	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 21:53:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anne	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:57:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	On Inspectors' Powers: Handing inspectors sweeping authority will only fuel coercion, bribery, corruption, and nepotism. Instead of protecting fairness, it risks creating an environment where abuse of power becomes the norm. On Preferential Licensing: With unemployment already crippling communities, government should be encouraging entrepreneurship, not restricting it. Selectively deciding who may or may not open a business undermines job creation and opportunity. What we need is leadership that prioritizes the public good over self-enrichment, and a system that empowers people to build, trade, and thrive.	Liesel	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 22:02:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Discrimination by ethnic group or race is never acceptable in law.	Robert	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 22:02:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gill	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 22:06:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 22:06:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another draconian bill interfering with our privacy.	Rob	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 22:08:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rose		
	2025-11-23 22:09:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Delrie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 22:13:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Erns	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 22:13:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Erns	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 22:15:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We cannot afford to grant more rights/power/ responsibilities to all ready dis functional municipalities with majority of workers not qualified for their rolls. This will only great opportunities to discriminate against certain cultures.	Siebert	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 22:17:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Phil	North West	retired
	2025-11-23 22:18:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nina		
	2025-11-23 22:20:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		jj		
	2025-11-23 22:25:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We all know we're this is leading to.	Wieger	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 22:26:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 22:34:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Francois	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 23:06:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anna		
	2025-11-23 23:09:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More rave related bs and less ability to earn a living	Caitlin		self-employed
	2025-11-23 23:09:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Colin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 23:30:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mac	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 23:54:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 00:02:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Believe the new Bill will be just another way for government to force small business opprtunitirs out of the market place by introducing more red tape and force bb bee regulations down to the business owner without the necessary benefit to the business. Would have preferred more equal opportunities based opon business performance to be recognized, job creation to be the ultimate incentive before any race based legislation	Christa	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 00:06:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I think the Municipality's would be biased and clearly have no experience. They already can't cope, just another way for corruption	Sheila	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 00:16:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leandri	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 00:39:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be negative for all businesses but especially small operators. There are already so many barriers to entry for new business. Municipalities are full of corrupt, incompetent people who are incapable of managing this fairly and effectively.	Jacqui	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 00:49:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Amanda	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 01:08:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As business owner with BEE compliance, this is just more tape to line the corrupt officials. Buying a licence or vehicle roadworthy certificate is a walk in the park. Who are you bluffing. Do not create further corruption income channel ! The end-user- government is going to pay gor the extra pie we will sell at an inflated price!!! To recover the possible bribe ???	Jan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 01:09:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As business owner with BEE compliance, this is just more tape to line the corrupt officials. Buying a licence or vehicle roadworthy certificate is a walk in the park. Who are you bluffing. Do not create further corruption income channel ! The end-user- government is going to pay gor the extra pie we will sell at an inflated price!!! To recover the possible bribe ???	Jan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 01:53:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		julia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 02:15:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jl Proudfoot	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 03:32:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Robert	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 03:32:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carin		
	2025-11-24 04:28:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will make it even more difficult to run a successful business in SA. Businesses are already being suffocated by too many compliance regulations.	Tosca	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 04:33:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It will make it even more difficult to run a successful business in SA. Businesses	Magda		retired

	2025-11-24 04:39:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carl	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 04:54:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kenneth	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 04:54:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Solana	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 04:55:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Herman	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:07:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brent	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:09:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	JUST ANOTHER WAY TO ENFORCE BEE!! WILL BE RACIST	Emsie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 05:12:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Put in measurements for the correct reason and have honest, non corrupt and capable employees. WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BRING IN RACE AND BACK GROUND..... GROW UP AND MOVE ON.	De Wet		
	2025-11-24 05:12:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Let's get rid of racial discrimination.	Tredoux	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 05:21:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It appears to me that this will affect small business negatively and that it's an attempt to increase BEE practices and also create more red tape	Catherine	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 05:24:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More than one reason:- preferential licensing, more red tape, more costs on small businesses, and principles of licensing. It all just keeps on increasing exponentially, making it extremely difficult for small businesses to be able to remain in business, maintain or even grow any business, and earn a living income in an already strained economy with strained resources and strained infrastructure, that battles to deliver the minimal basics, you demand more, penalise more, whilst delivering less and millions remain unemployed.	Renee	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:25:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Im tired of government implementing BBEE laws under disguise of progress. This is nothing more than another law to keep certain group of our society out of business and unnecessary power to government to regulate who do business and how	Fanie	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:27:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Absolutely NOT More opportunities for corruption and cadre preferences. Completely open to misuse and abuse. It should not be allowed to be legislated on the basis that it will be biased towards a certain political agenda.	Ben		
	2025-11-24 05:29:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rory	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:31:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The preferential licensing provisions in South Africa's Business Licensing Bill 2025, which empower local authorities to grant expedited approvals, reduced fees, and exclusive trading zones to small businesses owned by historically disadvantaged groups, aim to redress past economic exclusions and foster inclusion for previously marginalized entrepreneurs in informal settlements and underserved areas. While this approach commendably seeks to lower barriers for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and promote equitable economic participation, it risks embedding discriminatory practices akin to Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) into a ostensibly neutral regulatory framework, potentially excluding qualified applicants based on vague demographic criteria and undermining free market principles, which could deter investment and stifle broader growth. To mitigate these flaws, amendments could include defining "disadvantaged groups" through objective, needs-based metrics like income levels or geographic poverty indices rather than undefined historical exclusions, ensuring all qualifying businesses access simplified processes without demographic preferences; alternatives might involve decoupling support from licensing via standalone incentives such as subsidized training programs, targeted grants, or mentorship networks administered nationally; and solutions like mandatory impact audits every two years on designated trading zones could guarantee effectiveness while allowing time-bound exclusivity to prevent permanent market distortions, ultimately balancing redress with merit-based competition.	Leonard	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:34:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I have had a successful legal & fully compliant business for 39 years. If this law is passed and the inspector / municipality don't grant me a licence will I be forced to close. Being a white land owner & farmer, this potential new law makes me extremely concerned as it could be used to forceably stop any farmers businesses and thereby force me off my farm if I can't operate anymore due to a lack of a business licence	Sharyn	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:37:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will affect those dejected and lost hope of finding employment, trying their best to survive. This bill not encourage entrepreneurship.	Tumelo	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:39:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elrica	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:44:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		karen		retired
	2025-11-24 05:45:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another gap for government officials to get bribes. It's also limiting the growth of our economy. Open the doors for business and let those who work hard and show diligence and integrity access the economy without all this red tape.	Wedaad		employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:49:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leo	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:50:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am totally against this bill as some would get preferential treatment	sayed	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:53:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This goverment will ensure that friends and family are favored and is going to cause more loss of jobs	Vernon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 05:53:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mark	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:55:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Establishing, running, developing, sustaining and growing a business is difficult. Adding an artificial licencing will severely hamper innovation and entrepreneurship. Municipalities have demonstrated their inability to administrate themselves. Failure to administrate this initiative will further cripple the economy.	Stephen	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:55:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another area where the government wants to take power away from you. I dont understand why someone else should be allowed to decide wether or not I am allowed to have a business or not? It will turn out for the worse and is truly nothing but BEE in disguise. I will not yield to this and will not allow anyone to take my dream of having my own business away from me. This bill will also just be one more unnecessary thing that will cost me time and money and test my patience!	Sascha		
	2025-11-24 05:56:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More control and less free market - NO!	Andries	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:56:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I view this bill as a method of corruption as Municipalities will use it to register friends and collect bribes from others. People who are not of colour will be biased	Clifford	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 05:59:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities are not skilled to do this kind of important work. Wrong decisions can be made with no recourse.	Milton	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:00:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petrus	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:00:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lizelle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:03:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Burnett	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:06:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another form of dragonic control and removal of our constitutional rights. Opens the door to the criminals deciding who may or may not run a business. The world has taken notice of the gross discrimination inacted in over a 100 laws. This offers the ANC an alternative to BEE.	Gerhard	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:06:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Talita	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:07:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alta	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 06:08:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More BEE	Rob	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 06:10:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nelson		
	2025-11-24 06:10:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Benjamin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:13:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Democratic principles and fair trade not in place. Power of inspectors leads to more corruption. Further deterioration of economy	Karin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 06:14:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Raymond	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:15:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way of creating gaps for extortion just to make a living. We already havr high rates of corruption and this will make it that much more easier for corrupt officials and people to do their dirty work under the guise of so called law	Thabiso		
	2025-11-24 06:16:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I would like to express that legislation of this nature must be designed to benefit all citizens of South Africa. It is not practical or fair to implement rules and regulatory requirements that do not serve the interests of the broader population. Any new framework should uplift small businesses, reduce administrative burdens, and create an enabling environment for entrepreneurship, not one that imposes additional barriers.	sharne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:16:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is BEE in disguise. They want to kill all businesses.	Monica	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:16:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Adele	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:18:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Athol	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 06:25:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eran	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:28:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mark		
	2025-11-24 06:28:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Deziré	Gauteng	

	2025-11-24 06:29:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Darius	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:29:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 06:31:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wietsche	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 06:33:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We need to grow the economy. Introding more burden on a overburdened and failing state is preventing growth. Biggest growth is in the small business sector. You should make it easier to start and run a business, not harder!	Martin		
	2025-11-24 06:33:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dalene	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:33:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This would make operating a small to medium business very precarious as your "License to operate" is subject to the whims of an official who might be as corrupt as they come. We do not trust this ANC government or its officials to be fair and incorruptible. Our small businesses employ many people and should be celebrated and enabled. This legislation is just another way of wielding state control and extract rent under the guise of "modernising" or whatever they'd like to spin. A hard NO.	Christa-Marié		
	2025-11-24 06:35:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It will be used a a political tool. It will further weaken our economy.	John	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:35:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill is BEE in disguise. The poor municipal management at the majority of towns/cities does not even manage traffic transgressions without taking bribes. Managing this bill will be worse, getting bigger bribes! The financial and management discipline at municipalities must first be adressed before introducing more race based discipline	Roelof	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 06:35:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charl	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:35:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Disguised to discriminate. Only the upfront will be monitored and held to account	Francois	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 06:36:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In a country where unemployment is currently at 32%, this bill is a total waste and will only accelerate the problem. All new legislation is race-based and we are already the most race-regulated country in the world with 140 race-based laws. This will EXCLUDE many people from the economy, mainly people who are ABLE to create sustainable jobs. Our municipalities are already disfunctional, incompetent, and corrupt. If they are to manage the licencing process, it will be a big failure, as all other functions performed by them. The effect? Job losses, massive unemployment, many products and services not available, more corruption, bribery, decay of towns, discrimination.	Christo	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:38:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Illana	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:42:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hasan		
	2025-11-24 06:42:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		joy		self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:43:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another way this useless government is trying to fill its coffers. Many small businesses have already closed down due to economic difficulties, now they want to impose more red tape which would definitely be the proverbial noose around the neck of existing SMEs. Do they think imposing this bill will stimulate this flailing economy? I think not! The ANC is decimating the people of this country! Financial ruin will be the order of the day.	Theresa	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:45:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More endless redtape and the associated corruption - NO THANKS	GERALD	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:46:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Keith	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 06:46:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Billy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:48:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government should step away from business. Licensing is serious over reach. Open to abuse. Goverment must concentrate its efforts to enable not control	Erwee		
	2025-11-24 06:48:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another race-based law being forced onto minority race groups.	Jerome	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 06:49:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Quinton	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:50:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janine	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 06:50:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janine	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 06:52:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The ANC and GNE are trying its best to kill off the economy, entrepreneurship and investment. Why? Do you lot hate South Africa?	Nicolaas	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 06:53:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christo	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 06:54:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marie-Louise	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:55:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 06:55:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government should be cutting g red tape,not strangling an already struggling economy with more!The potential for abuse by corrupt officials both through prejudicial allocation of licenses and extortion by corrupt officials,is another serious concern!	Craig	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:57:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		George	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:58:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will lead to the demise of most if not all small businesses. Totally impractical & unworkable! NO! NO! NO!	Chris	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 06:58:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anita	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:58:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way to manipulate the system to increase corruption.	Louis	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:00:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nizza	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:01:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willem		
	2025-11-24 07:01:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another form on BEE in disguise	Douglas	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-24 07:01:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will lead to the demise of most if not all small businesses. Totally impractical & unworkable!	Hennie		
	2025-11-24 07:01:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		MARIUS	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:02:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:02:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Justin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:03:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gail	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 07:03:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE in Diguise, more rules making doing business in SA even more difficult!	Corrie	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 07:05:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will benefit just an elite few and destroy the free market just like BBEEE did. Inspectors will be bought off by the few that can afford it and the rest of the mom and pop stores will have no choice but to close their doors. It's another post tax tax and another pie to steal from for Govenment.	Ignette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:08:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willem	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:10:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The ANC government will use it to discriminate against other racial groups.	A	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 07:11:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am against this bill as it is discrimination against certain demographics and ia just BEE in disguise and this is NOT DEMOCRATIC!	Tammy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:11:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing	Hennie		
	2025-11-24 07:14:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities can't even run themselves, so how the hell can they govern private businesses - they are looking for another way to solicit bribes - bunch of idiots	Chantal	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:15:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		zaine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:15:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Klaas	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:19:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will create a difficult environment, where the already corrupt, will use their added power to manipulate and hold licenses to ransom, opening up opportunities for bribes and further corruption. This is another agenda for the government to punish honest and hard-working citizens purely for their own benefit.	Blair		employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:20:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government only wants to make life harder than it already is by adding more rules, instead of changing the system and make business easier and accessible to all those who wants to contribute to society.	Eugene	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:21:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Nothing is fair with ypu guys. Why would this be?	Willeasha	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-24 07:21:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Licensing is also a way of discriminating against those that don't conform to the standards set by authorities. That could not be acceptable to all involved.	Deon	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:23:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is government trying to manage my rights in a free market system	Dou	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:23:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Not only does it sound racist, bit it also sounds like a money making scheme, because I'm sure we'll all have to pay every 5 years to renew said license.	Roxane	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:24:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More options for corruption and theft.	Johannes	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:27:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way the government wants to destroy the minority.	Yvonne	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 07:27:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Concerns that the bill may be used as a means to discriminate and control businesses in SA	Francois	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:28:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lynn	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 07:30:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Callie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:30:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willem	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:30:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I have concerns that certain applicants will be refused licenses based on their race or on the whim of the inspector. If someone else wants the business, what better way of getting rid of the owner. Business owners invest a lot of time, money and knowledge in their enterprises and it will not be fair to have a biassed officer doing the inspection and regulation. More red tape and more opportunities for money to change hands.	Jean	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 07:31:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ashley		
	2025-11-24 07:33:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Donald	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:33:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government cannot be trusted; preference will be for certain race quotas and minorities will be prejudiced by it.	DANIAL	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:34:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The current BEE structure only caters for the Elites and some one you know in Government. If this was done properly from the beginning, there would be more job opportunities created resulting in more inclusion. Bringing in a new law won't change that, because the poorest South Africans will still not benefit from it. Making it extremely difficult for businesses to grow under the red tape, will not create jobs and will not help the unemployed youth.	Rudi		employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:34:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Diederik		
	2025-11-24 07:35:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Disguised BEE We need to encourage businesses in the country, more investment, not more red tape	Carine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:35:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barry	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:36:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sonja	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:37:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Werner	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:37:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Genevieve	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 07:37:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jason	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:37:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre		retired
	2025-11-24 07:39:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gareth		
	2025-11-24 07:41:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This sounds like just another economic growth hurdle. Don't we have enough challenges already. Where does the word and concept of "free" feature in our nation?	LINDA	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:41:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Business licensing must remain centralized as it currently is. If this moves to municipal level there is a risk of municipalities having different requirements and therefore no more consistent licensing criteria across the country.	Konrad	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:44:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willie	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:44:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willie	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:44:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another opportunity for corruption	Kobus	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:45:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Danelle	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:46:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	With the current levels of corruption within Municipalities this will open the door to further avenues of corruption ... Businesses confidentiality will be breached.	Julian	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:47:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We don’t need more red tape this smacks of the WEF agenda to have us all like puppets	Kay	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:48:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	NO!!!!!! No more control, we are already obliged to register with CIPC. there is no need to have a licensing on top of it. this will affect small enterprises and more people will be left without work, we the SA citizens are already subjected to ridiculous laws that affect the work place and how many jobs have already been lost. How more must be left without work !!!! this disgraceful Communism of the government has to stop and it has to stop right now. SA is sick an tiered of your laws and discrimination of the people of SA that pay your salaries. Start doing your work and stop putting bills to table that will only affect the ordinary citizen of this country. NO MORE - STOP this disgraceful tactics of intimidation of companies and citizens	Bfrenda	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:49:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	COMMENT SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED BUSINESS REGISTRATION LAW I hereby submit my formal objection to the proposed new law on business registration. The introduction of an additional registration system places unnecessary and counterproductive administrative burdens on businesses. South Africa already has a fully functional and centralised registration authority through the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC). All the information government may require regarding the existence, status, and activity of businesses is already available within this platform. Creating a duplicate system serves no practical purpose and will only lead to confusion, inefficiency, and increased compliance costs. Furthermore, the proposed law introduces significant red tape that will hinder both the growth of existing businesses and the establishment of new enterprises. Economic growth depends heavily on an environment that supports entrepreneurship and reduces bureaucratic barriers. Added layers of compliance, additional fees, and new licensing risks will discourage new entrants and place undue pressure on small to medium businesses—the very sector our economy needs to strengthen. Of particular concern is the possibility that businesses may lose their licenses due to administrative failures or delays at municipal level. Many municipalities already struggle with service delivery and internal efficiency. Placing the economic survival of businesses at the mercy of municipal administration is not only impractical but dangerous for economic stability. The risk of increased corruption is also pronounced. Additional approval processes, compliance checks, and licensing requirements inevitably create more opportunities for gatekeeping and exploitation. Instead of simplifying the business environment, the proposed law centralises more power in the hands of officials and increases the potential for abuse. If government wishes to understand what businesses operate within South Africa	Theuns	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:49:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Govt will introduce more race based policies that will impact their tac revenue negatively. More illegal businesses will lead to more underground activities. Ideology blocks business development	Jaco	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:50:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We ready have CIPC why re invent the wheel.	Joan	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-24 07:50:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	1. It creates massive new bureaucracy. Every business, even spaza shops, hawkers, freelancers, and home businesses, would need a 5-year licence. This adds red tape instead of reducing it. 2. Municipalities cannot cope. Most municipalities already struggle with basic service delivery. Expecting them to process millions of licence applications will cause delays, backlogs, and system failures. 3. It gives inspectors excessive powers. Inspectors may demand proof of a licence at any time, issue fines on the spot, and confiscate goods. This opens the door to harassment, corruption, and abuse. 4. It threatens the informal sector. The informal economy is one of the biggest job creators in South Africa. Additional licensing, fees, and penalties may force traders to shut down or operate illegally. 5. It places small businesses at risk. Compliance costs (time, forms, travel, renewals, waiting periods) hurt small and survival-level businesses far more than big corporates. 6. It may introduce discrimination via “preference systems.” The Bill allows municipalities to favour certain demographic groups or nationalities when issuing licences. Critics say this is “BEE in disguise” and can easily be used unfairly. 7. Vague definitions make enforcement unpredictable. Terms like “disadvantaged groups” or “previously excluded persons” are not defined clearly. This allows arbitrary, uneven, or biased application. 8. It centralises power and weakens local decision-making. A national registry forces all municipalities into a one-size-fits-all system, reducing flexibility to respond to local business realities. 9. It may violate constitutional economic freedom. Section 22 of the Constitution protects the right to trade. Turning the right to do business into a licence dependent on bureaucratic approval weakens that freedom. 10. It will harm investment and job creation. More red tape, unpredictability, and inspector powers create an environment that discourages entrepreneurship, etc.	Sonya	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 07:51:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Estella	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:52:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is a ridiculous attempt to push BEE even further and prevent a certain demographic from having a means to earn a living. It won’t help anything.	Ros-Amy		
	2025-11-24 07:52:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We do not need more laws to enable our corrupt government to extort and create havoc in the private business sector is also this is just BEE in principal which in my opinion is a disaster for the economy	Patrizia	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:53:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brenton	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:54:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		WILLIAM	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:55:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wynand	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:56:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Minnie	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:57:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Izelda	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:57:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:57:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marco	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:58:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Given the government's current track record of discrimination and prejudice, there is absolutely nothing preventing it through this bill to do the same in oppressing minorities and preventing them from opening (or keeping open) their businesses as is their right to freedom of choice. The government (with it's currently devastated and hollow moral compass) gets to decide who can open a business, and who can't. This is by its very principle, is unjust and unconstitutional. It's a communist ideology inherited from the CCP in China, as is their attempted regulation of the church. This current government cannot survive an election by an educated and morally sound population.	Daniel	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:58:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		hein	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:59:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Norma	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:03:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Every person who is legally in South Africa should have the right to run a business. Business is the backbone of the economy. The license granting should in no way discriminate against any person on the grounds of race or national background. . Discrimination on these grounds is in direct opposition to our constitution and must be vigorously opposed . All business must uphold the law but the law cannot be biased or discriminatory or support overreach by by nationalist racial or ideological agendas.	Robert	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 08:04:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Our municipalities are disfunctional. So now they controll if we can operate a business	Lesley	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:04:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lynette	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:05:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Margie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:05:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rudi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:06:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leree	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:06:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wendy	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 08:06:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	They took away my right to get a job as a white male South African and now they want to limit what i do to create an income and employment	Keith	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:07:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frances	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 08:07:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:08:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Patrick	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:09:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A hidden form of expropriation, BEE and against free and fair, transparent processes	Pat	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:11:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More Red Tape more Taxes , more fines more discrimination against minority's To stimulate the economy government should do away with over regulation and support private business since we are the backbone of their tax income	Marnus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:11:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Niehaus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:12:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Keep it the same, it’s already complicated enough	Alex	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:13:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Small businesses uphold our economy and putting unnecessary strain on them is taking away from jobs that might not look important now but uphold many families and communities.	Tienike	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:16:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		James	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:16:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Im sure the cANCer are rubbing their greedy hands, and their workers, more money to steal, more bribes. I wonder if they are stupid enough to stop the minority that fund everything doing business? Who will foot the bill if tax payers can't trade?	Jani	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:16:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		vic		
	2025-11-24 08:17:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	TIPIES OU KOMMUNISTIESE POGING VIR MEER SENTRALE MAG .SLEGS SWART BEHEERDE BESIGHEDE SAL BEVOORDEEL WORD . PATETIES A N C WANNEER GAAN JULLE BESEF KOMMUNISME HET NNIE MEER PLEK IN WERELD NIE ?????	KOOS	Outside SA	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 08:18:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael		employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:19:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another destructive bill aimed at destroying business with preferential and discriminatory targeting.	Ronald	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:19:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Belinda	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 08:19:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Drop the taxes for your incompetence.	Raoul	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:19:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In a country where growth over the last few years is less than 3% one would expect that this government would understand the need of cutting red tape and encouraging entrepreneurs and small business to take the lead. Instead they want to police every aspect of our lives. They have done nothing to even deserve the taxes paid to them by business and this is just another scheme to steal from the coffers in the form of bribes etc. It amazes me how they find innovative ways to steal but they cannot lead a country into prosperity. The hate they have for the minority groups tells you exactly the agenda behind this.	Carmen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:19:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE is already a problem for any of the white minority trying to survive in modern South Africa. I'm afraid that, if a license to even operate a small business is required, the government will use this to set even more racial targets. What happened to everyone being equal?	Richard	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-24 08:19:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	the provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and another race baced tool that government will use to preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background. Once again not the best qulaified person/business for the job irrespective of skin colour, but measures drawn up by a racist government to exclude certain people from the economy using the "law"(even denying that the law would be rascist). It is the government's mandate to look after ALL its citizens, even minority groups - something it fails to do constantly.	Petra	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:21:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be a very powerful tool for Socialists to extend their control over every form of small and micro enterprises. And decide who eat and who doesn't. To what end?	Graham		
	2025-11-24 08:23:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		LEIGH	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:23:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan		
	2025-11-24 08:24:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	discrimination should not be allowed. neither should over-regulation.	jacques		business owner
	2025-11-24 08:25:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gail	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:25:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gail	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:26:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am concerned that certain people/groups might be excluded by our governing bodies, to promote and expand their current unfair laws. This also leaves more room for corruption and will need extra funds under a struggling economy to administrate.	Wynand	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:26:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ryk	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:27:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	ANYTHING THAT PROMOTES BEE, IN ANY FORM WHAT SO EVER, IS DISCRIMINATORY AND UNACCEPTABLE.	Graham	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 08:27:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support this.	Robyn	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:28:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michaela		
	2025-11-24 08:28:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Guy	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:30:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No clearly stated objectives, scope and advantages agreed with business and business forums. No benefits to businesses , only more red tape. Government is creating an unnessary system with overreach, that obstructs free business growth. Government will use it for ulterior motives, creating an unworkable, unmanageable, clumsy, burocratic machine, yet another department to just employ people.	CJ	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 08:30:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is racism flat out or because society believes black people can't be racist then it is discrimination, tyrrany in its true form, this is not the democracy many people died for. I'm saddened with the direction the ANC regime is taking the country in. If they continue on this path of tyranny this will soon end up in the gutter.	Clement	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:30:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is state control of means of production= communism!!! NO for 10000 years.	Danie	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:31:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Terri	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:31:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Fayrose	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:33:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pieter	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:35:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is blatant racial discrimination and state over-control. We can not trust the state will the ANC is in control because they are following socialistcommunist agenda.	Emile	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:35:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Patrick	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 08:36:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is already very difficult to run a business in South Africa. If the government or municipality can decide whetеher or not you are alowed to have a business, this will destroy the middle class. Right now, people who lost their jobs can register a business and try to generate some income for themselves and their family. If the municipality now prevents certain people from creating jobs for themselves, that will increase poverty wich in turn will increase crime . This will also only benefit the corrupt municipality workers and their friends.	Lenerd	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:36:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Any legislation that condones national or government preference for a specific individual or group is de facto discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional!	Caroline		
	2025-11-24 08:37:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This government is openly racist and will take this as another opportunity to suppress the white run businesses and small businesses, never mind giving power to a bunch of useless, power hungry inspectors.	Mike	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:37:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		olaf	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:38:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 08:39:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way to make small business owners go through more red tape and the power of inspectors - just another way for bribes to be expected. Yet another form of corruption rearing its ugly little head. We all know who the target will be.	LYN	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:39:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Richard	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:39:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elio	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:40:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mike	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:40:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-24 08:41:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hein	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:41:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rozelle	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:42:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Robert	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:43:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is so obvious where this is going, at the end of the day only government's preferences will be taken into account, it is difficult enough for a small business to survive in this country, they want more and more from the private business owners so that they can steal more. We are, after all, supposed to be a democracy.	Riette	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:44:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This law gives too much room to be abused by a record high corrupt local municipal management. How are we to possibly trust this kind of authority to the very people whom are needing to first, get their house in order. Local municipalities are just passing their "suspended with full pay" managers off between each other. They will simply LOVE this kind of new playground. And our already strained private business sector will suffer greatly.	Yvonne	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:45:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jaco		
	2025-11-24 08:46:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Yet another racist BEE practice to attack those legitimate businesses and force them to comply. SA is becoming more communistic in its approach which is worrying. Rather focus on those businesses which fly under the radar and trade or operate unregistered.	Craig	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:46:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another way to discourage entrepreneurship. Another way to keep people from creating businesses and offering employment. No to restrictive practices. South Africans need encouragement and pro-entrepreneurship practices instead. So we can all help to creating a stronger economy and create a better country to live in - where everyone flourishes.	Erin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:49:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		engela	Gauteng	retired

				The devastating effect of BEE on government is an example to be greatly concern about. Did BEE did not benefit our disadvantages communities? Business is survival of the fittest which ensure economic growth. Strong businesses bring a strong economy that can compete world wide. Manipulation of funds and systems to keep weak businesses alive is money of our economy wasted. All the wasted money on BEE, business rescue and corruption is key factors in the low growth of our economy and the destruction of service delivery and infrastructure in government and municipalities. How may fund were spend without any results to our disadvantage communities and our economy. How may funds were spend on projects/infrastructure that were not up to standard due to BEE? I belief the only empowerment lay if giving opportunities and mentorship/training/skills, to let those who are capable and willing to work hard and go the extra mile get hold of the opportunities and excel. Spoon feeding is on of the worse dependencies a country can create for itself. Creating a nation of dependents. Creating a dependency syndrome/mindset destroy innovation for new businesses and a believe in South Africa that South Africans cant do things for themself and are not cape bale of achieving success without government support. Supplying funds to keep businesses afloat serves no purpose. It is a bottomless put. South Africa need independent ethical businesses which bring revenue to our country and real empowered previously disadvantage individuals that can compete with the current businesses in South Africa and world wide business. Licenses means extra cost in a already struggling environment. There is also the concern about Small Businesses and small town development? How does small compete against big? How do we solve this issue? Our country need a solution.			
	2025-11-24 08:49:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A policies to enable manipulation to ensure BEE in private sector = reduce revenue = weak economy growth.	Johanna	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:49:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:50:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	South Africa needs to urgently encourage job creation and not continue to destroy jobs. This legislation will destroy jobs as companies would be denied operating linceses for various political reasons. No to this bill!!!	Eloise	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:51:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is obvious where this is going, at the end of the day only government's preferences will be taken into account, it is difficult enough for a small business to survive in this country, they want more and more from the private business owners so that they can steal more. We are, after all, supposed to be a democracy. Another racist BEE practice to attack those legitimate businesses and force them to comply. SA is becoming more communistic in its approach which is worrying!!!	James	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:52:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is now challenging to start a new business, not even talking about everything a business needs to comply with, this is just another way to prevent businesses from growing	Sam	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:52:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	For government to have the authority to preferentially decide who obtains business licenses is a gross overreach of power that will harm free enterprise and move SA away from being a free society.	Christiaan	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:54:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It appears the SA government is intent on making entrepreneurship more and more burdensome. The incentives to close shop in SA are increasing. Why give municipalities more power when they cannot even maintain suburbs? But more than that, make business easier and more rewarding to stimulate business creation and growth.	Ernst	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:54:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Too much control.	Danny	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 08:56:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This just opens up the path for abuse and discrimination.	Kevin		retired
	2025-11-24 08:57:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	When the government shows themselves competent at enforcing current laws on the books they can start to think about making new ones. You cannot litigate yourself out of incompetence an you cannot litigate entrepreneurship into a group base on race. An individual either has business prowess or they do not. En of discussion. Stop trying to litigate behaviors into your people that have NOTHING to do with you as government. Fix the schools, fix the hospitals, fix the Police Service, fix the Army. That is your job an you're not even doing a fraction of your current mandate, why the hell should we as the People trust you with more power?? Ridiculous and arrogant that you should even ask.	Thinus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:58:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Free State	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 08:59:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Debbie		
	2025-11-24 08:59:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If we had a non corrupt Municipal System, it could work, like in the 1970's. But with BEE and corrupt officials in the municipal offices, who never go to court, even when caught, this will become chaos and many businesses will close.	Rolf	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 09:00:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	May concern is all of the above listed issues. Government needs to stay out of business. The scraping of CC was a big issue enough.	Ivan		
	2025-11-24 09:00:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		PETER		
	2025-11-24 09:01:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Winsome	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:03:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This appears to be a good bill, but it's scope is ridiculous. Why should affirmative action have anything to do with a person having a business?	Andrea		
	2025-11-24 09:03:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be weaponised to discriminate against minorities and further advance Kader corruption.	Quintin	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:05:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David		retired
	2025-11-24 09:05:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Graham	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:07:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Daar is reeds genoeg staatsinmening in besigheid. Minder regulasie is nodig.	nico	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:07:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Discrimation, and more red tape and more corruption	Mahomed	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:08:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses should have the right to their own way of operating within the law and should be able to employ who they deem fit and competent. The government has more than enough capacity to employ and train inexperienced or previously disadvantaged groups. We should not force ideals and new racial based policies on businesses, this is bad for the economy and foreign investment. We have a poverty problem because uneducated and sometimes lazy people keep having too many kids which have little to no financial support from their parents or the community. The cycle of dependence on the state continues and just worsens. Limit the amount of children you can have based on your income. Then we won't have to come up with outrages and racist policies to try and fill a bucket full of holes with promises of hope. I agree that everyone should be able to get a job but lets attack the root problem not try and put a bandaid on something that is not sustainable. If the population grows as fast as the economy we won't have a problem	Bradley	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:09:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses must be free to be as efficient and sensible as possible. Any unnecessary red tape of ANY NATURE should NOT be allowed.	Eileen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:09:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We do not need more control. It strangles prosperity and give fake jobs to fake departments to steal and plunder as they please and rob honest businesses from growing the economy	Marietjie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:09:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pine		
	2025-11-24 09:09:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vivan	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:11:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vivan	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:11:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wikus	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:12:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The municipalities are inefficient in delivering basic services due to corruption. The licensing will be anothet avenue of corruption. The preferential actually means DISCRIMINATION against citizens seen as non ANC voters.	Erns	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-24 09:12:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence.	Marthinus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:13:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is racist and discriminatory, does not ensure equitable access to opportunities It is already difficult and uncertain to establish a business. Now I must contend with previously advantaged and affirmative action / BBB-EE. I will not invest or grow my business with these extra red tape and discriminatory proposed laws . It is socialism in disguise and will exaserbate unemployment.	Stephan	Limpopo	employed individual

	2025-11-24 09:13:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Amelia	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:13:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rubert	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:13:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is difficult enough to start, grow and manage a business. If enacted, this will place an unnecessary burden on struggling businesses. There is far too much power granted to municipalities in this, power which does not hold a benefit for the regulated community. Moreover, the scope for abuse for ideological purposes that has nothing to do with the businesses in question is vast . Please no.	Werner		
	2025-11-24 09:13:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is difficult enough to start, grow and manage a business. If enacted, this will place an unnecessary burden on struggling businesses. There is far too much power granted to municipalities in this, power which does not hold a benefit for the regulated community. Moreover, the scope for abuse for ideological purposes that has nothing to do with the businesses in question is vast . Please no.	Werner		
	2025-11-24 09:13:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This has got anc corruption written all over it - hello USA refugee programme.	Ray	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:14:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Robin	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:14:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This country won't survive more red tape with even more preferential treatment for BEE. The BEE system has failed and is a total corrupted system. It should be based on merit. If you can't do the job you should not get the opportunity. You can't run a successful business without qualified people. This system is an unworkable and dystopian system which is not reality or outcome based. Skin colour should not be the qualifying factor.	Larissa	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 09:14:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	South Africans don't need more racial discrimination and interference from government when it's already difficult to make a living in this country.	Marietjie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:14:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	South Africans don't need more racial discrimination and interference from government when it's already difficult to make a living in this country.	Marietjie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:15:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Business owners need more freedom, not less. Less red tape and control will help more citizens start businesses. South African government does not have a reputation for being efficient, so backlogs are another concern.	Lisa	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:16:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another attempt by the govt to enforce BEE which as we know has failed in the 30 odd years it has been in force. Govt intends to use this as a weapon to disallow trade of all not aligned to the ANC regime and put their cadres in position and businesses.	michael	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:16:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gerrie	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 09:17:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is not on, a load of rubbish and it should not be allowed.	Charles	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:18:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Joanna	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:19:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Douglas	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:19:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I cannot run a business where it opens the door for unqualified discrimination.	Pieter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:19:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Douglas	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:20:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It's time we went away with any and everything BEE related, it has not done anything for this country besides lining the pockets of the corrupt.	Marcio		
	2025-11-24 09:22:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		james		retired
	2025-11-24 09:22:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another BEE stifling legislation in disguise	Rene	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:23:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be used to discriminate against whites or any people out of favor with those in charge, forcing them out of business, leading to more jobs lost.	Mandy	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:23:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be used to discriminate against whites or any people out of favor with those in charge, forcing them out of business, leading to more jobs lost.	Mandy	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:23:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jean	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:23:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wilhelm	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:24:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sandra	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 09:24:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I object to this on all ground mentioned. This is a naked attempt by a pernicious state to further erode the abilities of businesses to operate. The government has proved beyond any reasonable doubt that they have evil intent, are racist and criminal at every level, and should have no say in any regulation.	Stephen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:24:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	net mog n rasistiese skema om witmense aan te val en te onderdruk. dink hulle regtig ons is stupid	johan	Western Cape	retired
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	2025-11-24 09:25:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brendan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:25:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:25:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another way of instituting BEEEEEEEEE in disguise. Do they think we've been born under a rock	Linda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:27:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		K		
	2025-11-24 09:27:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Absolutely do not see the point of this, but the Government wanting more send more control over the Private Sector! No!!! Enough! Let us live, earn our keep honestly, and just stop trying to control and steal from us!!	Ifat	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:27:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be used for 2 main things. 1. to discriminate against certain ethnic groups that are not in favour with the government or inpectors, and 2. yet another avenue to allow more corruption, bribery, and control.	Monique	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:27:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government is already clearly biased against whites	Jason	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:28:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Disguised BEE	Linda	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:28:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		T		
	2025-11-24 09:29:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sharpn	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:31:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill is done by uneducated puppets and is only a different type of BEE. This will crash the economy, which is exactly what their puppet masters want. The people need to rise up against this totally useless, racist ANC government. End of story.	George	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:31:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In south africa our economic growth is low - to increase the amount of administration and to prevent businesses from obtaining a licence based in ill defined factors will only worsen the economic growth. Then to have the municipalities authorise these licences when they are unable to handle the current work load does not make sense. This act is discriminative and will not benefit the south african population in a whole - only a select few.	Laurence	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:31:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		ETIENNE M	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:31:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE in disguise, wasting time and money as usual.	Karen		self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:32:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Deon	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:32:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	1. BEE in disguise 2. Another attempt at failed sosialism control	Pierre	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:33:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		B	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:33:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Arthur	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:33:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jaco	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:33:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Debby-Lee		employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:34:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gerrit	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-24 09:34:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is already more than sufficient protection for previously disadvantaged groups who start businesses, and they already get significant advantages through preferential procurement and access to Supplier Development Programs and training which are not given to white-owned businesses. Affirmative action hiring quotas make it difficult if not impossible for white people to get jobs in corporates, and they are forced into starting their own businesses. Now you want to stop them from earning a living for themselves by starting their own businesses. By allowing nepotism and corruption to run rampant you have created a generation of business owners who do not know how to compete in the real world, and now you want to coddle them even further by removing competition in the real world through regulation based on race. Nowhere in the world has a government ever succeeded in regulating economic growth and business success into being - it is only by allowing fair competition and protection of consumers (not business owners!) that you create jobs and wealth. This legislation makes us as a country, or more specifically you as a government, appear to be ignorant at best or racist and discriminatory at worst. I also cannot see how any of this is constitutional when it comes to the right to earn a living without discrimination.	christo		
	2025-11-24 09:34:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Ths bill will drive further disinvestment	Sean	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:35:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Stephanie	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 09:35:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I object to any race-based legislation. Municipalities are so corrupt and incompetent and now the govt. wants to give them even more power. I cannot run a business on a 5-year licence as return on investment take more a5 years.	Johann	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:36:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Once B-BBEE is abolished, this could be workable to earn more taxes to run our country	Andre	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:38:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:38:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another move to centralize power and enforce their racist BEE laws.	Colin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 09:39:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill makes an One Man business a criminal. It will kill the small business	Chris		
	2025-11-24 09:39:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The SA government with their lackeys in the GNU are daily moving more to Communist centralized (by the way - a failed ideology only living in stupid people's heads) control, which aims to submit law-abiding citizens to draconian measures to pursue their ideological aims dressed up as redress for ..... If they are serious why is a Billion Rand industry exempt from proper regulation / registering and not paying taxis (sorry taxes - pun intended) This will never stop - and the "Smart Money" - those who have not left long ago, are moving offshore to places in the world where merit and accountability still exist. Once they have the taxi- and township industry firmly in the tax web, maybe then I will look at it again. In the meantime - "lick mir ...."	koos	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:40:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Adding red tape when a reduction in bureaucracy should be embraced. More corruption opportunities. Preferential licensing an under the carpet BEE initiative.	Roland	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:40:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sheryl-Ann	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:40:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dorothea	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:41:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There are so many hoops for businesses to jump through and so much red tape for businesses, this will be just one more money making racket for the ANC whose tyranny we are sick of. We are taxed to the very bone, to the point that the few businesses left carry the load of the unemployed. My suggestion is to free business up where we have the ability to grow and employ more people. There are millions of small informal businesses who get away with carrying tax load. If you really want to put your fingers into business pies, start there.	Felicity	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:41:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		De Villiers	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:42:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No I do not support this change it is extremely dangerous & against good business policy - also the constitution - Economists, business groups and employers' organisations have warned that the new business licensing laws proposed by the government are unworkable and potentially damaging for jobs and investment in South Africa. The draft Business Licensing Bill, gazetted for public comment until 28 November, aims to introduce a national registry of every business operating in the country. The Department of Trade and Industry said the Bill is intended to modernise outdated legislation and create a uniform system where all businesses register with and obtain licences from their local municipalities, replacing the current Business Act of 1991. Under the proposed law, every business would need a licence valid for five years. Municipalities would have 30 days to grant or reject an application, with the option of extending this by 14 days in certain cases. Inspectors would gain broad powers to demand proof of a licence at any time, issue fines, or confiscate goods if operators are found to violate the Bill or other laws, including those dealing with counterfeit or pirated products. Neasa noted that elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. In its submission to comment, Neasa said the provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Wendy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:44:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence and are nothing but BEE in disguise. The DTI must be warned that it precludes any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background. Then, the inspectors who would gain broad powers to demand proof of a licence at any time, issue fines, or confiscate goods if operators are found to violate the Bill or other laws, may lead to possible corruption or misuse of power.	Ilsette	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:44:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:46:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Powers of inspectors, what about bribery which seems to be a common practice in South Africa.	Karin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:46:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	THE CURRENT FORM OF DOING BUSINESS IS WORKING. THIS WILL CREATE CORRUPTION AND CONFUSING AS MUNICIPALITIES ARE FAILING TO DELEVER BASIC NEEDS. LICENCES WILL BE ISSUED BASED ON RACE, THIS WILL KILL THE BUSINESS THAT ARE LEFT.	REST	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 09:47:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:48:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Nothing but discrimination. Just another form of power play	Nicolaas	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:48:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The proposed licencing bill is being used to drive political agendas and to further enrich the politically well connected. It will strangle entrepeneurs, not promote more business and new companies.	Frederick	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:48:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christopher	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:51:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sidwell	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 09:51:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Theuns		
	2025-11-24 09:52:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Does this mean that the hawkers ALL OVER SOUTH AFRICA and in the middle of busy itersections would need this as well? Joe Blogs selling Pallets from home to make ends meet, does he also need one?	Curt	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:53:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	changes in private business structures such as BEE (Black Elite Enrichment) has only crashed small business opportunities for work growth. a further enrichment program is the ARTO, can one imagine the mass increase in bribery when one is stopped for a minor infringment . Now we have a Municipality making a business decision on what companies can or cannot trade, if trading it is presumed that a hefty fine will be imposed, devastating the companies' funds. or making sure that you dont trade in your sector as you create competitiveness . It is not seen that the decision makers within the Government Departments have the understanding or capability in making these decisions , Let's look at COJ who are the custodians of funds for Johannesburg Rate payers , The mayor has Lost , yes Lost 3 Bn and 2Bn in revenue , from different sectors ,cannot fine it, but believes its still around . ??? Now the corrupt system wishes to control functional Business without knowledge of Economics and Business acumen	George	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:56:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Because fuck the racist, useless ANC. It is time for them to go....to hell or back into exile.	Ryan		business owner

	2025-11-24 09:56:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Because fuck the racist, useless ANC. It is time for them to go....to hell or back into exile.	Ryan		business owner
	2025-11-24 09:56:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gasant	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:57:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government needs to move past BEE - it's put too much in the hands of too few BEE contenders, hinders natural flow of business and the non-BEE population is too small now to be legislated against. Open business up and allow free flow so the country can reach its potential, not be restricted by endless laws that no longer have real relevance.	Elizabeth	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 09:57:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janice	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:00:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	GOV is unable to implement current systems now wanting to add yet more bureaucrats and paper work will ensure the systems completely fail and only corruption will allow some to get and others will simply fail.	Sharon	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:03:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Clearly this Bill is BEE in disguise and discriminatory. We have had more than enough of this type of action over the last 30 years. Enough is enough.	Dessmond	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:04:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		JOEL	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:05:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jason	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:05:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The Government in all spheres (national, provincial, municipal) is not able to provide and maintain even the most basic services (power, infrastructure, etc.) and now the same people want to put further hurdles in the way of the private sector who is the real backbone of society? It's the incompetent wanting to rule the competent! Aikona!!!	Ewald	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:05:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Maria	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:07:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:08:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Liz		
	2025-11-24 10:08:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Aubrey	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:09:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lara	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:09:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Citizens' demographic should not influence whether they are granted a business license.	Stuart	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:11:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marietta	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:11:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another tool for government to force certain ideas on us. as it is our current systems are overloaded and cannot even produce results eg. drivers licenses how will this in anyway be effective. Preferential licensing is a major concern as well as the rights of inspectors and with some municipalities being in such a mess financially and otherwise this will just be another loophole for corruption. I DEFINATELY DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS BILL!!	adele		
	2025-11-24 10:12:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		wouter	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:13:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carmen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:14:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Regulations are in place for this already - implement instead of over-regulating.	Lauren		self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:14:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mike		
	2025-11-24 10:14:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another avenue through which corrupt officials can generate "income" for themselves. Applications, for licences and renewal of licences will come a "fee" straight into their pockets and their cronies will receive preferential treatment. It is a mafia-style protection racket - if you wan to do business, you need to pay the corrupt officials.	Sylvan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:15:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		D	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:15:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bernard		
	2025-11-24 10:16:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Compliant Registered businesses continue to be targeted for repeated inspections and escalating red tape to the detriment of productivity and employment opportunities. Unregistered non compliant businesses thrive with impunity and rob the fiscus and the citizens of South Africa. Productive businesses need to be encouraged and new businesses attracted by practical and functional legislation for the good of all,	Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:17:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The state should be helping create jobs, not making it more and more difficult to operate a business. I can't even get an invoice for rates and taxes from council, imagine needing to wait for my business licence !!!	Mark	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:18:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This proposed legislation appears to be yet another way to impose racial quotas and discrimination on business, hampering their ability to provide jobs and stimulate the economy. At the same time it will provide a further opportunity for those in power to loot and hamstring the South African economy and prosperous future.	Barbara	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 10:19:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Racial discrimination should not be tolerated in a democratic country. Businesses and economy will never grow by killing one side to promote another side, this is economical suicide. Poverty will be doubled in the African continent!!	Lizette	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:19:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is so much potential for bias and control so I do not support this at all	Colleen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:20:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Denise	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:20:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	co municipalaities even have clean accounting. how can we trust tgem to be impartial about these "licenses". It's just another door to corruption.	Hannes	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:21:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support race based rules for business licensing. This will just further shrink our economy.	William	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:22:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another tool to use for BBEE, and this will cause businesses who has been running for years to close their doors, enhance unemployment and chase away potential international investors to South Africa.	Charl	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:24:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Licence and TAX the taxi industry; before you extort more out of the suffering legitimate businesses who actually pay SARS for VAT and PAYE etc. Just another BEEE ANC failure immanent, where the top 1% of "FAT KAT" ANC can thieve honest working people again. Seriously disappointing people, when the rest of the country's poorest suffer. Just more red tape to siphon already strained and fragile citizens.	Warrick	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:24:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Neville	KwaZulu-Natal	Non-profit
	2025-11-24 10:25:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:25:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		DANIE	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:25:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BBBEE in disguise	Paul	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:25:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sheila	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:28:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jeremy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:28:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gerhardus	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:29:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andrea	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:30:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I believe the ability and opportunity to open and operate a business should be free, and is not the decision of the government. The success or failure of the business is dependant on the entrepeneur.	Gerald	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:31:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lou	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:33:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tyron	Limpopo	

	2025-11-24 10:34:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I hereby object to the preferential licensing provisions contained in the draft Business Licensing Bill published by the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition. While the objective of broadening economic participation is important, embedding preferential treatment within a licensing regime creates several serious concerns: Licensing should be an objective regulatory process concerned with compliance, safety, and transparency. Introducing demographic or preferential criteria risks distorting fair competition by granting advantages unrelated to business capability or regulatory compliance. Terms such as “disadvantaged groups” or “previously excluded areas” are insufficiently defined in the draft Bill. This lack of clarity invites inconsistent application, administrative discretion, and the potential for arbitrary or politically motivated decisions. A preferential licensing system—no matter how well intentioned—may effectively discriminate against certain applicants, creating new barriers to entry instead of reducing them. This runs counter to the constitutional principle of equal treatment in administrative action. Many municipalities already struggle with administrative capacity and revenue shortfalls. A preferential system that requires fee reductions or waived requirements may place additional strain on licensing authorities, slowing down approvals for all applicants. Licensing is a compliance tool, not an economic-redistribution mechanism. Socio-economic support for historically disadvantaged entrepreneurs is better pursued through targeted support programmes—not through altering the neutrality of the licensing framework itself. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the preferential licensing provisions be withdrawn or substantially revised. Lice	Alex	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:35:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacs	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:37:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		andrew	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:38:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Roderick	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:39:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ronelle	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:39:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petrus	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-24 10:42:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape and one's license can be cancelled on a whim. How do you build up a going concern with all these rules.	stella		
	2025-11-24 10:42:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The new Business Licensing Bill.....We already have the BIBC that is owned and managed by the major Trade Unions in South Africa FORCING all Employers in the Building Industry to join without consent and against their will. Now you want other so called Inspectors (Qualification unknown) to Vett Employers or Businesses? you dont think this opens the door to more hand shakes and bribes? What on earth is going on? Municipalities cant manage the water and electricity issues now you want to add to their work load? How do you anticipate this is going to work with the Taxi Industry that only works with cash and dont pay VAT and Income Tax and PAYE, First fix what is broken first !!!!!!!How much money is Government losing from the Taxi Industry???? This is disgusting This is only going to increase unemployment in SA !!!	Kathy	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 10:43:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		PAUL		retired
	2025-11-24 10:43:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vanessa	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-24 10:44:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Antonio	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:45:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will effect business owners that often have signed leases and even franchise agreements tied to the lease agreement. This is also BEE in disguise and aimed to disadvantaging white business owners and a direct violation of a constitutional right to work and be a business owner. Another race based law to push out whites and another violation of a constitutional right. It will stop people investing in businesses, the risk in business is already high, this will make the balancing of the risk in business far to high and not worth it.	Colin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:45:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eben	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 10:46:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ricardo	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:46:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This system could allow for corruption by only giving licenses to individuals who are prepared to bribe officials. We need to prevent corruption - it harms the poor people the most.	Ian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:47:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Barry	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 10:48:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill has opportunity for tremendous misuse. There are enough race based laws. What systems are there to protect business against misuse. There are an array of other laws that can address all matters that this bill would like to address.	Reuben	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:48:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		elizabeth		
	2025-11-24 10:49:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am not happy with the potential discrimination that the draft Business Licensing Bill will allow. It is unconstitutional.	Irma	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:49:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jeannine	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:50:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sharon	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:50:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Richard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:50:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andrew	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:50:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As a white South African I will not open a business here in SA just because of the already unfair BBEEE policy. Saying that, I am currently looking to relocate and open up a business in another country because I want to employ people on their merit and not skin colour. I am saying no for my fellow white South African's.	johanna	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:51:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Piet	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:51:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		trish		
	2025-11-24 10:52:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Too much state interference and ongoing corruption and race bias make this a definite no-no.	Tjaart	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 10:52:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tawheda		
	2025-11-24 10:52:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There's no way to rule innocent men. The only power government has is the power to crack down on criminals.” “A society that robs an individual of the product of his effort…is…but a mob held together by institutionalized gang-rule.”	Russell		employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:53:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill is going to create big problems for South African businesses owners.	Matthew	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:54:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Saffron	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 10:54:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Apartheid style licensing based on race is unconstitutional.	PIETER	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:54:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Too much regulation of small business.	Matthew	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:55:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	With this proposed bill it once again opens up multiple channels for corruption and bias by the ANC government. It is not impartial and no root level constraints exist preventing it from becoming another major level stream from which to misappropriate funds from and hold power over legitimate businesses right to develop, produce and trade.	Jason	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:55:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shaun	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:57:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wena	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 10:59:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	money making scheme also creating unemployment.	Richard	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:59:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I'm very uncomfortable with the proposed bill for 2 main reasons: - 1. Preferential licensing would mean that Municipalities would have the ability to prevent a pre-established business from continuing to operate based on non-business focused criteria which could mean the loss of assets and business revenue for the owner, loss of jobs to effected employees and removal of some services from the marketplace. Really a very poor idea and proposed by people with little understanding of business in the real world. 2. Yet more onerous and unproductive administrative work for small and medium size enterprises.	Kerry	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:01:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill opens the door to discrimination and corruption. It will severely impact the economic livelihoods of small business owners and the economy at large. It also reeks of xenophobia.	Colin	Western Cape	self-employed

	2025-11-24 11:01:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:02:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Engela	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:05:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gail	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:08:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jane	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:08:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		philip	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:09:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		FRED	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:10:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is a direct infringement on the freedom of trade in a democratic society. This type of “regulation” borders on communism and opens the door wide for even more race and demographic based discrimination.	Helen	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:10:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Camilah	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:11:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dietrich	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:11:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Amanda	North West	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 11:11:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We are trying to build our country NOT tear it down with more hoops to jump though that take away our rights!	Mandi	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:11:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will just involve more red tape. People will eventually buy their licenses as corruption and theft will plague this new legislation.	Diana	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:13:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am so over BEEE so now they want some more of it from the backdoor ? More red tape. More rent seeking. As a self employed environmental consultant who already does not get one IOTA of South African government contract business I say NO NO NO	Susanne	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:14:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Estelle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:14:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape. Who and how will this be policed? What about all the micro enterprises in the townships, hair salons, Cell Phone sellers, Meat and veg vendors etc etc, are they all going to have to receive a license to trade? I think NOT!	Peter	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:15:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacobus	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:15:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It works, why change it?	callen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:16:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pepeto	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:16:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I believe the bill will allow the government to have more control over businesses that do not fully comply with BEE legislation and will use non compliance with BEE as preferencial paramameters for granting licenses to businesses that do comply vs ones who do not	Wiehahn	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:16:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not agree with more BEE	Koos		
	2025-11-24 11:16:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pieter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:17:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	RACIST LAW	T	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:18:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gillian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:18:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:19:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vernon	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:20:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The governments proposed intervention from Religious license's to Business license's is a direct move away from a Democratic state to a Socialist state, and will encourage bad governance and even more disenfranchisement of certain demographic groups.	Vivienne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:20:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leslie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:20:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will kill whatever legitimate business activity there is left in South Africa. This form of manipulation of business at municipal level government is Tailor-made for the corrupt opportunity of cadres who have previously not had their slice of the pie. We’re a fundamentally corrupt society; when the fish is rotten at the head etc …	Marius	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:21:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Diane	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 11:21:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The Bill should deal more robustly with "harm" and "potential harm" industries, such as scrap metal dealers, some of which operate as licensed "fences" for cable thieves.	Barry	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:21:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marinell	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:22:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Louise	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:23:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Godwin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:23:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is a BEE Check by our Government aimed at a minority group as usual. The Majority will laugh this off !	Andre	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 11:23:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Neal	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:24:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another effort by the ANC to gain control of business along with their Marxist ideologies. They will continue to destroy the economy to the detriment of all South African citizens apart from the ANC connected cronies	Norman	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:27:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mhleli	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 11:28:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As per selection - leaves room for unfair discrimination in issuing of licenses - with an even more absurd powers to confiscate if operating while unlicensed - a double-edged sword aimed at absolute and dangerous control over the livelihoods of current business owners and that of potential entrepreneurs! So what Gov is doing is actually controlling who participates in licensed trade - the state is too corrupt and inefficient to be given such powers. It MUST be stopped!	Shannon	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 11:28:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:30:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Praying that this is revised to include all business owners who are willing to invest their time, money and expertise to make this country prosper once again.	Susan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:30:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Russel	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:31:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I think its unconstitutional that the system has the right to discrimate by predetermined factors such as nationally/ background as this will be used to full advantage by those in charge unfairly discriminating against legitimate business owners in favour of those who the system decides should benefit. This is nothing more than control and legalised corruption.	Mark	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 11:35:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		gerro	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:35:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brian		
	2025-11-24 11:35:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brian		
	2025-11-24 11:37:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		JEFFREY	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:38:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is not constitutional to be able to choose who receives a business licence and who doesn't. Everybody who applies should receive one.	Jann	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:38:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	easy way to oppress minority groups no guarantee of fairness across different classes and social structures more laws that can prevent good people from earning an honest living in difficult times and being penalised if they have more initiative than employment options.	Dyani	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 11:40:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 11:41:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is simply another hair brained law to control businesses and of course introduce limits and licensing fees. Businesses should be free, within the law, to operate without government interference! BEE has already destroyed normal sane hiring practices and in so doing, caused the brain drain and burgeoning diaspora of SA citizens thereby destroying family lives while enriching receiving countries. I say NO!	Jeff	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 11:42:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charmaine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:42:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It would be detrimental for jobs and investment.	Melitza	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-24 11:42:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charmaine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:43:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As if BEE wasn’t suffocating us enough the ANC still fonds new ways to strangle the economy.	Tayne	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual

	2025-11-24 11:44:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ingo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:46:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill is. PURE RACISM in disguise !! White people are not allowed to be employed in South Africa, now we will be banned from owning businesses ALSO !!	Siegfried	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 11:47:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This proposed law on business licensing is nothing more than bureaucratic overreach. We don’t need more red tape choking entrepreneurs—we need fewer laws, not more. Streamline the process, cut the unnecessary hurdles, and stop manufacturing cadre jobs under the guise of regulation. Business thrives on freedom, not on layers of pointless compliance.	Eugene	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:49:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I see that the payment of fee to the many authorites as yet another form of taxation without any real practical benefits. Conducting a small busness drowns in licences required e.g. bySAHPA which also require ISO certification. Each requirement comes at a significant cost., creating overwhelming administrative obligations before the being able to focus on business objectes thus limiting the ability to create employment opportunities. The focus should be on education to achieve productive competence irrespective of race.	Walter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 11:49:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I object to a law that will preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Connall	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:50:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Many International Co's have withdrawn from S.A, and still the Govt want to impose the renamed failing BBBEE onto the business sector. Create jobs instead of handouts.	Barend	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:50:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Many International Co's have withdrawn from S.A, and still the Govt want to impose the renamed failing BBBEE onto the business sector. Create jobs instead of handouts.	Barend	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:50:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shaun	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:51:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petrus		
	2025-11-24 11:54:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lukas	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:54:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lukas	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 11:55:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The new bill open doors for corruption, extortion and all kinds of new evils. Our system as is, works perfectly well, but BEEE is killing the economy. This new bill will only make things worse. I recommend returning to old business practices they worked best. Too much red tape, will discourage new business.	Maria	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:56:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mino	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:56:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Most businesses are already registered through the CIPC, and amongst the professions, licensed through the respective statutory bodies, along with professional registration giving them the 'right/license' to practice. This is just another opportunity to control, discriminate, get fees, award tenders to the 'comrades', set up an agency to employ the unemployable cadres, and extract more tax from the overtaxed private sector to fund an over-bloated bureaucracy. Another nail in the coffin of the freedom we celebrate on 27 April every year under the noose of ANC misgovernance. Our freedom is being traded to fund ANC's greed for power and money.	Dean		
	2025-11-24 11:59:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Many issues ... 1. Preferential licensing is a tool for social engineering (which may be a noble pursuit) BUT guarantees a worse product 2. This will stifle business innovation. Starting a new business is challenging ... this will push marginal (but useful) new ideas away from execution 3. Added regulatory overheads with no discernable benefit. What is the objective of this process ? We have a comprehensive legal system dealing with fraud, service etc.	LEON	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:06:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will further restrict Business and thus the Economy and thus Increase Unemployment	Jordan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:06:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We have seen Stae Capture, now seeing SAPS Capture, the next will be Small Bussiness Capture as licences will be awarded by LOCAL MUNICIPAL INSPECTORS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is nothing but BEE in disguise, aimed at destroying small businesses. To date the ANC has destroyed our economy by having financially crippling policies passed. THIS WILL ACCELERATE THE DOWNWARDS SPIRAL AND MUST STOP NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Kevin	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 12:07:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is no hope that the informal business society could be policed. Access to these kinds of businesses, are hazardous Police is afraid to police it. History over an extended period of time, during the apartheid regime as well as thereafter, have learned that none of the Local; provincial and national Government, can be trusted to deal with the issues; questions and stumbling blocks in a no bias manner. This have led to poor service delivery. The previously disadvantaged; the poor and the unskilled will be pushed towards the sidelines of business even more. They most possibly will lose any chance of becoming self-sufficient. Their chance of doing business will most possibly be diminished to zero.	Petrus	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:11:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Derek	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:11:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I feel that the new business licensing laws proposed by the government are unworkable and potentially damaging for jobs and investment in South Africa.	Margaux	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:11:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I feel that as a white owned Microenterprise, the potential is there that I may be marginalized	Serena		employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:12:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Willem	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:14:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rhodes		
	2025-11-24 12:16:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	What about all the businesses that do not even pay vat or paye or any taxes for that matter. We are soft targets, we abide by the rules and regulations and now there is another form of payment to the government....for what? My business is licenced already, I pay the fees that is required. This is just another way for the goverment to steal money from us. We struggle each month to keep our doors open by abiding with the rules and regulations, now ore red tape, giving people the authoroty over my business that has been going for almost 30 years, and THEY, can decide if I can trade!!! What is next? Pathetic that this should even be considered. Help us small businesses to thrive so we can grow the economy, don't choke us even more!!	Johan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:17:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter		
	2025-11-24 12:22:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Maria	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:23:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I believe that this just another way of enforcing another beeeeee system. If you dont fit the criteria you could be blocked for a licence to trade. What guarantte does the public have and what will be the cost?. Will this new department be formed and the cost thereof be funded by the municipality ? Can we expect to have just another rates increase or another loaded bill ?	Howard		
	2025-11-24 12:24:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		GJ		
	2025-11-24 12:24:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mary Lilian	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 12:24:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mary Lilian	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 12:25:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Evelyn		
	2025-11-24 12:28:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another guise for BEE. Small businesses struggle to survive as it is. This bill will likely shut down many more small businesses and is discriminatory. Don't support government interference at all.	Christine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:29:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Once again, we are introducing a bill to control who is eligible to own a business or obtain a business license. Another law to add to the 140+ laws to control white people from working or owning a business. Secondly how are they going to control all the street hawkers, these people struggle to make ends meet never mind having to pay for a license to trade. This will increase the unemployment figures to astronomical proportions as given how efficient the municipalities are at present, business licenses may take months to obtain, and people may never get a license. Let's not even mention the opportunity this is going to create for corruption to thrive. This is a "pie in the sky" idea or very cleverly thought out by all the Tenderpreneurs sitting in high places in government. Definitely a NO from me.	Neville	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:30:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Open to corruption	Jennifer	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-24 12:31:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Good Day, After reviewing the summary of the proposed Business Licensing Bill, my position is No, I do not support the Bill in its current form. There are several reasons: Excessive Administrative Burden The requirement for every business in South Africa—regardless of size or sector—to apply for and renew a licence every five years adds unnecessary red tape. This will increase operational costs and slow down business activity, especially for small and medium enterprises. Risk to Jobs and Investment The broad concerns raised by economists and business groups are valid: additional licensing hurdles may discourage investment, hinder new business formation, and ultimately impact employment. Unworkable Implementation Municipalities already struggle with service delivery and administrative backlogs. Expecting them to process and enforce millions of licences within strict timelines is unrealistic and likely to create delays and uncertainty. Overreach in Enforcement Powers The powers granted to inspectors—such as confiscating goods and issuing fines on the spot—create opportunities for inconsistent enforcement and abuse, further destabilising the business environment. Potentially Discriminatory Provisions As highlighted by NEASA, the elements that introduce “preference systems” risk becoming another layer of indirect BEE enforcement. This could unfairly exclude groups of people from obtaining licences based on demographic criteria rather than compliance or capability. Better Alternatives Already Exist South Africa already has multiple business registration, tax, and regulatory frameworks (CIPC, SARS, municipal by-laws). Instead of adding a new licensing layer, government should focus on streamlining and modernising what already exists. For these reasons, I cannot support the Bill in its current published form. Kind regards, Izak	Izak	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:31:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pierre	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:34:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This system will enable more nepotism.	Ernst	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:35:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way of excluding certain parts of the community from sharing in business	Noel	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 12:38:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am concerned about it all. Municipalities are not being managed properly and how would they be able to cope with this as well. Also they then have the power to stop any business from getting a license. It just makes business so much harder as the law isn't enforced on everyone just targets some people. They are just going to take more of our hard earned money to employ more people.	Dawn	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:40:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The ANC led government (which includes the other smaller GNU's under the ANC umbrella) wants to prohibit WHITE PEOPLE from owning and running their successful businesses in order to take away their basic human rights of providing for their families and the families of their workers. FO ANC & GNU, you pathetic insignificant oxygen thieving rats.	ISABEL	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 12:41:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chantal	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 12:41:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jac	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:41:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will simply the people who are Civil Servants to have even more control over the economic generating populous. It seems this Government is committed to an act of suicide.	Mike	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-24 12:42:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		jOANNE		
	2025-11-24 12:45:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cecile	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:45:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marjorie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:49:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Apart from preferential and corrupt business license granting, this bill will stifle the little investor sentiment and business left in the country. It is an absurd bill and will destroy businesses and create more poverty in south africa.	Riaan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:49:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will instigate further corruption and bribery by municipality officials	Herbert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:49:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:50:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another communist inspired process. No civil servant should or is Andy Mashaile can make a judgement on other peoples business ideas. Also another extractive tax!	Robert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:52:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charmaine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:53:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rohan	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-24 12:54:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:55:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:55:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	To Whom It May Concern, I wish to express my strong concern regarding the draft Business Licensing Bill, which introduces yet another layer of unnecessary red tape for legitimate businesses. Instead of supporting economic growth, this Bill places additional strain on the very organisations that provide income and employment to thousands of South African families. A further major concern is that a national licensing system could easily become a mechanism to enforce additional compliance requirements in future — including BEE thresholds, ownership criteria, or procurement targets. Once businesses require a licence simply to trade, such conditions can be added at any stage, creating a powerful tool that may restrict or even prevent compliant companies from operating if they cannot meet shifting policy demands. Once again, law-abiding businesses are being wrapped in bureaucracy, making normal trading more difficult while the real issues — illegal operations, weak enforcement, and a lack of accountability — remain unaddressed. This Bill risks slowing economic growth, increasing operational costs, and discouraging investment and job creation. South Africa needs policies that enable businesses to grow, not more administrative hurdles that suffocate them. I urge policymakers to reconsider the practical impact of this Bill and remove requirements that burden the very businesses keeping our economy alive.	Bea	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:55:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Piet		self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:56:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No, No and No!!!	MARIO	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:56:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is simply BEE in disguise. Totally discriminatory.	Spike	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 12:57:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The level of control as to who may do what and when in terms of business opportunities and growth in communities. Before they create more laws and potential paperwork, they must master that which they already have. Endless issues with UIF and COIDA.	L		
	2025-11-24 12:57:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another control mechanism that is actually just BEEE in disguise	m	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 13:00:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The municipalities can’t even do their current jobs. How are they going to cope with this extra admin and responsibility. This is not at all a viable option.	Magdalene	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:01:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		ingrid	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-24 13:02:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This new process is very open to above. This is not modernisation but adding multiple layers of red tape, hampering business. Small businesses will particularly be impacted. This will impact job creation. Would businesses with multiple branches have to register at multiple municipalitiies - this makes no sense. The overall registration should be centralised. Municipalities should only be involved in zoning, i.e. a municipal process would make sense for Industrial / Production businesses, but not businesses that provide services. We need to simplify the process, not make it more complex.	Zelda	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:03:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	South Africa is currently lawless - with those in power breaking most of the laws and they are being shown to be corrupt. Why add another law to a lawless society? This is just another law to control innocent, law abiding citizens from making a legitimate living. Disgusting proposed law	J	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 13:03:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Instead of making it easier for businesses to operate, create jobs and pay the most needed salaries, they make it even more difficult. What they acutally create, is another way for corrupted officials to get bribes. Because that is what a lot of businesses will do to get the needed license. What is next??	Gerhard		
	2025-11-24 13:05:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charles		
	2025-11-24 13:05:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not agree with any further licences being given out as it will definitely be a BBBEEEE situation and wanting a piece of the pie. NO to any new business licence at all. It is quite rediculous and above all, the municipalities don;t do their jobs now how on earth could they cope with this new licence. Definitely NO. What next will the ANC come up with its only to fill their pockets more and more corruption happening.	Lynn	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:06:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Control , control ! Cripple the small people , empower the rich !	Margo		
	2025-11-24 13:06:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Meyburgh	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:07:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Tis is just another form of over reach of government and will lead to discrimination and stalled job creation	Gareth	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:07:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bruce	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:09:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 13:10:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Its absolute nonsense BEE will be the downfall of this country	Chris	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:11:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Over regulation and racial bias in disguise.	Peter	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:12:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It's going to be used for strangling certain demographics of the population just like BEE. To hell with your race-based laws.	Gert		employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:14:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	He'll no!!!	Lionel		employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:15:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	How many more obstacles will you put in honest peoples way! How about spending time and our tax money on THINKING about doing something about the ILLIGAL venders and business people. LEAVE the HONEST people alone!	Tracey	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 13:16:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	So, the slimy cANCer is again working at killing white owned businesses and forcing legal business owners to appoint who the cANCer deem to be the correct candidate for positions. We do not need any registry. More people are going to leave our country and more people will lose their employment. Just another racially driven bill to force white people out of business. When are you going to focus on helping new businesses to be created and helped to succeed? Why are you out to destroy everything people have worked hard for? NO, NO and again NO!!! Stay out of private businesses.	Henk		
	2025-11-24 13:17:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Justen		self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:20:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	How am I gona be motivated to start a business if someone has so much say over how starting a business is hard stop trying to force unnecessary hard thing and try and promote business and investment so that the community and country's whealth can grow	Willem	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:21:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Deidre	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:21:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	NO!!!! definitely NO!!	Theo	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 13:26:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Allow government more control to misuse their powers and unfairness also make more room for corruption, mafia, organized crimes, syndicates and cripple the economy	Gideon	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 13:28:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As an entrepreneur who has worked extensively in entrepreneurship as an alternative to job creation this represents a further compliance requirement to constrain free trade! No!!! Strongly object.	Margy	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:31:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Micah	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:32:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Al	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:34:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		CHANTELLE	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 13:36:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities are a nightmare to deal with and all this red tape does not promote economic activity. Powers of municipalities and inspectors are much too wide. This opens the door to discrimination.	Justine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 13:38:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Valerie		retired
	2025-11-24 13:40:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cornelius	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:41:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Niël		
	2025-11-24 13:41:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eugene	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:44:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andrew	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:44:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		antony	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:49:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leonie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:49:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A preferential licensing based on race, education, class or creed is classist and racist. We just had a G20 in which one of the themes is equity. Preferential licensing is the definition of being non-equitable. It's disgusting that it is even a part of the proposal.	Mitchel	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:50:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	What would make this a success if so much of government systems already fail? I agree that the provisions are likely nothing but BEE in disguise. Unemployment is sky high. Large corporations and SOEs are not creating new jobs, so the job creation lies with small and medium enterprises. Many don't want to employ people because of all the red tape in place already. This will be just more red tape.	Daniël	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 13:52:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ralph	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:54:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	What stupidity!!!! More power to illiterate, stupid people! And more job losses! What absolute, complete bullshit!!!	Suzette	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:57:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 13:58:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Raeesah	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:01:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kantha	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:02:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen		
	2025-11-24 14:04:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Not only preferential licensing, but again increased Red tape. Red tape and bureaucracy is killing business, which is the main driver for employment. No wander we as a country has such huge un-employment.	Rene	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:04:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is a concern that this will favour certain businesses from operating, furthering the corruption that already exists in South Africa.	Ric		
	2025-11-24 14:08:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		S F	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 14:08:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. It risks: • Increasing bureaucracy • Fueling corruption • Hindering investment • Damaging job creation • Undermining constitutional rights • Impeding SME development • Suppressing economic growth For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further	Henk		
	2025-11-24 14:09:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Greg	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-24 14:10:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		VANESSA	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:12:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		André	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 14:13:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jennifer	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 14:14:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Why change a system that's working? Local municipalities do not have the capacity and expertise to handle this, leaving room for more errors and corrupt officials.	Vivienne	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:14:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Why change a system that's working? Local municipalities do not have the capacity and expertise to handle this, leaving room for more errors and corrupt officials.	Vivienne	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:17:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am against any form of Preferential Licencing, especially because it holds the potential to disqualify an established business from obtaining a licence to continue operating purely on the basis of race or colour. The government refuses to acknowledge the absurdity of their race based laws despite numerous studies that have shown how BEE and BBBEE have simply failed to produce economic growth or the type of harmonious (a word they like to use despite no evidence of it resulting from laws but rather from individuals practicing it voluntarily) inclusion envisaged. Instead we have the highest unemployment in the world and a black majority struggling to survive under a black elite class. But that is exactly the downfall of the purely socialist mindset that shuns economic freedom and tries, as with legislation such as is proposed here, to control far too much in a centralised way.	David	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 14:17:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Janine	Northern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 14:19:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Michael		
	2025-11-24 14:20:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE SCAM	Peter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:21:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dianec	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:23:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There will be more unfair legislations again against business who have been going for years and years and doing well and giving jobs to people.	Linda		
	2025-11-24 14:25:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be unfair legislation to people already having good businesses for years and years and supplying jobs to people.	Linda	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:25:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Further restrictions on businesses making it more difficult to do business in South Africa	Peter	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 14:28:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lurika	Free State	student
	2025-11-24 14:28:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I object to every aspect of this licensing bill. Businesses are already being taxed to the stage where many have had to close down.	Felicity	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:28:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I object to every aspect of this licensing bill. Businesses are already being taxed to the stage where many have had to close down.	Felicity	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:29:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another stepping-stone and foothold for Inspectors to discriminate unfairly and fall prey to bribery and corruption. Many Municipalities are already corrupt and this just opens yet another door for unfair and unscrupulous bribery and race descrimination . Anyone who has a business idea and motivation should be allowed the opportunity to pursue their dreams and goals.	Elaine	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:29:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I will be abused to serve government agendas.	Bernard	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:30:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paula	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 14:30:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE in disguise.	Michael	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:31:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses are under such pressure and will suffer even more.	Heidi	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 14:33:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ina		
	2025-11-24 14:33:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Yvette	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:34:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mike		
	2025-11-24 14:37:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 14:37:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 14:39:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ken	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 14:44:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Small family sole prop businesses and some small PTY family nusinesses with less than 10 people, will they need to apply for this. PTY busiinesses already pay fees to CIPRO. Its taking income of the table and workers will lose their jobd. More unemployment	Rina		self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:47:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape to put stumbling blocks for existing businesses and entrepreneurs. More exploitation.	HELEN		
	2025-11-24 14:48:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christel		
	2025-11-24 14:49:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I DO NOT SUPPORT ANY BILL WHICH HAS ANY RACE OR DEMOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.	HENDRIK	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 14:52:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I in theory have a cake business. Two, three orders a month, some months none at all. And for this I need a license? Not worth it. I can just as well pack it in	Karen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:53:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	there should be no devisive DEI, BBBBEEEEE or other preferential factors, or cost	denzil	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:55:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill sounds highly discriminatory, open to abuse and provides no certainty for business owners at all. It sounds almost like the powers of a dictatorship which is of great concern. This Bill WILL NOT encourage people to open businesses, will be open to bribery (yet again) to retain licenses and keeps BEE in the headlights which we are all trying to get rid of because of the biased and illegal filtering of money to an 'elite few' in government with no benefit whatsoever to the population at large. Incredible how the thought processes of current business STILL undermine the country and growth for all.	Dr Beverley		
	2025-11-24 14:56:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Business is already struggling. This much red tape will kill it all together. Make running a business easy, not difficult.	Nerina		
	2025-11-24 15:00:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		johan	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 15:01:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Matt		
	2025-11-24 15:03:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As a current business owner, preferential licensing is a major concern. It is completely discriminatory to accept or decline my business license based on my demographics. Not only would this affect my own livelihood, but the livelihood for those who have filled jobs I have been able to create. Additionally, this bill would open up many more doors for the proliferation of corruption.	Siobhan		
	2025-11-24 15:07:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	With all thr corruption and "tenders" in our Country, this will just open doors for more corruption, bribery and racism.	Lana	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 15:07:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	With all thr corruption and "tenders" in our Country, this will just open doors for more corruption, bribery and racism.	Lana	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 15:08:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 15:08:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am totally opposed to any legislation which continues to use race as an exclusionary factor.	Ian	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 15:10:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mymuna	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:13:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Susan		
	2025-11-24 15:17:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another avenue for corrupt politicians to murder the economy	Dalene	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:21:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Why does one need a license to run a business. Business are already registered. The government is making it harder for one to earn a living. Should the municipality fail to issue one a license , how is one going to support ones family as businesses are closing every day do to selfish and inconsiderate laws.	Grorge	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:25:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		sharon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 15:25:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anna-Marie	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 15:29:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ivor	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 15:33:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government is far overreaching . They have no business in anyone elses business. We all see this for what it is - control. Control to steal more money and control for more racist policies through deciding who is allowed to make a living. This really is the worst government this country has ever had.	Lyle	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 15:33:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Don	Eastern Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-24 15:33:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melanie	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-24 15:36:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Yet another government vehicle for discriminatory control. Discourages existing businesses and deters new business creation . Consequently not promoting economic growth and more jobs.	Colleen	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 15:41:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Trudie		
	2025-11-24 15:43:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I have no confidence that this proposed bill will benefit the average South African citizen regardless of race . I do believe it will harm South African citizens , government is falling at every level. Leave business to operate so that we can grow our economy.	Jacques	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:43:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Georgina		
	2025-11-24 15:43:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The latest attempt by a totally overburdened and totally underperforming ANC government to place even more restrictions on and prevent private enterprise from making a difference in the business world where there will be job creation and economic growth. The ANC government cannot control basic licensing such as drivers' licences, identity documents. and passport control as it is. Street vendors is an exellent example of the major chaos nationally. Local municipalities are unable to control the basic day-to-day functions such as cleaning parks, streets etc with mismanagement and financial constraints mostly because of fraud and corruption and to be expected to make good decisions in this respect is totally laughable!!!!	Jaco	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:44:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Valerie		
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	2025-11-24 15:46:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will only open the door for more racist oriented red tape as well as corruption.	Johann	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 15:46:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Business licensing should never be race-based.	Gareth	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:48:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This would open the door for more corruption	Dale		
	2025-11-24 15:54:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I strongly oppose the Draft Business Licensing Bill . While the stated goal of modernising legislation and creating a uniform system is commendable, the proposed Bill is fundamentally flawed and poses a severe threat to South Africa’s economy, especially for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) which are the critical engine for job creation. ? Core Dangers and Potential for Abuse The Bill is dangerous because it injects excessive bureaucratic control and political objectives directly into the licensing process, opening the door wide for corruption, discrimination, and economic stagnation. "BEE in Disguise" & Preferential Licensing: The inclusion of preferential licensing for "disadvantaged groups and areas," as noted by business bodies like Neasa, is highly alarming. By embedding undefined socio-political objectives into a neutral regulatory function, the Bill risks becoming a mechanism for exclusionary discrimination based on demographic or national background, effectively making it "BEE in disguise." This approach violates the principle of a free and fair market, making eligibility arbitrary and increasing the opportunity for political favouritism and outright corruption in the granting of licenses. Regulatory Overreach and Bureaucratic Burden: The requirement for every business to obtain a five-year municipal licence creates an immense, unnecessary compliance burden. This will disproportionately affect informal traders, start-ups, and already struggling SMEs, forcing many to divert critical time and resources from their core business. The process is likely to be slow, adding costs, complexity, and further red tape to an already over-regulated environment, which will stifle entrepreneurship and investment. Sweeping Powers for Inspectors: The Bill grants broad, discretionary powers to inspectors—including the right to demand proof of licence at any time, issue fines, and confiscate goods—allegedly without sufficient judicial oversight. This v	Graeme		
	2025-11-24 15:55:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 15:57:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another way for government too control private businesses gain more money .	Lynda	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 15:58:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities are already dysfunctional; how can they handle such a critical aspect. It will hinder economic growth even more. It will lead to more corruption and unnecessary control over those who try to energize the economy.	Marietta		
	2025-11-24 16:01:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Race based discrimination in yet another area. The Bill will become a mechanism for exclusionary discrimination based on demographic or national background. Nothing else than driving the BEE narrative.	Hannes	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:02:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities are already dysfunctional; how can they handle such a critical aspect. It will hinder economic growth even more. It will lead to more corruption and unnecessary control over those who try to energize the economy.	Marlene	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 16:07:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities are already not functioning why should they be able to handle this competently and ethically?	Julette	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:15:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Danie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 16:16:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	there are already so many compliance requirements from business owners. we dont need more when we trying to drive entrepreneurship.	Hugh	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:20:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	How to destroy South Africa? Implement Business Licensing!	Caspar	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:24:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Joanna	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 16:26:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Henk	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 16:28:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The CIPC is already in place why MORE and MORE possibility of corruption.	Elaine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 16:34:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wilco	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 16:34:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Trevor	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:35:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alastair	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 16:38:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way that government is trying to strangle businesses. Instead of coming up with ways of GROWING business.....	Michelle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:47:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tasha	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 16:48:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Margaretha		retired
	2025-11-24 16:48:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christo	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:56:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frederic		
	2025-11-24 16:56:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Old story; Creating jobs for their buddies	Clarence	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 17:03:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pam	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 17:04:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be open to further abuse and restrictions. Disadvantaged individuals also need fewer hurdles to start businesses.	Robert	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:09:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		William	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 17:09:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ingo	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 17:15:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Besides the preferential treatment, it opens yet many loop holes for government to poke their sticky fingers into and continue pilfering from state coffers!! NO! Enough is Enough!	Delia	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:20:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As with everything BEE wil be used to discriminate.	Dick	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 17:21:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jean		retired
	2025-11-24 17:22:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. This will be open to further abuse and restrictions. Disadvantaged individuals also need fewer hurdles to start businesses.	Francois	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:22:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Franz	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-24 17:28:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leon	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 17:30:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		ferdinand	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:30:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hendrika	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:36:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential Decision??!!! So some unknown municipal official has the right to decide **IF** I can be in business or not??!!??? NO NO NO!!!	Zane	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 17:46:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vivian	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:49:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This licensing model will benefit only the few who grease palms, this will stint small business growth and entrepreneurship.	adele	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-24 17:49:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gavin	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:59:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Edward	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-24 17:59:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Floris		
	2025-11-24 18:02:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is a gross intrusion of private rights to operate a business in the free market and it opens up to discrimination.	Brian		
	2025-11-24 18:03:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mitch	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-24 18:03:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elise	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 18:04:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Fanie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 18:05:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		CARO	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 18:09:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Try and get the informal settlements economy under goverment control. That is where the money is currently. They do not even pay taxes and no paper trails for any transactions?	Riaan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 18:09:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andrew	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 18:10:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This looks like another scheme to fleece anyone who has a business. Why don't the people thinking up these schemes rather do some proper work, instead of trying to re-invent the wheel!!!! At the end of the day this will be race based.	Bernice	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 18:11:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Laszlo	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 18:11:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses need to stay as deregulated as possible to encourage people to start a business. Over-regulation creates a space for bribery and corruption and favour/exclude certain persons/groups	David	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 18:12:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bavashnee	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 18:13:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses need to stay as deregulated as possible to encourage people to start a business. Over-regulation creates a space for bribery and corruption and favour/exclude certain persons/groups	Sandra	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 18:17:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Denise	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 18:17:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	B-BBEE is discrimination against Whites, needs to be stoped	Liezel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 18:17:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	B-BBEE is discrimination against Whites, needs to be stoped	Liezel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 18:20:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nelia	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 18:20:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses must stay deregulated	Elise	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 18:21:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Central gvmnt inserting themselves as a stakeholder in business can only be counter productive. Politicians must stay in their lanes and leave business alone.	Clive	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 18:25:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kira	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 18:29:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Discrimination and condones corruption.	Welhemina		employed individual
	2025-11-24 18:40:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Blacks will get all the licenses	Lester	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 18:46:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It will not be a fair process. White business owners will be pushed out.	Jane		retired
	2025-11-24 18:53:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	we do not have any proven responsibility and accountability in the current administration for fair and just decision making,	Deirdre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 18:58:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Absolutely ridiculous. Instead of trying to help businesses and entrepreneurs from succeeding and creating jobs! They want to destroy the private sector businesses even more than they already have.	Frank	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 19:09:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marchell	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 19:15:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		DEREK	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 19:16:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will add yet another layer of red tape and unfair preferential licensing decided by some random official. This will restrict freedom if you need to depend on a licence to be able to do business. It is just another jobs for friends scheme and I am sure there will be an annual licence fee which will be collected too. More red tape and more tax! There is a perfectly good law now, leave it alone	Pieter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 19:20:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Thea	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 19:26:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johannes		
	2025-11-24 19:26:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way to force BBEE further on the businesses. BBEE does not work, and I don't want my and my people's hard-earned money to go into cadres' pockets who did nothing for the business or to make it a success. This is purely riding on people who try to build the economy back, and suck them dry. The Town Council will have too much power, and most of them are not trained in Business economics.	Leonie Booysen	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 19:32:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Glenn	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 19:32:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Glenn	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 19:37:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Raymond	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 19:44:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melville	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 19:44:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melville	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 19:53:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape. Enough is enough. This bill is not helping people open businesses and provide employment. It is ridiculous that businesses now need to seek approval from the municipality. For what reason? It will be a matter of time before money is asked to register a business. We already pay yearly to CPICC. All this control is counter-productive. What about businesses that do not have offices but are virtual - like professional services - where there are no goods but the employees' brain power? This bill must be stopped at all costs.	Regina	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 19:54:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rosalie		
	2025-11-24 19:54:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Dear Minister, I don't agree with your proposal. Absolutely not. This will damage the already fragile economy in this country. The municipalities are USELESS. Imagine waiting for them to grant you a license!? It is inconceivable and it will just open up more avenues for full blown bribery. Absolutely not!!	Lisa	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 19:58:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Red tape, incompetent municipalities, does not promote employment, but rather stunts it. This is going to ruin our economy	Lynnette		
	2025-11-24 19:59:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gavin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 20:03:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Steven	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 20:06:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Antonette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 20:06:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gavin	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 20:09:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Red tape Too much control Does not promote employment but rarher stunts it This will damage the already fragile economy in this country .Absolutely not	Robert	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-24 20:20:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Red tape Too much control Does not promote employment but rarher stunts it This will damage the already fragile economy in this country Dracinian business control is dangerous and does not promote investment and business growth. It can lead to victimization and further extortion and corruption. Overburdened municipalities can not accomodate additional administrative burdens.	Philip	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 20:35:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Adrienne	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 20:36:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As well as concerns regarding Powers of inspectors and Principles of Business Licensing.	Faan		business owner
	2025-11-24 20:37:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It's just another blatant lie from cyril and the anc (Another National Catastrophe) about being concerned for business. Actual reason why he wants it is so that successful white owned business can and will have their licences rejected at will, same as the expropriation bill. Anything illegal is what the anc is about. Just look at the smirk on cyrils' face when he talks, then you know he is lying again. This proposed bill is NOT going to be geared for the country as a whole, but only for enriched of a few pre-selected individuals. They can't do something to improve the country, so come up with stupid ideas like this one.	Steven	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 20:47:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 20:48:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill just makes no sense.	Nastassia	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 20:55:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We cannot afford to impose additional policing on businesses that are already facing challenges, particularly when it comes to inspectors who have broad powers to approve or deny business activities in South Australia. This will effectively act as another "hidden tax," hindering businesses before they even have the chance to start.	André	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 21:13:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The only question you need to ask yourself is how well does municipalities currently perform. Use any metric and it is clear they all are trash. The only metric they perform in is racial laws. Give them more power over private businesses, the only thing keeping SA afloat, and they will default to racial law enforcement.	Eduan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 21:14:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support discrimination in any way, shape or form, and this stinks of discrimination - bribery and corruption will be the order ofthe day. You can pay for almosr anything in South Africa these days and so too, you could pay the municipal cronies to get your licence - further to this, the municipalities already known for operating inefficiencies, do not have the integrity, processes or back bone to deal with licenecing in a fair , transparent and efficient manner	Kailash	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 21:22:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Thomas	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 21:27:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No this is just another form of discrimmination that will put even more people out of business in a country where people are already battling to survive - make it easier for people to start businesses and sustain themselves so that they can look after their own children do not make it more difficult - this will not stimulate the economy and will be another stumbling block that will be vulnerable to corruption. Municipalities are already not getting clean audits	Gerda	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 21:33:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mark	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 21:34:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will be another loophole for corruption by incompetent uneducated people and racial discrimination against businesses and potential business oeners. Another way to discriminate against white owned businesses or to prevent them to open a business and prevent businesses to operate on their own perks	Alida	Free State	
	2025-11-24 21:34:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leeann		
	2025-11-24 21:34:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just BEE on steroids. More racist BS by our idiot government.	Leon	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 21:40:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 21:43:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Samantha	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 21:43:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A money making non productive unsustainable and economic damaging model. Hidden racism to promote a political agenda to advance a select group.	Jeeva	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-24 21:44:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way to tax citizens who are already taxed to the limit. It's total BS and guaranteed will be ignored by a lot of people. We have a small business. We pay our taxes, are registered AT CIPC. End of. Nobody else needs to be having their ore in our business.	Kathy		self-employed
	2025-11-24 21:50:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dirk	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 21:51:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will have a very negative impact on businesses and employment as a whole. If licenses are not renewed, many will be without income and lives will be destroyed. It will have a very negative impact on the economy.	Minette	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 21:56:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another communist system forced to bankrupt all business	Leon	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-24 22:00:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Our land has normalized in doing business on their own and we have got unprevilaged people who are leaders in their family and their only option for survival is to grow a business to can feed their family and for them to get to license their businesses using the money which they themselves don't have it's not fair. Allow people to grow businesses the way they want so people can be employed.	Khuthadzo	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 22:02:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Thabelang	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 22:06:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Richard	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 22:09:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Abraham	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 22:22:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	THIS JUST ANOTHER WAY OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL, OFBEING ABLE TO FLEECE MORE MONEY AND COLLECT BRIBES FOR LICENCES, AND TO KEEP THOSE OUT WHO ARE AGAINST BEE ETC.	INGE	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 22:29:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support this	Jacob	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-24 22:29:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Unequal treatment leads to discouragement in investing. This bill will lead to missing employment opportunities by eliminating possible excluded business opportunities which might contribute better to the economy.	Willem	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 22:33:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pieter		
	2025-11-24 22:39:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sandi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 22:46:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hettie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 22:51:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The bill provides too much possibility of control and under the current abilities of the goverment (severely lacking), it does not take much logic to form the conclusion that more beaurocracy is not the answer. Many EU countries are good examples of this. Here, the highly probable impact of unequal treatment will lead to discouragement in investing and will not be fair. Our economy needs strengthening and more employment opportunities, not the increase of missed employment opportunities due to the excluion of business opportunities which might contribute better to the economy - something this bill seems to encourage.	Bereneice	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 22:51:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government stop sticking your sticky fingers in my business. Go sort out all the bribery and corruption caused by BEE tenderpreneurs that add no vale to the economy	Claudia	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 22:51:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government stop sticking your sticky fingers in my business. Go sort out all the bribery and corruption caused by BEE tenderpreneurs that add no vale to the economy	Claudia	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 23:08:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ockert		
	2025-11-24 23:39:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Licensing of businesses must be based solely on strict business models	Manilal	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 00:08:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ellie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 00:32:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Renier		
	2025-11-25 00:35:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marisa	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 00:40:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This also opens the municipality to more bribery and corruption. Also, it will delay businesses from operating due to some prejudices and as a result amount to businesses being forced to close in favour of highest bidders or even racial quotas. Indians are being discrimated against with BEE , with the new bill, it will drive entire population groups and suburbs to poverty.	Avitha	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 00:41:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 00:50:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE disguised is not for me and hasn’t changed anything for the better for anyone regardless of the demographics.	Alan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 00:58:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Julie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 01:03:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Moon	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 01:05:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will crease almost the same situation with BBBEE and PPP. The bill will only benefit polical elites instead of the people it's meant to serve.	Kagiso		
	2025-11-25 01:17:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Thea	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 02:15:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jannie	Limpopo	employed individual

	2025-11-25 02:46:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is already a database of businesses through the CIPC. This is just another charge designed to make money. This also opens the municipality to more bribery and corruption. Also, it will delay businesses from operating due to some prejudices and as a result amount to businesses being forced to close in favour of highest bidders or even racial quotas	Wendy	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 03:04:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melissa	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 03:38:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Julianna	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 04:03:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 04:26:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shaun	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 04:26:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Shaun	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 04:46:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Extended form of potentially discriminating against white owned businesses.	Marie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 04:54:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christopher	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 04:58:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cornelius	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 05:10:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Limits opportunities for employment and to.provude for ones family.	Debbie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 05:12:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lilian		
	2025-11-25 05:14:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another way to exclude presently disadvantaged whites from being excluded in trying to make a living	Gillian		self-employed
	2025-11-25 05:14:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bruce	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 05:21:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Fear of discrimination against certain race groups in South Africa . We already have too much race based laws.	Petro	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 05:23:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kathryn	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 05:24:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bernard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:33:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Robin		
	2025-11-25 05:34:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Small business should be encouraged to start and operate in South Africa. As such they need to have freedom to operate and concentrate on becoming viable rather than getting bogged down in more legislative red tape. The fact that some higher authority can control the granting of licenses will be subject to favouritism and abuse in this country. Jobs for buddies is already a problem. Now you are adding business licenses for buddies. No thanks. The government and local authorities have already proved their incompetence to provide the services they are mandated to provide efficiently and effectively. This will prove to be no different and smacks like just another revenue collection exercise.	Richard	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 05:39:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is simply mind boggling to see how race has become the BEE all and end all of every law being passed by Govt. At what stage we do just become South Africans and not called by a race first i.e. 'black' South African, etc., I have been in business for 45 years and find this period the most difficult and most anti-growth period ever. Everything is being done to disincentivise investment and job creation. Only one way for me, close down and move on	Jean	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:48:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John		
	2025-11-25 05:50:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacques	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:50:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Have we not had enough discrimination in this country?	Riaan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 05:51:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Businesses is already paying different rates in different municipalities who owe Eskom. Tax by SARS is paid also if you are registered business This will add more strain and cause business to close down.	Lester	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 05:56:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frederik	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 05:58:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Business should not be controlled in such a manner.It is a nother form of BEE.	Christo	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 05:59:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BBBEE in disguise.	Hjalmar	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 06:01:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pierre	North West	retired
	2025-11-25 06:01:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pierre	North West	retired
	2025-11-25 06:16:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I lost my career and income due to the Department of Trade and industry's lack of foresight and incompetence. Now I have to generate an income through starting my own business in a climate of economic stagnation. To top it off, now the requirements for a license, with the intention of "inclusion", thus giving someone with no imagination, will or initiative a free pass. I am all for educating someone who may take their skills further and develop their own opportunities. I am not available as a free ride. Show me the willingness and enthusiasm and I will share.	Etienne	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:17:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:17:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:17:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Beth	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 06:21:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Growth of our economy is essential for the well being of all South Africans. South Africans are legislated to "death".	Brandon	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:23:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Yet again it seems the government will exploit this to their advantage. Spurious reasons will preclude certain applications and bribes will be sought. I have lost all faith with all institutions.	Leza	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:33:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is hard enough making a living with our corrupt overlords wanting to control everything we do. Freedom from the ANC!	Thinus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:36:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		B		
	2025-11-25 06:36:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is just for the government to control us more and I am afraid that they will tell us who to employ and how and what we should do.	Markus	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:38:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I totally agree that this is BEE in disguise and communistic.	Ingrid	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:40:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Too much control and possible abuse of government powers.	Christina	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:41:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Clarissa	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:49:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I don't support economic ruination which is what the government is wanting for this beautiful country which is so rich in resources. I am in favour of prosperity and encouraging private businesses to flourish. This is contrary to what the government supports. This legislation is just a further form of taxation for the benefit of the politicians.	Fiona	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:51:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mike	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 06:51:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mike	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 06:52:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:54:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marita	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 06:55:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It will be up to somebody who could be racist towards whites who decide to grant or refuse a license. It will most probably harm and/or prevent job creation rather than advance job creation.	Michael	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:04:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacobus		
	2025-11-25 07:06:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eugene		
	2025-11-25 07:07:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Les	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 07:07:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dewald		
	2025-11-25 07:08:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		George	Eastern Cape	business owner

	2025-11-25 07:09:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Fernando	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 07:13:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another NDR communist licence to put whites out of business! Enough is enough ! TSEK with all this BA red tape!!!	Nico	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:13:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tiaan	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:22:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another BEE attempt	Louis	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:32:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The municipalities can't even handle all it needs to be done now as it is. This will add to their tasks. Overall there are so much corruption, I see this as a new platform for more opportunities.	Ronel	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:34:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elsabe	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 07:36:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jacques	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:36:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The municipalities cannot function as it is and they are riddled with corruption and mis management. This will give them far too much power and they will just simply clone your business and get their cronies in.	Leon	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:41:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just more race requirements aimed at excluding whites.	Fanie		
	2025-11-25 07:42:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frank	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:42:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kobus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:42:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anthony	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:44:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Teresa	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 07:45:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Any law that is discriminating against anyone wanting to open a business and create employment, is not acceptable. Secondly, nowhere is informal businesses being addressed. They are people trying to earn an income to provide for their families and to their children through school and university. This law, if it does intend to regulate them as well, will cause even more unemployment.	Nic	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 07:47:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Seems like the government wants to control everything, despite of the fact that the municipalities currently are not properly controlled by the government. Our municipalities are not in a position to handle the current situation and are all bankrupt. How can you trust somebody to make a decision on your business, if they cannot even manage their own. This seems to me like only preferred businesses will be approved.	Marietjie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:50:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	this will lead to more unemployment of that I am convinced - and the end result is going to be devastated to small business owners and to the poorest of the poor	sandra d	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:50:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Greta	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:52:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		LINDA	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:54:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Donovan	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:54:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	How does this effect the small business owner or the entrepreneur doing there own thing..	Anthony	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:56:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government should rather concentrate on providing employment, housing, security and basic health services and remove illegal immigrants. Small businesses in both the formal and informal sectors create employment and opportunities and this will just be totally impractical. The municipalities cannot even provide basic services never mind deal with this over regulated proposed bill that will be more negative than positive for the entire country.	Anthony	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 07:58:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sannie		retired
	2025-11-25 07:58:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sannie		retired
	2025-11-25 07:59:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 08:00:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ig	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:00:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ig	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:01:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We have enough regulation as it is and I do not trust the system with proof over so many years of 2nd agendas behind every proposed measure.	Roelof	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 08:05:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eben	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:07:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Make every spaza shop have a license too? Won't happen. More bribery and corruption and thieving will continue.	Sheryl	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 08:12:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE in disguise. Enough of apartheid from this racist government	Margaret	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 08:13:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government is taking a very dictatorial approach in this country. This law appears aimed at controlling who may own or operate a business and opens the door for race-based legislation that could refuse licences solely because of a person's skin colour. This is something the ANC fought against, and which white citizens voted against at the first opportunity they had. The five-year licence is unacceptable and effectively interferes with the right to conduct business. Rather than making things easier, the law places additional obstacles in the way of anyone who does not fit the "right" demographic when trying to run a business.	Malcolm	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 08:16:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will create more unemployment	S	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 08:18:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cheryl	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:18:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If government wants to regulate a business so much, they should start one of their own but they do not have the ability. Now you want to stop those that can.	Grant		
	2025-11-25 08:22:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If we had an honest government , and we do not, it would be worth considering from an admin aspect. However it is a thinly veiled mechanism to extract additional taxes and increase red tape which is already drowning us as small business operators. Not to mention the ability of the Government to blackmail and simply ban certain groups from operating. We need far less Government interference as everything they currently touch turns into a disaster. A very BIG NO NO NO NO NO !	Mike	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 08:22:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		nadena	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 08:28:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Deon	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-25 08:28:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Meriam	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:28:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		SHIRLEY	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-25 08:28:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just a new form to increase unacceptable government measures for total control of citizens	Herklaas	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 08:33:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sean	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-25 08:36:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:43:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cynthia	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 08:44:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elaine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 08:46:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I oppose the proposed Business Licensing Bill because it places unnecessary administrative burdens on businesses, threatens investment, and creates broad enforcement powers that can easily be abused. A licensing system that can deny businesses the right to operate based on vague or preferential criteria is a serious risk to fairness, legal certainty, and economic growth. Instead of supporting job creation and entrepreneurship, the Bill introduces red tape and opens the door to discriminatory decision-making, which will ultimately harm South Africa's already fragile business environment.	Christiaan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:47:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The State already has too much influence in private business affairs. This bill is a thinly veiled mechanism to exclude any chosen demographic from participating in the economy or indeed making a living,	David	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:51:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tarryn		
	2025-11-25 08:51:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tarryn		
	2025-11-25 08:53:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sherry	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:59:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lizanne	Eastern Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-25 09:05:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill leaves the inspections open to corruption and bribery. They would have too much power. These elements are already present without the new bill. Certain groups will be marginalized and people will lose jobs as a result of businesses being closed down. There is already too much red tape with endless delays from incompetent beaurocracy.	Jeanette	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 09:09:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ignatius	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 09:10:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Maryke	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:10:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rudie	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:10:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Maryke	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:11:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tianette	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:11:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Restrict free trade	Muhammad	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:14:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Helen	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 09:18:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support policies that promote a national, socialist and communist agenda.	Deon	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:19:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Antoinette	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 09:22:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Louw	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:23:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence.	Susan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:26:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kim	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 09:29:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		pietro	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:30:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This could be extremely discrimatory and subject to corruption.	Brian	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 09:31:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mariette	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:31:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eunice	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 09:32:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is yet another take on enforcing more laws onto existing business owners that would cost you more, regulate who are already over - regulated (Such as Security Companies) - Those who do not qualify to do business are decided at sole discretion of LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (EVen if such a municipality is under administration..??!!) and can be used as BEE tool to force white business out of the country. I actually had enough of this and will start seeking to immigrate and close all my business interests in this country. South Africa isd becoming a Communist state.... I can not believe the insult of even proposing such legislation in a time where Local Government has already failed dismally in EVERY SINGLE PROVINCE INCLUDING THE WESTERN CAPE (Knysna) - Imagine the absolute fiasco if this new Bill is passed	Andre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:38:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		WILLIAM		business owner
	2025-11-25 09:47:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This system is so open to corruption it almost seems designed for precisely that use.	Dawn	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:51:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johannes	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 09:54:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government wants control over everyone. Great opportunity for corruption and bribes.	Maydie	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:59:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carla	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 10:02:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way for the Government to clamp down and make more red tape and money off the small business.	Judith	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:02:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way for the Government to clamp down and make more red tape and money off the small business.	Judith	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:13:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A system that will be open to abuse.	Robert		
	2025-11-25 10:13:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Disguised BEE and BEE is outdated and a millstone to our Economy !!!!!	Johan		
	2025-11-25 10:18:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another draconian BEE coverup.	Gaston		self-employed
	2025-11-25 10:18:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jaco	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:18:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Nothing about it looks good to me. Just another money making scheme. Just another way to frustrate the people of this nation.	Belle		retired
	2025-11-25 10:20:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is again more red tape, administration for small and medium businesses who cannot create work and more jobs, because they are too busy and spend too much money on unnecessary admin. Also preferential licensing open to more bribery and discrimination. Government can focus their time and money to correct all the useless municipalities and Transnet and Escom etc. etc etc	Maria	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 10:21:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is again more red tape, administration for small and medium businesses who cannot create work and more jobs, because they are too busy and spend too much money on unnecessary admin. Also preferential licensing open to more bribery and discrimination. Government can focus their time and money to correct all the useless municipalities and Transnet and Escom etc. etc etc	Maria	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 10:31:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More government grift by adding more taxes to be paid by the taxpayer so that more money can be stolen by government employees.	juliet	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:35:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jaco	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:49:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing		ANDRE	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 10:52:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		ernie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 10:58:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I don't agree with the new law because it is not benefiting to the business owners but to government only. Too much restrictions on the side of business owners, this will cost many small businesses even bigger businesses to shut down and it will lead to job loses.	Nomsa	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-25 10:59:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Karina	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 11:00:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	For entrepreneurs to be empowered, regulatory frameworks must simplify processes rather than complicate them. Many small businesses already struggle with delays, inconsistent enforcement, and corruption in existing systems. Before introducing new compliance categories, it would be more beneficial for government to stabilise and improve the departments and institutions that are already failing. Empowerment comes from efficiency, transparency, and support — not from adding additional layers of control.	Angelique	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 11:01:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	all of the above this is wrong and against any human rights to control us like puppets more money for government less for owners more expense to consumer. can you imagine the extra amount of fraud .we are a 3 to 4th world country not a first world country whom can afford and to implement these .Beee must fall with the select only nothing going back into our country	Francois	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 11:01:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		CHRISTOPHER		retired
	2025-11-25 11:01:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BBBEE does not belong in a free market economy. It stifles innovation and competition. There should have been a time limit on BBBEE. We've had decades of BBBEE and it hasn't produced the desired results.	James	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 11:06:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Christoph	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 11:18:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I think this government is immature, not fit to be in the position that they are in. Why don't they just give all the whites a province or two to live in, kick all the black people out of that provinces, make a declaration to say those provinces is a new country within South Africa like Eswatini. And let us the whites build our own economy cause it's clear that these mamparas in government clearly have no idea what economy is. Stupid is stupid and there's no turning back. South Africa is backward and until these mamparas no longer are in government this country will continue to suffer, not just the whites, but everyone!	Neil		unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 11:19:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing		VINESH	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-25 11:24:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		J	Western Cape	retired

	2025-11-25 11:25:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As a South African I have the right to life irrespective of what Government passes. - It is my right to have access to work or create my own. - It is my right to pay tax which sustains infrastructure and development. - It is my right to grow economically and bring my best to a work employed workforce or to bring job creation. All of which are with this bill in jeopardy and seeing as I am one of many entrepreneurs in South Africa who have lost all faith in the corrupt self serving and abusive national governance who's actions are devastating the small to medium business sectors. We fully reject this attempt to take our careers and livelihoods.	Roberto	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 11:29:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 11:32:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government must govern and leave business to business people. Just more red tape to discriminate against certain groups of people. Just another ploy to tax those who are running successful businesses. There are enough laws find the will to implement them!	Pauline		
	2025-11-25 11:33:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another BEE law they're trying to slide in under our noses to prevent more Whites from owning and operating businesses. The ANC will do anything to prevent Whites from succeeding thus dragging the country into the ground economically. There will be widespread discrimination, prejudice and blocking of potentially good, economically viable businesses from starting up and helping our economy!	claire	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 11:39:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alissa	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 11:39:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is no benefit for any municipality to have any licensing rights over a business. Current evidence shows they have no knowledge or expertise in business management and it will become a bottle neck due to mismanagement and licenses will not be obtainable without some bribing.	John	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 11:41:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It puts too much power in the hands of the government and is likely to block viable businesses and lead to unfair practices.	Lisa	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 11:41:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	How can they expect to "Standardize policies across municipalities and provinces" if they cannot achieve this as it currently is? Can people please stop using the phrase "historically disadvantaged groups" or similar? We should have been able to move on from such mindset by now... We are all historically disadvantaged by now! This is yet again another way to waste tax-payer money on multiple teams to have multiple meetings, and to sit and sleep during these proceedings instead of focusing on promoting business growth and development within South Africa for ALL!!!	Grant	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 11:47:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		coenraad	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 11:50:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way to manipulate business owners to pay for services that will be in shambles.	Johan	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 11:53:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John		
	2025-11-25 11:53:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elize	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 11:53:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Local Municipalities are already involved in a lot of the corruption. This will give their employees more power to do as they please and only grant licenses once they have received some compensation in the form of bribes.	Wilfred	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 11:58:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Yolande	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 12:04:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		WESSEL	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 12:07:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Fraser		
	2025-11-25 12:08:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		J	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 12:08:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		J	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 12:08:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We are a tour operator and belong to SATSA where our interests are well managed and we get good value out pf the R4k annual fee. A municipality has absolutely no business in licensing travel companies which are best managed by the Dept of Tourism. And with the current dire nature of the Knysna Municipality, the idea of licensing our business is ludicrous.	Glen	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 12:09:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Terence	Free State	retired
	2025-11-25 12:09:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		TG	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 12:12:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Per the constitution I have a right to earn income by trade and this proposed bill would infringe on that right	Karl	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 12:13:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As usual open to bribery and corruption.	Pam	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 12:20:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ronel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 12:34:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mike	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 12:42:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sue	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 12:43:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We have too much racial exclusionary policy in place as it is, more is not required. Municipalities cannot execute their current mandates and are failing across the Country, they cannot be given more authority or responsibility.	Ashton	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-25 12:45:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lerauna	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-25 12:46:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rob		
	2025-11-25 12:49:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andrzej		retired
	2025-11-25 12:50:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is for certain an "undercover" BBEE drive. How difficult is it to understand that there are typed business that different races are not interrested in or qualified to participate in? So to enforce a law to demand another race to be part of a business that such is not intefrested/qualified in makes no sense. NOBODY can or should be part of a businesd just because of his or her skin colour!	Pierre		retired
	2025-11-25 12:50:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Paul	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 12:57:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another regulation which could be exploited and which could also mean additional unnecessary red tape and delays.	Rudi	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:05:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I have diffent objections to this bill: 1 It is unconstitutional right off the bat and does NOT comply with the requirements of PAJA Act. - The Constitution does not authorise the State to require peaceful individuals to have permission to engage in voluntary exchange in any clause; - There are no regulations on the power given to inspectors so this may lead to an increase in corrupt practices - Why would companies registered with CIPC have to comply with this? They are already registered and compliant - Why would businesses have to pay for 5 year licenses? This is an extra tax - The punishments are disproportionate - up to 10 years jail time for operating without a license? - the compliance burden is too onerous, diverting time and resources away from the core business of companies; - the Bill will spur on illegal business activity as operators seek to avoid complying with the Bill, which can lead to increased bribery and corruption; - this Bill will heighten the risk profile of businesses, which already have to contend with challenges of access to finance; - the accumulation of regulatory requirements raises costs of doing business; - the Bill will impose an increased administrative burden on the authorities, with limited additional benefit, who already lack capacity; - the Bill does not give clarity of application to businesses with a national footprint; - the Bill speaks of an automatic revocation of a licence, if non-compliance is found, and a business owner can only appeal once the business has been closed. This does not provide a fair process for a business to plead its case before the licence is revoked and does not comply with the PAJA Act. This appears to be an unjust administrative action that undermines the provisions of section 33 of the Constitution.	Benjamin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 13:15:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pieter	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:16:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just more red tape to curtail business. A socialist government want to control everything and everyone, that does not constitute a free market economy. At the end of the day it will be negative for the economy and ensure more job losses and poverty.	Johan	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 13:17:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Clint		
	2025-11-25 13:23:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It is just more red tape and will result in even more unemployment.	Christa		
	2025-11-25 13:29:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Stephanie	Mpumalanga	employed individual

	2025-11-25 13:30:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		J	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 13:37:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Is this government just never going to stop driving this country down the drain? What is wrong with the existing legislation? This is primarily about power, money, and BEE. I disagree with preferential licensing, principles of business, and the powers of the inspectors. You're going to tell me that those deciding on the licenses, as well as the inspectors, will be honest and have integrity? What will happen to this country's struggling economy? This, bottom line, is a sick, unstable idea, out of the pit of hell.	Petro	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 13:47:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Beyond Belief - amazing it was so hush hush - like they pass Bills which people don't know about - how many small companies will just close their doors due to all the red tape and we all know who this is aimed at.... there will be so much more unemployment but why should these people care - their pockets will be bursting at the seams with all the corruption and bribes	Lyn	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 13:51:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		William	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-25 13:52:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mark	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 13:56:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vivian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 14:02:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential treatment is crippling this country and the people that reside in it. It does not promote any healthy growth.	Jurie		business owner
	2025-11-25 14:04:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		lionel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 14:05:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		stuart		
	2025-11-25 14:06:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Many municipalities have already shown that they are unable to fulfil the duties already assigned to them. Giving them this power would condemn the project to incapacity and open it to corruption. I am not convinced that this;project is needed, in any case.	Michael	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 14:15:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is enough legislation crippeling the economy. I do not support the government overreach.	Jaco	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:32:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another stranglehold on the money generating section of the country. More greed	Vivien	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 14:35:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government then decides who may run a business? Another step to control the working people of the country Another way for money extortion Street vendors will not comply with licencing, or will they be excluded as they will cause an uproar or simply just ignore the law and will be allowed to ignore the law - only beneficiary here will be the police extorting money from the vendors	Suzette	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 14:41:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE once more.....which is proven to be the greatest scam on earth.	Catharina	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 14:43:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill boils down to discrimintation and does not allow for free market, it wil lonly damage the econemy further and put the citizenry under more pressure while the ANC facats steal more money	Francois	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 14:54:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Unacceptable. Just another nepharious plan of the ANC to keep control and disguise their ongoing motivation to keep BEE going.	Garrick	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 15:11:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another BEE stunt. Hasn't this ANC government done enough damage to this country … Everything is falling apart. Just like the rest of Africa.	Margaret	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 15:14:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is an aim for bureaucratic domination, one that will make starting, running, or even maintaining a business in South Africa more arduous, more uncertain and more difficult than ever. The bill gives sweeping, vague and discretionary powers to officials at all levels of government. The inevitable result will be arbitrary enforcement, rent-seeking, corruption and an ever-deepening atmosphere of uncertainty that chokes investment and suppresses job creation. I agree with Neasa that elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. Anti white policies? The provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise they preclude certain groups of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background. The approach is exclusionary and defeats the very purpose of this policy and the principles of a free market. The proposal is yet another piece of legislation adding to an already heavy compliance load for small businesses. The Bill in its current form will unintentionally impede the growth and development of small and medium enterprises, the sector which is the main engine of job creation.	Lisa	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 15:17:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pierre	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 15:29:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I have ran a successful small business for 20 years. Government must stay out of my business.	Marta	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 15:31:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Scrap the BEE laws againt minorities in our beautiful country and start treating everyone equally. Build factories to create jobs for everyone in this country. This new law is a step closer to total Communism which has failed everywhere else in the world.	Michael	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 15:36:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petrus	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 15:39:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jackie	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 15:46:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Penelope	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 15:57:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Alice Joan	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 16:03:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just more red tape, more expenses for small businesses and more discrimination. Another opportunity for corruption where you can bribe for preferences.	Natalie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 16:16:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gavin	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 16:16:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 16:17:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kenny		
	2025-11-25 16:20:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ramon	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:21:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	nothing is working in this country we can't even get our potholes fixed	Geoffrey	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 16:22:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lizahn	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 16:23:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bertie	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:29:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will only give more power for unfair decisions. It will be based on politics. It will be worse than BBEEEE. More corruption. If a business man wants to register and he is not politically right, he will have to pay for that right. What service will this bill give the individual. Only head aches. The government is only interested in total power and control over citizens. Never mind consequences. They should be working on unemployment and improving the economy. No laws they pass is for the improvement of the state of the poor. Every law they pass is for the benefit of the upper class. All the parties in government only look after themselves.	Roy	Free State	
	2025-11-25 16:30:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Apart from more red tape and the inspector has too much power, this bill is not going to help South Africa.	Ken	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 16:30:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		L.	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 16:34:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Our economy does not need more red tape, and giving the inspector more power has never solved the problem. This bill is not going to help South Africa.	Elna	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-25 16:35:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Menai	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 16:35:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dominique	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:37:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Candice	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-25 16:44:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hanifa	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 16:50:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Principles of licensing and inspectors will have too much powers this is not fair. Too much red tape and nonsence.	Theresa	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 16:51:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is a massive overstep from government. It seems this is an attempt to restrict entry to the economy.	Michael	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:52:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Nafi		

	2025-11-25 17:06:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 17:07:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government NEEDS to have LESS power.	TC		
	2025-11-25 17:07:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Erna		
	2025-11-25 17:13:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petrus	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 17:19:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Almarie	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-25 17:22:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I cant see this working to the benefit of businesses in that if each Municipality is responsible for issuing licences points to delays and lots of red tape. It will never work. Also too much power given to inspectors and who is to vouch for their motives or honesty. Too much abuse of power for this to work..	Johann	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 17:23:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another racial discriminatory process. We call voted against this sort of discrimination on 1994 and have gone backwards.	Gillian	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 17:23:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another racial discriminatory process. We call voted against this sort of discrimination on 1994 and have gone backwards.	Gillian	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 17:38:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Desray	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 17:45:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Izak	North West	retired
	2025-11-25 17:54:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jonathan	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-25 17:55:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 17:56:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hein		
	2025-11-25 18:05:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government needs to regulate less not more in order to encourage businesses and grow the economy	Judy		retired
	2025-11-25 18:09:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 18:12:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing	They preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on ethnicity, demographic or national background. This is not the way to control businesses. There already exists laws that requires businesses to obtain a trading licence in a specific municipality. It does not address the elephant in the room - the government's inability to manage effectively.	Salamoedien	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 18:12:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Thea	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 18:23:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is going to cause massive corruption and a new bribe culture. How can a municipality determine who can do business and who not? We live in a democratic land and practise a free market system. Why must government have the power to stop me from providing bread on my table. This smells like hard core communism and can not be tolerated at all. Government have proven that they are one of THE most corrupt governments in the world, and now we must trust this same government to determine if I can provide for my family or not....	Tertius	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 18:25:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-25 18:36:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is totally unacceptable. Another avenue for corruption. I am sure the municipalities will charge a fee for the application which will be another money-making racket. How does anyone have the right to decide if I can open a business to provide for me and my family. There is already so much unemployment in this country and this will mean an even higher rate of unemployment. I have my own business and am registered and pay the taxes due. We supposedly live in a democratic country, but this smacks of control! NO!	Cathy	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 19:01:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Net nog n manier van die regering om die besigheids eienaars te manipuleer om BEE te implimenteer maw diskrimineer teen blankes	Connie	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 19:03:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Engela	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-25 19:11:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Henk	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 19:41:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Allan	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 19:42:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No absolutely not. Just another way for the ANC to practise racial discrimination against white own business. This proposal has no benefits at all to business. They should try and make it easier for all business in SA to get license d, for employment of our citizens.	Delene	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 19:59:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Teo	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 20:01:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill should be abolished. It is another ideologically driven attempt by the Government to control business activities and will give more jobs to the chosen few.	Richard	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 20:16:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Grahame	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 20:28:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support the business Licensing Bill, since some South African municipalities are constantly under investigation for corruption. This would give local authorities the power to grant licenses to businesses that could benefit their own business dealings and reject business that could be in direct conflict with their business dealings. This bill would also place more administrative and financial stress on business owners.	HANNALIE	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 20:30:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Berno		
	2025-11-25 20:45:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Teresia	Free State	retired
	2025-11-25 21:04:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is all the advantage some. One again a money making decision and not one that will help create jobs We ready have CIPC and all the red tape to deal with. This will impack the people already doing this for companies. We have a companies Act that works well.	Lorelei	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 21:22:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marliese	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 21:22:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mieke		retired
	2025-11-25 21:25:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This amounts to yet another drive by government to make it more difficult to do honest business in this country. What creates jobs successfully? Make some pro-business policies for once. All this government does is stifle business and make it hard to drive success growth and job creation. If you want job creation, make it easier for businesses to thrive, rather than creating more policies to 'drive business in proffered' channels - the channels designed to line the coffers of the few elite chosen ones with governmental powers which are wilder for selfish gain at the cost of the people. Please stop the madness and stop trying to destroy business, we are already hanging by a thread.	Jesse	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 21:27:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another method to oppress and control, linked with the digital ID's this will be the last stepping stone to a 100% communist state	Dries	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 21:27:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another method to oppress and control, linked with the digital ID's this will be the last stepping stone to a 100% communist state	Dries	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 21:48:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Simone	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 21:49:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jeremy	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 22:27:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and they preclude certain groups of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background. Another piece of legislation adding to an already heavy compliance load for small businesses.	Bruwer	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 23:21:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Patricia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 23:29:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frank	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 04:51:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gill	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-26 06:11:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marianne	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 06:21:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill aims to increase government control, which will make it harder and more uncertain to start or run a business in South Africa. It gives government officials very broad and unclear powers. This will likely lead to uneven enforcement, corruption, and more uncertainty, things that scare off investors and reduce job opportunities. Parts of the Bill are highly discriminatory. It brings in preference rules that can affect who gets a business licence. In practice, it works like a hidden form of BEE and could block certain groups of people from getting licences based on their background. This is unfair and goes against the idea of an open, competitive market. The Bill also adds more red tape to small businesses, which are already struggling with too many regulations. If passed as is, it will unintentionally hold back the growth of small and medium businesses which are the main source of new jobs.	Carla	Western Cape	business owner

	2025-11-26 06:27:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mia	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 06:27:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mia	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 06:27:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mia	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 06:43:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In a corrupt country, this will be damaging to business and open more doors for corrupt practices.	Anjolize	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 06:44:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Amari	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 06:44:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Allan	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 06:44:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Allan	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 06:46:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 06:52:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No more BEE enforcement	William	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 07:11:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The powers given in this legislation, if passed, will be abused by inspectors thereby propagating cronyism. Furthermore there should be no race based policies disguised as redress or such.	Roberto	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 07:23:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The repeat of the process included in the NHI where the authorities are opening the countries economy to patronage and corruption besides the clear threat to exclude minority groups in the SA society from being able to own business in what is proclaimed to be free and equal opportunities for all citizens. The lies and deceit perpetuated.	Gordon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 07:24:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 07:44:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ivor	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-26 08:07:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The opportunity to discriminate against the minority in this country even further.! Breaking systems down that used to work just fine.	Christelle	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 08:19:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The local government cannot even run the municipality and now you want to give it more responsibilities which would only lead to more corruption	Frederik J	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-26 08:30:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Sue	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 08:34:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Brian		
	2025-11-26 08:39:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gilbert	Western Cape	
	2025-11-26 08:40:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gilbert	Western Cape	
	2025-11-26 08:47:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Margie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 08:55:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Crazy draconic laws	André	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 08:56:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	If businesses can only been run with licenses that is given by people who can be biased, then many businesses will not be able to operate. That will cause even more unemployment in SA. The businesses that the government want to close down and stop, are the businesses that provides a lot of work opportunities.	Riana	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 08:59:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill is so discriminative in every form, another BEE disguise to eliminate the white from owning business. Is there one Black owned country on the planet that is successful, I do not think so, highest from of discrimination.	Norman	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 09:00:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marietjie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 09:01:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johann		
	2025-11-26 09:01:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This system leans itself towards preferential licensing and therefore corruption. If you look at the state of our Ports and their stagnation to business this Bill could also lead to he stagnation of business, which could lead to more unemployment.	Cath	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-26 09:02:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	will be a scenario for bribes. in the medical profession we already have an extra inspection that is being enforced. totally ridiculous. costing a lot and still nhi looming	alex	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 09:06:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Uschi	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 09:11:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No. No . No The present 30 - 40 age group of whites has had to struggle for employment since leaving school even if qualified. This has forced them to start their own businesses and now the government wants to hamper them again. These are the tax paying, financially supporting of lower income, group. Take their business away and our country will go even further down the tubes. It's already at rubbish status. Does it want to go into toxic status.	Wynn		retired
	2025-11-26 09:15:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	GIVE BUSINESSES MORE FREEDOM!	Craig	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 09:15:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	GIVE BUSINESSES MORE FREEDOM!	Craig	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 09:29:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The objection outlines concerns about the proposed Business Licensing Bill 2025, acknowledging its goals to modernize licensing, promote inclusion, and utilize digital technology. However, it warns that centralization could undermine local autonomy, digital implementation may create barriers for small and rural businesses, and sector reservations might limit competition and innovation. The lack of safeguards against corruption, unclear timelines and funding, and potential negative impacts on informal businesses are also highlighted. The objection calls for revisions to ensure a balanced, inclusive, and effectively implemented system that supports all businesses, especially vulnerable ones.	Stefan	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-26 09:36:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Miranda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 09:54:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Abuse of power by Municipalities to control business.	Patricia		
	2025-11-26 10:07:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		TONY	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 10:17:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another typical government control legislation. Effective and efficient businesses will cease to exist because of this proposed stranglehold on them by the government and allow them to restrict licensing to cadres or businesses that grease the wheels of bribery and corruption. Small businesses will cease to exist. This is madness!	Dave	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 10:23:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andrew	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 10:42:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The South African landscape is already struggling with corruption from officials taking bribes. By implementing these laws, there is just more red tape and opportunity for people to abuse power. For once, be on the side of the law abiding citizens who work hard, contribute to the economy with our tax and the people (no matter their race or background) want to see South Africa win and grow. Stop trying to change this country into a socialist state! (gov having too much power, control and corruption)	Mélanie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 11:04:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		julie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 11:19:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing		fuaad	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 11:27:20	No I do not	Preferential licensing		julie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 12:09:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ben	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 12:16:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just BEE in a disguise and will have an adverse effect on our already vulnerable economy.	Louise	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 12:28:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bekki	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 12:31:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	What this country needs is a business friendly environment which incentivises entrepreneurs to create jobs and generate wealth not yet more red tape which may inadvertantly create opportunities for corruption (eg demands of bribes to get licenses) or opportunities for racists to discriminate . We don't need preferential race based systems. Let's get back to Nelson Mandela's vision for a functioning rainbow nation with opportuntities for all, but where success is earned on merit.	Richard		retired
	2025-11-26 12:33:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Socialism - BBBEEE - BULLSHIT....!! More money into the pockets of the "ELITE" every 5 years... Another "endeavour" is to promote "Competent Governance" and support,??? What a JOKE - since when is THIS GOVERNMENT Competent??? More Red Tape African Crap. Go To Hell - The LOT of you. Go Fool Your Dwindling Voters..	D	Western Cape	
	2025-11-26 12:40:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The continual addition of red tape, hidden racial and 'BBE' laws etc. is destroying South Africa 's economy, increasing unemployment. We need to decrease regulations, ease entry into business. Rather reward and encourage than regulate and punish business owners and entrepreneurs.	Glen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 12:50:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		GAIL	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-26 12:53:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just more ANC led racism	John	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 12:55:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Far from the ANC's hollow promises of "streamlining" and "inclusion," this bill is a Trojan horse for expanded racial quotas, bureaucratic overreach, and economic sabotage. In a nation already crippled by 32.9% unemployment and a 0.6% GDP growth forecast for 2025, this legislation will not foster growth – it will choke it, deter investment, and deepen poverty for millions. By embedding Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) as a licensing gatekeeper, it perpetuates ANC-fueled racial division while making it harder for honest businesses to thrive. We demand its immediate withdrawal before it inflicts irreversible damage on South Africa's fragile economy.	Christiane	Gauteng	
	2025-11-26 13:07:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We require more people to start businesses, not less. Remove the red tape and cost of doing business. This is just another race-based effort to chase minorities out of private business. Minorities were chased out of formal work opportunities, but they became richer. Now they try and crash entrepreneurship as well. What a circus!	Stephan	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 13:23:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Unfortunately this will open doors for people to yet again abuse their powers and the people who wish to start their own business. it will pave the way for more corruptions and unethical shutdowns and shakedowns, bribes, intimidation and unnecessary pressure on the economy - not to mention will be a negative impact for foreign investors. I completely disagree with the Bill in its interity.	Lisa	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 13:30:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gillian	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 13:32:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dean	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 13:38:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Steven	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 13:47:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Veronica		
	2025-11-26 14:05:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Inspectors would gain broad powers to demand proof of a licence at any time, issue fines, or confiscate goods if operators are found to violate the Bill or other laws, including those dealing with counterfeit or pirated products. Elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence.	Costa	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 14:09:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		nikki	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 14:22:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another law to add to the 145 laws against white South Africans. What else will they do!!!	Carol	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 14:28:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The requirents to qualify for the license must be based on the need for the business and applicants' ability to bet provide that need.	Kabang	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-26 14:34:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		ANNE		
	2025-11-26 14:44:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eveline	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 14:49:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Absolutely no because the Government wants total control over everyone and everything and look how that has ruined the country. It will further destroy more businesses which will result in more unemployment and less money to the state coffers	Pieter		unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 15:07:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The bill allows for possible dicrimination and state bullying	Alex	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 15:08:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Liz	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 15:11:37	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill places more red tape on already beleaguered businesses that are already struggling to comply with regulation. It grants to much power to authorities, and will allow for licensing to be linked to meeting BBBEE objectives. Red tape needs to be reduced to free up businesses to support economic growth and job creation. This bill does the opposite.	Geoff	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 15:21:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Dit is net om die blankes te onderdruk en dit is rasisties.	Johannes Jacobus	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 15:26:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Already over legislative, trying to strangle and manage small business. Nobody has the right to enter or inspect my private residence. Taxis are not registered individually and pay ZERO Tax, this is another attempt to rob the populace. Spiteful and petty Municipal staff already decide who they favour and allow specific licences.	Heidi	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 15:27:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Callysta	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 15:29:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Colleen	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 15:37:07	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another unworkable attempt to increase control over private enterprise and Gov't revenue. Anpther form of taxation.	Rouan		self-employed
	2025-11-26 15:38:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rupert	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-26 16:11:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Dit is onnodig en net 'n nuwe manier van geldmaak. Moenie nuwe laste op die arme besigheidsmense le nie, dit is hulle wat die ekonomie aan die gang hou. Die voorkeur lisensiering is 'n onding, bevoordeel van sekere mense sal die gevolg wees. Waarom moet daar altyd inspekteurs wees. Net weer mense wat salarisse moet ontvang. Gaan dit ook vir taxi eienaars geld?	Hettie	Western Cape	
	2025-11-26 16:18:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Sien geen nut hiervan. Net nog 'n nuwe manier om geld te maak. Voorkeur liseniering gaan net onreg tot gevolg he. Wat van taxi eienaars gaan hulle ook 'n lisensie moet kry? Inspekteurs is onnodig nog onnodige koste van mense wat betaal moet word.	Tinie		
	2025-11-26 16:20:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		G	Free State	
	2025-11-26 16:36:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marc	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 16:55:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charmaine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 16:55:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charmaine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 17:19:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Here is a legally grounded, strong, but responsible paragraph arguing against BEE as currently implemented, without endorsing discrimination or inflammatory language: From a constitutional and legal standpoint, any policy that excludes individuals from economic participation on the basis of race—regardless of historical context—cannot be justified and should not stand, as it conflicts directly with the equality clause in Section 9 of the South African Constitution, which guarantees equal protection and benefit of the law to all citizens. While corrective measures are permitted under Section 9(2), these measures must be fair, proportional, rationally connected to redress, and must never create new forms of exclusion or discrimination. When Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment is applied in a manner that automatically disqualifies South Africans of certain racial groups from opportunities, business ownership, employment, or state contracts solely on racial classification, it violates constitutional principles of non-racialism, equal dignity, and administrative justice. Such a system risks entrenching economic division rather than promoting genuine redress, and it fails the legal tests of fairness, rationality, and proportionality required of any affirmative action measure under constitutional jurisprudence. A policy that restricts participation in the economy based on immutable characteristics undermines social cohesion, erodes trust in public institutions, and contradicts the foundational value that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, not only those who meet predetermined racial criteria.	Emil	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-26 17:30:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	As if the current 'system' isn't already making it hard enough for businesses to keep their doors open. This just sounds like yet another opportunity to end the operationality of the remaining businesses. Our municipality doesn't even answer their phones and barely responds to emails regarding the basic services they're supposed to provide. Who'll be in charge of determining who qualifies for a license? Just leave us be.	Chantelle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 17:44:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		M	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 17:49:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		LINDA	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 17:51:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Obrien	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 17:56:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I strongly agree with this comment that was made by another person. I also say that the people of South Africa and the Government of South Africa have drifted so far apart that there is no representation for our people in this government. This government needs to be dissolved. Here is a legally grounded, strong, but responsible paragraph arguing against BEE as currently implemented, without endorsing discrimination or inflammatory language: From a constitutional and legal standpoint, any policy that excludes individuals from economic participation on the basis of race—regardless of historical context—cannot be justified and should not stand, as it conflicts directly with the equality clause in Section 9 of the South African Constitution, which guarantees equal protection and benefit of the law to all citizens. While corrective measures are permitted under Section 9(2), these measures must be fair, proportional, rationally connected to redress, and must never create new forms of exclusion or discrimination. When Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment is applied in a manner that automatically disqualifies South Africans of certain racial groups from opportunities, business ownership, employment, or state contracts solely on racial classification, it violates constitutional principles of non-racialism, equal dignity, and administrative justice. Such a system risks entrenching economic division rather than promoting genuine redress, and it fails the legal tests of fairness, rationality, and proportionality required of any affirmative action measure under constitutional jurisprudence. A policy that restricts participation in the economy based on immutable characteristics undermines social cohesion, erodes trust in public institutions, and contradicts the foundational value that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, not only those who meet predetermined racial criteria.	Gina	Western Cape	self-employed

	2025-11-26 18:15:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Patrick	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 18:15:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Patrick	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 18:16:19	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill will have a negative impact on the weakening economy and will hit it harder than ever before. The small business owners will suffer the most. Implementation of the bill will cost business owners even more money.	Annette	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 18:19:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Carol	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 18:29:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jay		unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 18:29:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jay		unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 18:33:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A corrupt government cannot be trusted. They are attempting to take control of all businesses and will be destroying what is left o a free market. They will also jeopardize investment in SA. This is a communistic idea and has to be stopped.	Mary	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-26 18:33:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A corrupt government cannot be trusted. They are attempting to take control of all businesses and will be destroying what is left o a free market. They will also jeopardize investment in SA. This is a communistic idea and has to be stopped.	Mary	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-26 18:35:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Who will be excluded? Let us consider Pop Up shops, spazas, etc. Can they be licensed, and can anybody afford the licence. Too many regulatory departments that already do not do much.	Gail	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-26 19:12:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	A corrupt government cannot be trusted. They are attempting to take control of all businesses and will be destroying what is left of a free market. Investment in SA is vital, but our government is destroying the possibility of investment with their limited views. This myopic mindset has to be stopped.	Janet	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 19:12:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This Bill is coming from a corrupt ANC Goverment the same as BBBEE just another way to extort and black mail business of their hard earned money . Business have already paid over and over and over again for the so called injustices of the past thirty years. its about time that all Business stood together and stopped this BBBEE BULL RUBBISH. Who decides on who gets a license or not, just more red tape for trying to build an economy	Dennis	Gauteng	
	2025-11-26 19:57:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lydia		
	2025-11-26 20:32:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Vanessa	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-26 20:43:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Antonie	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-26 21:04:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Russel	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 21:06:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Rowena		
	2025-11-26 21:10:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another scam to steal money by licensing fees and taking away small legitimate businesses from people trying to earn an honest living.	Nola	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 21:13:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing is obviously aimed at discriminating against certain sectors of the business community that the government does not like. Giving municipalities the right to grant or refuse licences snacks of political interference in local economies. By all means register all businesses if it will aid the fight against crime (money laundering, counterfeit goods, drug and human trafficking, etc) but do NOT discriminate against bona fide business entrepreneurs.	Marguerite	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 21:16:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This draft Business Licensing Bill is once again targeting & discriminating against White South African Minorities. It is clearly another onslaught of "EXCLUSION" against the various minorities of this country. By introducing "preference systems" that could influence - "WHO qualifies for a license", is just another BEE, in disguise, = (For Blacks Only) ! The ANC Government OBVIOUSLY has a racist agenda, giving "preferential treatment to their Historically Disadvantaged people. If this trend is allowed to continue, South African minorities will never feel part of this country, if this bill is allowed and pushed through in Parliament it will just be another wedge used to advocate more divisions, resentment towards/between black and whites in this country, instead of working towards uniting all peoples. After all, we are all South Africans and have equal rights!	Harald	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-26 21:40:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Winston	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-26 23:13:53	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bullying is over the top. Stop over regulating in favor of the select few	Anita	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 23:13:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Anita	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-26 23:56:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charlotte	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-27 00:44:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No. All south-africans should have the right to start a business without applying for a 5year lisence. Its rediculous.	Jade	Western Cape	
	2025-11-27 00:58:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petrus	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-27 01:00:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The legislation would only place more strain on an already compromised local economy leading to further GDP shrinkage.	Graham	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-27 03:58:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Duncan	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-27 04:07:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am a small business owner, this just adds more complexity for a sole prop, and then for the possibility of being rejected a license on the basis of my skin color, or refusal to potentially pay a bribe is inexcusable	Phillip		
	2025-11-27 06:38:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pieter	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-27 06:51:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		ANNA	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 07:28:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		V		retired
	2025-11-27 07:40:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not like paying for a licence that will restict me and my legal business activites. I am unable to see how this will add value to business and help econcomic growth. This is about control, inspections, and unfair alocation and decided who can do business and who not. Every human must be able to earn money to feed and care for his family and life style. Unless they are criminal there should be no reason except a stealth tax.	steph	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-27 07:40:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is another way the corrupt will receive preferential treatment without looking at national benefits. This is just More red tape & the last thing SA needs is more red tape preventing the economy to grow. This is BEE in another form. Only benefits certain people.	Akasha	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 07:46:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Glenn	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-27 07:55:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another bill to help corrupt officials in local and national government to steal money from the public. Local government can't even run basic services, how will they manage this.	Gert	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-27 08:13:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will lead to more unfair treatment and open doors to bigger corruption, bribery and eventually lead to the final collapse of the SA economy and the country.	Maria		employed individual
	2025-11-27 09:19:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape more personal prejudice and more administrative chaos. Put that energy into creating jobs instead og making it more difficult for everyone, employees and employers alike.	Diane	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 09:27:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	My first concern is whether the local municipalities are in a condition to facilitate this bill. There are municipalities throughout South Africa that cannot maintain the basic infrastructures of their towns e.g., water, roads, electricity etc. The bill attempts to implement a system that requires a healthy infrastructure, and a functioning municipality. Although, placing the licensing of a business locally makes logistical sense, it can have severe ramification if the local entity cannot bear that responsibility. Secondly, with regards to preferential licensing. Do the criteria of historical disadvantaged groups follow BEE's criteria? If so, this year we have discovered, as a nation, that BEE does not benefit our nation nor our society, but a select few that are well connected. Therefore, my concern is whether this is a tactic to duplicate what has been done on large enterprises with MSME's. i.e., PetroSA, SAA, Transnet etc.	Chris		employed individual
	2025-11-27 09:32:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Any citizen of South Africa should be permitted to run and own a business.	Dirk	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-27 09:38:26	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Danie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-27 09:49:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The more control the more abuse.	Frik	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-27 10:02:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government is ONLY supposed to have two function, not have their hands in people's "cookie jars"! For too long citizens have been fooled into thinking government should have control over every area of society, and eventually over the lives of free people. Function 1. Provide a safe environment and enforce laws ensure the safety of ALL citizens. Function 2. Remove criminal element who threaten a safe environment.	JC	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-27 10:03:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Johan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 10:12:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Eric	Limpopo	retired

	2025-11-27 10:18:38	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More racial based controls are going to put this country into bankruptcy	Michelle	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 10:28:28	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government should never be allowed to dictate who may or may not start a business or be allowed to interfere and overregulate the business and economic affairs of the country as a whole. The purpose of government should solely be to create and maintain an environment that is conducive to growing the economy, and making sure that investors whether local or international are fairly and equitably empowered to invest their resources, and capital where and how they see fit in a free market system, this present government has with almost maniacal, tyrannical overregulation and bullying singlehandedly destroyed the economy, the country as a whole,ensured that unemployment is the highest in the world, mismanaged public funds on policies that have failed in all other countries, promulgated laws that does nothing to bring different communities closer, but only ensures that we are today more polarized, divided and empoverished than before 1990 even. It is time to stop this madness.	George	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 10:52:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill is just BEE in disguise and will be used to further unfairly discriminate against white owned businesses adding more red tape to enter the market. It will most certainly negatively affect the jobs in a country which already has one of the worst unemployment rates in the world.	Johann	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 10:58:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		nigel	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-27 11:03:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Keep race classifications out of it	Dave	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 11:07:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Gregory		
	2025-11-27 11:29:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Keep race classifications out of it. let's get this country working and STOP the rubbish of the last 30 years	Luis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 11:53:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jean	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-27 12:01:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 12:09:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No more red tape and no more trying to control legitimate honest businesses.	Michelle	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 12:09:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No more red tape and no more trying to control legitimate honest businesses.	Michelle	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 12:23:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Municipalities are already mismanaged and broke, this will be another source for corruption.	Morne	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 12:29:58	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More centralized government control not needed More red tape not needed	Marc	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-27 12:55:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	To whom it may concern, RE: SUMMARY OBJECTION — BUSINESS LICENSING BILL I hereby submit a summary objection to the Business Licensing Bill. I oppose the Bill in full because it centralises economic control, undermines constitutional freedoms, and imposes unnecessary barriers to doing business. The Bill introduces preferential, demographically-based licensing that re-racialises commerce, invites political interference, and deters investment. It creates a blanket licensing requirement for all businesses without any evidence-based justification, adding redundant bureaucracy to an already overregulated environment. The sweeping, warrantless powers granted to inspectors pose a significant risk of corruption, harassment, and arbitrary closure of businesses, especially small and informal enterprises. The cumulative effect of the Bill will be reduced entrepreneurship, fewer jobs, diminished economic growth, and further erosion of public trust in government institutions. For these reasons, I call for the Bill to be withdrawn in its entirety. Regards, Robert Raad	Robert	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-27 13:11:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Apart from creating an avenue to strangle business' that don't conform to policy. I also don't see how government even has the capacity to regulate and manage business licenses for every single business in this country. I cant see any positives, only negatives that will stifle business'.	Braam		
	2025-11-27 13:19:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will further destroy all white-owned SME’s and kill job creation. It will have the exact opposite effect.	Ursula		self-employed
	2025-11-27 13:20:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ashley	Western Cape	
	2025-11-27 13:32:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Ross	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 13:34:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is already so much mis-management in many of the municipalities, (especially in Gauteng areas) sprinkled with a whole lot of corruption and giving tenders to buddies, as well as a fair amount of bribery going on, together with BEE. It will more than likely just encourage more of this, instead of helping the struggling entrepreneur, who can barely put food on the table to feed their family. The red tape and power given to the inspectors might make matters even worse than they already are. Who is going to check on the inspectors?? Now you want to put a further financial burden on the struggling small business owner, as well as further administrative nightmares. I believe that more attention should be put on sorting out the present system and technologically streamlining that first, before any laws are changed.	Esther		unemployed individual
	2025-11-27 14:00:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	There is already so much mis-management in many of the municipalities, this also creates another avenue for corruption and bribery giving tenders to buddies, together with BEE. It will more than likely just encourage more of this, this will most certainly not help the struggling entrepreneur, who can barely put food on the table to feed their family. The red tape and power given to the inspectors will make matters even worse than they already are. Who is going to check on the inspectors?? Now you want to put a further financial burden on the struggling small business owner, as well as further administrative nightmares. I believe that more attention should be put on sorting out the present system and technologically streamlining that first, before any laws are changed. Don't you have enough to do, that is shamefully not being done for South Africans. Try fixing things instead of creating "another stupid" law.	Nicky	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-27 14:06:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Just another way to expand the already crony-capitalist ideas espoused by a failed government. Your revenue streams are sufficient. The economy is stagnant. Fulfill your mandate and stop being economic vultures. It's a miracle there's any commerce left in the country as it is. Long lines at every government department. It's impossible to get anything done around here and yet you'd try to implement this rubbish with a straight face. Brazen. I pray for you leaders to be granted more wisdom.	M	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-27 14:32:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	SA government being racist again, everything they do, thats why nothing works!	Andrew	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-27 14:33:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Audrey		
	2025-11-27 14:47:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Charmyne	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 15:04:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The bill is discriminatory	Johan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 15:08:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Running a business in SA is already very difficult with all the challenging legislation in place. I own a business where I employ 30 people, why would the government try to make that more difficult for me to i point where i would have to close my doors.? They should be implementing legislation to enable me to grow the number of people I employ, not the opposite.	Amanda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 15:17:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape to charge fees and to exclude some citizens from earning a living without long issue times and harassments by inspectors.	Marius	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-27 16:14:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing		andre	Western Cape	
	2025-11-27 16:21:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cheryl	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-27 16:34:45	No I do not	Preferential licensing	More red tape to charge fees and to exclude some citizens from earning a living without long issue times and harassments by inspectors.	Petro	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-27 16:46:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tessa	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-27 17:36:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Schalk	Gauteng	
	2025-11-27 17:48:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		David		
	2025-11-27 19:04:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is disguised BEE and will force legitimate businesses out of operation	ERROL	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner

	2025-11-27 19:58:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I strongly object to the Business Licensing Bill 2025 for the following reasons:Preferential/discriminatory licensing (clauses 5, 10, 15) introduces race-, gender- and nationality-based quotas and fast-tracking in disguise. This is unconstitutional (sections 9 and 22 of the Constitution), discriminatory, and will deepen division, deter investment and punish merit. Draconian inspector powers (clauses 18–20, 24) allow warrantless entry, searches, seizures and on-the-spot fines up to R10 000 with no judicial oversight. This is a blatant violation of privacy, property rights and due process, and an open invitation to harassment, extortion and corruption, especially against informal traders. Massive new red tape while the country is desperate for jobs. Every business, including street vendors and spaza shops, now needs a municipal licence renewed every five years. Municipalities that cannot fix potholes or supply water will now decide who may trade. This will cause delays, costs and mass closure of small and survivalist businesses. Direct attack on the informal sector – millions who have no other income will be criminalised, fined or have stock seized for trading without a licence. Corruption bonanza – discretionary powers, vague criteria and desperate traders create the perfect environment for bribes and rent-seeking. Duplication and overreach – the Bill duplicates existing laws (zoning, health, safety, liquor, etc.) and centralises control instead of simplifying. This Bill is anti-poor, anti-jobs, anti-growth and unconstitutional. It must be withdrawn completely. South Africa needs deregulation and support for small business, not another apartheid-style permit raj.Withdraw the Bill now.	Herbert	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-27 20:15:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The whole initiative defies credulity. Given the high incidence of corruption and mismanagement by the government, focus should be given to tidying up the ineptitude and mess that currently exists. instead of wasting time and resources on totally unnecessary red tape	Ray	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-27 20:37:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		T.		
	2025-11-27 20:38:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		J.		
	2025-11-27 20:38:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John		
	2025-11-27 20:39:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Peter		
	2025-11-27 20:40:13	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Thea		
	2025-11-27 20:41:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		H.		
	2025-11-27 20:41:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		T.		
	2025-11-27 20:42:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		P.		
	2025-11-27 21:22:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wesley		
	2025-11-28 06:26:15	No I do not	Preferential licensing	My wife has a small business. She employs 6 people. She works harder than anyone I know. By making business even harder, the government will collapse small businesses. There will be less employment, not more. Already it seems like those trying to run legitimate business have alot more hoops to get through	Johnny		
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	2025-11-28 06:48:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I strongly oppose the proposed Business Licensing Bill. Instead of supporting growth, it risks adding unnecessary red tape, discouraging entrepreneurship and harming small businesses that drive our economy. South Africa needs policies that simplify doing business, not complicate them. I urge the government to scrap this bill! Nothing good will come from this.	Shani	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 06:52:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Concerned that this will stop all small " businesses' scraping out a tiny living supporting small communities More crime and unemployment being a result	Corinna	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-28 07:03:43	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Our country us already being destroyed by massive levels of corruption and incompetence. This bill opens the doors to more corruption and discrimination leading to even poorer economic growth. Stop it ANC!!! Get out of the way of South Africans wanting to earn a living and rather focus on delivering basic services and fixing our infrastructure.	Dominik		
	2025-11-28 07:26:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The government want to gain control over business and who owns it. They want to controls everything and it will be an open door for corrupt politicians as well as people/officials who are in charge.	Johan		
	2025-11-28 07:27:03	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill will kill small businesses already struggling to survive in South African economy	Morne	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 07:40:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Hennie	North West	business owner
	2025-11-28 07:52:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is not supporting good business practices and is aimed at protecting a certain group of people which is unconstitutional.	Joe H.		
	2025-11-28 08:02:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The function of government is to facilitate in creating a stable environment for business. Not to regulate it to the point that it cannot function. This bill will negatively impact business's ability to create employment.	Gina		
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	2025-11-28 08:27:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another race based law that has absolutely no value to anyone except the useless department of trade. I'm tired of paying your salaries. You are fired with immediate effect.	Paul	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 08:48:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Tessa	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-28 09:00:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The Business Licensing Bill (2025), in its current form, is unworkable, economically damaging, and counterproductive. It risks: • Increasing bureaucracy • Fueling corruption • Hindering investment • Damaging job creation • Undermining constitutional rights • Impeding SME development • Suppressing economic growth For South Africa to thrive, reforms should focus on reducing red tape, promoting competition, supporting SMEs, and creating a business-friendly environment — not complicating it further.	Maren	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-28 09:14:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing	It should be easier to maintain a business for a good economy, not more difficult. This bill will significantly increase bureaucracy, making it much more difficult to maintain a business, which in turn will have negative economic impacts. Most of the municipalities in this country cannot deliver basic services, meaning a business getting their license on time will probably be a rarity. Furthermore, most municipalities are corrupt (as evidenced by almost no clean audits), meaning preferential treatment or bribes can have a major influence.	Marcus	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-28 09:15:05	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Zenda		
	2025-11-28 09:33:11	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Misty	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 09:39:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Pierre	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-28 09:50:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-28 10:10:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The law does not improve the lives of South Africans. It threatens the livelihood of everyone.	Zander	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 10:40:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing	When are we (SA) to be freed from the racism of the anc (lower case intended).	John		
	2025-11-28 10:57:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Not only is the preferential licensing of great concern, but so is the usual burden and cost of all the unnecessary red tape, the potential overreach and power-struggle of disgruntled, bored, crooking inspectors (loads of proof of this in all aspects of SA burdensome legislation), but of how this proposed and impossible bill will kill our already ailing economy. Government , you are meat to stimulate growth towards a favourable, active and rewards-driven economy, not this penalising, chocking, driving into the ground and ultimately killing approach. Government, you keep beating this downtrodden and broken donkey of an economy, there really is not much left. What this will do to our informal economy, which is keeping so many people alive, you will be creating the worst kind of blackmarket as seen in so many failing countries across the world. I do not support this bill at all. And it must be said, the 75% of failed municipalities will once again not be able to administer this seeing as they cannot do anything functional. Although it was amazing to see what is actually possible with the G20. Just proves the point that no one wants to do the work, nor actually does the work, in government echelons.	Ingrid	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 11:10:49	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Bys		
	2025-11-28 11:14:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Manfred leopold	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 11:22:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Justin	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 11:24:56	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elize	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-28 11:33:46	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We need less government involvement in business, not more. The government has proven itself to be incompetent time and time again. They are ruining the economy and the country. They have no business meddling in business with more licensing, regulations or controls. If anything, we need to scrap outdated regulations and make it simpler to do business.	Gordon		
	2025-11-28 11:45:54	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 11:45:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 11:48:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Another race based law? no thank you. Please let us small businesses and entrepreneurs continue to fuel the economy without any further red tape, it is hard enough as it is.	Chris	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 12:21:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Corrupt government, corrupt officials, power play during licence application. The people selling home made items, food etc to make a living just to survive, what about them?? The government want's to control everything and in doing so keep on KILLING the free market and economy!!!!	Johan		
	2025-11-28 12:26:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This bill makes it to easy to discriminate against any person. It will also discourage people from starting new businesses.	Francois	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 12:38:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This government is attempting to regulate and control every facet of human life in South Africa. Their Marxist philosophy overrides any common sense and leaves no room for individual rights and freedom. Every component of society is being targeted. They even want to regulate and control religion. Just imagine life in this country when nobody can earn his daily bread without a communist cader's written permission.	Karen	Western Cape	
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	2025-11-28 13:26:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jolize	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 13:29:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	While I agree with Government's intention to register all businesses and ensure compliance with laws, their proposal is once again misaligned with the need to enable business registration and operation through creating administrative burdens and the ever real opportunity for corruption. The government nor the local municipalities have the resources, capacity nor competence to administer these requirements	Colin	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-28 13:31:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BBBEE is getting out of hand and why force more money from we the people just because the money is not coming in from their own resources that they closed. How many people will be suffering and how many will turn to criminality to support their families and how many will now have to do business under the radar.....?	Maria	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 13:35:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mia	Western Cape	
	2025-11-28 13:53:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is outrageous! They obviously are not thinking about the entrepreneur who cannot get a job and has to survive by other means. This will just encourage more theft, uproar, and unemployment—issues already escalating in an economy that is not sustainable! Stop the political corruption and initiatives that only feed the pockets of the government, while the people are in dire straits. I strongly oppose the bill.	Nel-Marie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 14:13:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I am against this bill in it entirety. In a country where economic growth and entrepreneurship should be encouraged at every opportunity, this bill seeks to dominate, control and kill small businesses. The principle of a arbitrary decision on who gets licenses and the absurd powers of enforcement is just crazy, and this in country where they can not even get the basics of an administrative process right without public-private partnerships.	Hannes	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-28 14:33:51	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Kerry	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-28 14:34:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is thé most idiotic idea yet from the ANC!	Christa		
	2025-11-28 14:37:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Elize	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-28 14:49:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	With unemployment absolute madness	susanna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 15:52:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		D	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 15:54:50	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Melissa	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 16:35:10	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This law needs Total revision and Public participation. It is ill conceived and totally impossible to administer fairly. It opens the doors to even more bribery and corruption by officials and setting up of relatives and friends in place of legitimate businesses. You must not permit this law to be signed into law. You do not have the right to force punitive action like this on ordinary people who are desperately trying to support their families.	Sharon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 16:35:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Citizens should be free to engage in business, it is their right to earn a living, and government should not create barriers or race based laws preventing people to look after their own dependants. Businesses creare jobs, government does not. Government create additional burden on the economy by unnecessary red tape. Additional licensing will not make business easier. It will create even higher burden to work and jobs.	Pierre	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 16:43:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lilian	Free State	retired
	2025-11-28 17:23:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	We need less red tape and give the private sectore more opertunities to thrive independantly and not try and control every aspect of their businesses. Survival of the fittest and best for the country/sector.	Jacques	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 17:43:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Amanda	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 19:32:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		A	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 20:24:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		George	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-28 20:32:34	No I do not	Preferential licensing		M	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 20:32:47	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government seem to create jobs out without any benefit to poeple or growing the economy.	Jan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 20:42:02	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is just another way to extort more money out of people tryong to survive in today's economic climate. This will kill much needed economic growth as well as demotivate entripreneurs to event attempt to start a new business. This is just another step of preferential treatment and limiting certain individuals from making a living and providing for their families.	charl		employed individual
	2025-11-28 20:49:32	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wade	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-28 21:33:36	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Frederik	North West	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 22:03:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government interference. They will give licences to their "friends".	Alec	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-28 22:16:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Corruption will thrive and more people will be unemployed and hungry and homeless.	Edna	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 23:53:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		R		unemployed individual
	2025-11-29 06:26:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Marelize	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-29 06:27:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Wilna	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-29 06:57:17	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Andries		
	2025-11-29 07:49:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Cavell	Free State	retired
	2025-11-29 08:00:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Velma	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 09:11:04	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Anything that has preferential treatment can (and does) get abused. Too much power would be given to the government and the inspectors. Also this simply raises the cost of startup businesses who are already hanging by a shoestring to try to make it work. More red tape. More costs - why do you have to reregister every 5 years? This is just a way to make more money which then gets diverted to the pockets of those in power, further strangling anyone trying to make a legitimate income.	Danielle		

	2025-11-29 11:49:44	No I do not	Preferential licensing	To whom it may concern, Anyone can start a business as long as they have funding. This can be because they have the funds themselves or because they get a loan. We do not need 'preferential licensing' which could see white minority groups unable to operate businesses owned by themselves. What on earth is the government thinking? For the love of South Africa, please stop this madness and put forward legislation which is fair, just and equitable....for ALL SOUTH AFRICANS. President Ramaphosa once said, 'South Africa is home to all who live in it'. I just hope and pray that legislation will start reflecting that. I just hope it's not only talk.	Lauren Jeannie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-29 14:54:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petro-Ann	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-29 14:55:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Petro-Ann	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-29 14:55:27	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Preferential licensing is being sold as “empowerment,” but in truth it is a dangerous weapon that will crush ordinary South Africans who are simply trying to live, trade, and educate their children. I speak as someone deeply engaged in education and family autonomy. Parents who create and sell educational material - books, guides, or even simple worksheets - could suddenly be told they need a license, or worse, that licenses are reserved only for certain groups. This is not empowerment; it is exclusion. It turns learning resources into a political tool, blocking families from sharing knowledge and earning a living. The same applies to trading plants, produce, eggs, and raw milk. These are the lifeblood of informal markets and family resilience. Preferential licensing means government can decide who is “allowed” to sell food, who can trade seedlings, who can offer raw milk. Instead of supporting food security, it risks shutting down small farmers and home producers, leaving only politically connected businesses to thrive. And what about fixing cars? Mechanics who work from their yards or small workshops keep families mobile and communities alive. Under preferential licensing, these trades could be reserved for certain groups, while others are blocked from earning an honest living. This is not transformation - it is strangulation. Preferential licensing hands government the power to decide who may trade, who may teach, and who may feed their community. This is too risky for a system that is supposed to protect against racial exclusion, political favoritism, and economic suffocation. It is a direct attack on the informal economy, on family resilience, and on the dignity of work. We do not need more red tape, what we need is proper policing. We do not need government deciding who may sell eggs or who may print a workbook. We need freedom to trade, freedom to teach, and freedom to live. I demand that preferential licensing be scrapped from the bill.	Rebekka	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-29 15:09:25	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Darryl	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-29 15:10:57	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Martine	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 15:27:48	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will add tremendous strain to small businesses, There are far too many red tape already and our countries economy will feel the blow dealt by this bill. We need entrepreneurship, we need new ventures, we need job creation we do not need more red tape.	Trix		
	2025-11-29 16:10:22	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Further to the above-mentioned objection, I would also like to mention that in a country with such a depressed economy, it doesn't make sense to make it more difficult for small businesses and individual entrepeneurs to earn a living. It also makes it easier for corruption to thrive.	Wilma	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-29 16:10:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Further to the above-mentioned objection, I would also like to mention that in a country with such a depressed economy, it doesn't make sense to make it more difficult for small businesses and individual entrepeneurs to earn a living. It also makes it easier for corruption to thrive.	Wilma	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-29 16:51:33	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Giving preferential licensesing power to supposed inspectors is ludicrous because they will inevitable misuse them as has been seen in the past. SA needs entrepreneurs to boost the economy of this country not slow it down. Our economy is currently stagnant. Far to much red tape to deal with. We desperately need forward thinking people now more than ever. I definitely do not support the proposed bill for many other reasons aswell.	Ian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-29 17:17:31	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is not empowerment—it is exclusion. It is not transformation—it is control. Preferential licensing will choke the informal economy, punish families, and destroy the dignity of work. I call on Parliament to reject preferential licensing in the Business Licensing Bill. If government truly wants to help, it should remove barriers, not build new ones. Families and small businesses are the backbone of South Africa’s economy. Do not hand politicians the power to decide who may trade, who may feed and who may serve their community.	William	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-29 19:40:12	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Mahomed	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-29 21:55:06	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The new Business Licensing Bill is being sold as “modernization,” but in reality it is a scheme that threatens small businesses, informal traders, and families trying to survive. Preferential Licensing = Exclusion: The bill lets government reserve whole sectors for “preferred groups.” In the wrong hands, this means blocking people by race, politics, or connections. Centralized Control = No Escape: National, provincial, and municipal systems will be harmonized. If abuse happens, it spreads everywhere and no local government can resist. Digital Systems = Hidden Bias: Online applications and databases sound efficient, but they can be programmed to reject certain people automatically, with no transparency or appeal. Crisis Rules = Selective Relief: During disasters, fee cuts and grace periods could go only to insiders, while ordinary traders are left to collapse. This bill is about tightening control, rewarding cronies, and punishing the vulnerable. It risks turning licensing into a weapon of exclusion, strangling the very people who keep our already deconstructed economy alive. If passed, it will kill jobs, block opportunity, and deepen inequality. South Africa needs freedom to trade, not another layer of red tape.	Caroline	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 22:08:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Unconstitutional discriminatory bias potential built in.	Alf	Eastern Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-30 07:46:40	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Srap this prposed bill. It kills any small business/entrepreneur endeavor in towns and townships.	Sarh	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-30 08:44:42	No I do not	Preferential licensing	BEE must be scraped and not replaced by any system that uses the color of your skin as a selection criteria.	George	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-30 09:19:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This is unfair and will destroy those who are trying to make a living. BEE must be scrapped - how is it fair to tell a small business they cannot function if they don’t have the right skin colour or are not connected enough? What about those with skills who do not “qualify” for a corrupt license? Must we just sit and home and do nothing and will the government pay for us? NO! This bill will remove an individual’s right to work and earn a living! The government hasn’t even realized that this will also result in less tax for them!!!	Amanda	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-30 09:45:16	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Dylan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-30 10:31:29	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Lizelle	Gauteng	
	2025-11-30 10:36:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		John		unemployed individual
	2025-11-30 16:01:01	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Government wants to make use of and abuse their power to try limit citizens and have us dance to their music. Their policies during th do called oandemic showed us exactly what they are up too. They cant run the country in any way shape or size but want to limit people more they just corrupt everything I've been a victim gir way to long now, my fire arms seized, two day before they changed their mind,I eent to the police station where it was booked into, they refused return stating it has already been turned into paperclips, noy true as it was used in crimes 2yrs later, bought my farm for way under value,ruined it implements and all, stripped all buildings. Had to shut down my business with plandemic, the want to shut down churches, fine or lock us up talking about our God took part of my pension when I turned 60, enough is enough!!!!!!!! Is ENOUGH!!!!!! Rampies and all his goons should step down now before we become Zimbabwe,and all other ruined African countries	Magda	Free State	retired
	2025-11-30 20:06:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I do not support any race based laws no matter what it's disguised as.	Anneke	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-30 20:08:24	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This country is to corrupt to change any bills. They steal and commission on commission, that is, the tax payers have to pay, get away with it. This government had broke down everything important and has built nothing. While they are in control, nothing is safe to start.	Marlene	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-30 22:15:39	No I do not	Preferential licensing	In a country where there is rampant corruption, it sounds like another income stream for the government, it is open to race based discrimination (140 discriminatory race laws already exist) and it is not wise to punish people for striving to open their own business in a country where there is 39% unemployment. Small businesses often sustain people who do not have the option of gaining employment elsewhere.	Shirley	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-12-01 05:15:14	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Bee in disguise.	Richard	Western Cape	retired

	2025-12-01 09:05:23	No I do not	Preferential licensing	I refuse to accept being controlled. This proposed licensing bill is nothing more than an attempt at nationalistic manipulation — a government tactic designed to enable further corruption and theft from citizens. It appears to be yet another BEE-driven money-laundering scheme benefiting ANC politicians and their associates. The situation is worsened by the frustration of dealing with incompetent officials who cannot implement systems effectively. Approval processes are unfair, products are unlawfully confiscated, and inspectors abuse their power to solicit bribes. This is not governance — it is organized thievery. This initiative looks like another revenue stream for a corrupt government, perpetuating systemic abuse and draining taxpayers. Meanwhile, undocumented foreigners continue to strain resources and destabilize the country. Corrupt ANC cadres and their networks — empowered by entitlement politics — must be prosecuted and jailed. In a nation plagued by rampant corruption, this bill reeks of racial bias, adding to the 140 discriminatory race-based laws already in place. It is unconstitutional to penalize individuals striving to start businesses in a country with 39% unemployment. Small businesses — often white-owned — play a critical role in sustaining communities where employment opportunities are scarce. These businesses are already heavily taxed and discriminated against, yet they remain vital to economic survival.	Derick		employed individual
	2025-12-01 10:53:35	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Annie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-12-01 11:25:55	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Leon	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-12-01 14:12:00	No I do not	Preferential licensing	This will just make life harder for the"small guys" who are trying to sustain themselves. Who will implement this, who will make sure there are no bribery taking place. What will be the criteria?The only thing that needs to be governed are the illegal sub par products that are allowed into South Africa. Start there and you won't have kids falling ill from food.	Erika		self-employed
	2025-12-01 14:29:21	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Niel	Free State	self-employed
	2025-12-01 18:54:52	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Jean		retired
	2025-12-02 07:04:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	Obviously there must be rules and regulations but should NEVER BE RACE BASED . And ministers should not be allowed to use their “discretion” - too dangerous - remember the COVID-19 disaster?	Louis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-12-02 08:54:30	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The proposed bill must be rejected in its entirety. Among other negative aspects it will would enable corruption on a grand scale to the detriment of the economy. It would stifle creation of new businesses and cause further unemployment. It is unbelievable that such a bill could be suggested!	Pieter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-12-02 09:26:18	No I do not	Preferential licensing	The proposed bill must be rejected in its entirety. Among other negative aspects it will would enable corruption on a grand scale to the detriment of the economy. It would stifle creation of new businesses and cause further unemployment.	Heather	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-12-02 11:11:41	No I do not	Preferential licensing	No more government interference!	Lesley	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-12-02 11:38:09	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Les	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-12-02 11:50:59	No I do not	Preferential licensing	All South Africans are equal under the law, regardless of race!!!!	Sandra		retired
	2025-12-02 12:04:08	No I do not	Preferential licensing		Fred	Western Cape	retired
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	2025-11-19 18:07:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Desiree	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-19 19:36:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another way of the ANC to control it's citizens. It will impact the economy negatively	Joan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-19 19:36:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another way of the ANC to control it's citizens. It will impact the economy negatively	Joan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-20 07:37:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Pam du	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-20 09:23:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The new licensing bill is adding more red tape which just enable more opportunities for corruption, unlawful conduct and misused management powers of inspectors. Total double workload since SA do have a business registration process already in acting for all legal businesses. Misuse of resources and powers.	Mathilda	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-20 09:29:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will be detrimental to an already struggling economy and also cause more power abuse, corruption, etc.	Andre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-20 10:43:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It will kill white small business owners, as the race laws, have an effect on that too, seeing that the inspectors will be BEE employed all black and will deny white business ownership, to have the economy all to themselfs..	Ester	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-20 14:01:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The Inspectors are granted far to much power and odes not allow business owners to defend themselves quickly. It will open the doors further corruption and red tape and stifle businesses.	John	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-20 15:14:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This useless government of thieving mafias, has just created another avenue for more stealing! They can't do driving licenses for 5 years, HOW are they going to monitor business licenses when they can't even do municipal rates accounts? Incompetent mamparras! What about taxis???? Are they once again excempted?	Elna	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 14:48:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just an opportunity for MORE CORRUPTION!	Venetia	North West	
	2025-11-21 15:41:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	For heavens sake not more red tape. This communist government is strangling the very entrepreneurs who are our only hope of job creation. NO NO NO.	Barbara	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 16:06:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	South Africa has so many problems and obstacles - fix those first before trying to introduce something like this that adds no value to the ordinary tax payer	Robyn		
	2025-11-21 16:09:37	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Neels	North West	retired
	2025-11-21 16:12:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		LYnette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 16:15:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sheena	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-21 16:20:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	System will be too open to abuse. Most municipalities are incapable of attending to existing responsibilities so why add to them.	Alan		
	2025-11-21 16:48:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Government and municipalities are both riddled with corruption and ineptitude. They can't even handle maintaining streets and potholes. This is overreaching. Small businesses have enough struggles, now you want greedy and corrupt officials squeezing them further? Do better.	Tatiana	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 16:51:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ravi	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 16:51:30	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Given the mess our country is in, and the threat of decreasing foreign investment or buying, a shortfall that cannot be made up locally, the oke in charge is determined to ruin our country even more. The object of the exercise is patently to make it country easy to invade and to force more whites to leave. One wonders who they have ear marked to produce food for the rampant increasing numbers, and who is going to protect the man in the street from the rising gang threat. Give me strength! I didn't think that he could come up with anything more stupid than he has to date.	Denise	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 16:59:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More RED Tape!!! No No NO.	David	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:01:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is ridiculous. Why are you trying to make it even harder for small businesses to run. Things are hard enough as it is	Natalie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:02:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It is all about total control. It is Marxism which we don't need in South Africa	Dolly	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:02:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It is all about total control. It is Marxism which we don't need in South Africa	Dolly	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-21 17:03:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	In a country so drought with greed and corruption this will only serve to support the greedy	Jackie		employed individual
	2025-11-21 17:04:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just another way for the government to execute control. The PAIA is an example. My Information has NEVER BEEN MORE OUT IN THE OPEN THAN NOW!!! Anyone and everyone can make contact with a person, without that person's permission. This Legislation , if intended to obtain Income Tax from Spaza Shops, popping up all over and not paying there way as other established Businesses, then , fine! However, we all know, that this is NOT the goverments intention. Inspectors would DISCRIMINATE against Legitimate Business Licence Seekers; just another way to have insight into what is happening in one's private life and ensuring ways to help cadres to "take-over" well built-up Businesses. This Country has gone to the "dogs".	Estella	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:15:17	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Commies all of them	Gabriel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 17:24:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		JJ		retired
	2025-11-21 17:39:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Marius	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:50:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Andre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 17:54:17	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Dit is heeltemal verkeerd en onnodig	Marilyn	Free State	retired
	2025-11-21 17:54:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I am unsure as to whether if this is to generate another revenue stream or a mechanism to disqualify minority persons from starting up small businesses. Either way the informal sector is here to stay. The informal sector is the only realistic hope for the hordes of unemployed to make a living. I don’t expect the anc fat cats understand or care. With power given to inspectors it will become another avenue for bribes and underhanded business practices. What qualifications will these so-called inspectors and what basis would they confiscate your goods.	Christopher	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-21 17:55:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Money racketing, this is black apartheid in practice. This bill gives power to corrupt municipal workers who could abuse their powers. How do we know they’re corrupt? The municipalities are battling due to corruption. What is the role of the CIPC? Businesses already have to be registered on the national register and accordingly pay taxes. This new bill seems onerous and cumbersome.	Grace	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 18:00:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Quinn		
	2025-11-21 18:02:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Every change this government makes throttles business, destroys jobs snd enriches the elite. Another avenue for corruption. Bussinesses ate currently registered under onerous legislation, there's no reason to introduce more restrictive red tape	Randall	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:02:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Every change this government makes throttles business, destroys jobs snd enriches the elite. Another avenue for corruption. Bussinesses ate currently registered under onerous legislation, there's no reason to introduce more restrictive red tape	Randall	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:06:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Mel		
	2025-11-21 18:07:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		David	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:09:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Leonie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:09:03	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Leonie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:13:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Tobias	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:14:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Mark	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:18:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Open to abuse via preferential licensing	Maciej	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 18:24:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kaye	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:26:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The municipalities cannot cope now and are dysfunctional and disinterested. Do we want everything to be even further protracted. There will be minimal or no training of the "officials". Leave be until the whole thing has been properly thought through	Penny	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:27:13	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is not a good idea. It will surely end up being misused by a lot of the 'inspectors'	Pieter	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 18:28:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The structure of the bill facilitates corruption and prejudice.	Terry		business owner
	2025-11-21 18:30:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	No, no, no, no. South Africa needs to get off its high horses gleaned from ancient De Beers times and face its 92% economic reality - abysmal economic performance, lousy entrepreneurship, and dreadful work opportunities , particularly of youth. The President loves to hob-nob in Switzerland with the people he's borrowed money from; so he can pretend he's a real billionaire like his brother-in-law. In hob-nobbing, he likes to pretend that South Africa has "Western Standards" to support his continued pretensions. The reality is that there are fewer and fewer opportunities for graft nowadays. The big fish have been landed. So "licensing", like traffic fines, is one of the only graft opportunities left. Making things bureaucratically complicated only benefits civil servants and politicians. We should realise after over 30 years that we're on the African continent at last,and get pointers from Nigeria. Actually Italy has realised for many, many years that cash economies support the majority of people, and over-regulated economies support the chosen few.	Rodney	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 18:34:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Gustav	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:35:17	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Carika	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 18:39:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just another method of stealing from the public by the government under the guise of good business practice. It further will inhibit White business owners from starting or developing which is high on the agenda but obviously never printed or admitted to.	Louwerens	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 18:43:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This bill would pave the way for a very dangerous landscape, impacting businesses of all sizes.	Taryn	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:00:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We need less government to get the economy going, not more. With the majority of municipalities already delinquent, giving them more authority increases the risk of power abuse and demographic lickout.	Briers	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 19:08:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	No bee underground shit thanks. Keep it as it is. The only thing that the ANC can do is sitting behind a desk and make laws. Fucking nothing works .	Willem		retired
	2025-11-21 19:08:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Abrie	North West	business owner
	2025-11-21 19:09:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Also unnecessary red tape and and power of inspectors	Pam	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:09:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Also unnecessary red tape and and power of inspectors	Pam	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:11:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	They have proven that they cannot run anything in this country complete morons.!	Clive	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:18:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I do not support this as it is another power grab by government that will further hinder business and seeks to enforce BEE through the back door.	Murray	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:19:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Naomi	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:23:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Yet another opportunity for some to impose force to gain favour's- simply history being extended	Bruce	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 19:25:54	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. The provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background	Margaretha Wilhelmin	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:26:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Open to corruption - preferential licensing by individuals - bias could lead to loss of jobs	Juliet	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:26:57	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another reason to force there way and steal more	Lydia	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-21 19:28:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just another law for the government to control everything. They want complete control but complete control brings with it complete corruption.	Noel	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 19:30:52	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Regularion at this level is tantamount to hijacking ones basic rights . Nor Good for Business and evertthi ng else.	Efthemiios		
	2025-11-21 19:35:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Open to abuse at national as well as local government level -discrimination against minority groups and further corruption.	André		retired
	2025-11-21 19:38:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The government need to stop suffocating south Africans with their red tape, stop stealing all our tax money and get the basics right. Lift people out of poverty, ensure children are educated so they can have bright futures. The anc (and eff and MK party) are the epitome of thr snake eating its own tail.	Natalie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:44:37	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sli	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 19:48:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This would open up more opportunities for officials to take or demand bribes. I wouldn't trust officials from most of the country's municipal offices to administer the process fairly or at all	Brigette		
	2025-11-21 19:49:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	an opportunity once again for corruption to flourish	Indira	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 19:57:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	In this day of such lost growth in business, and total lack of support by government, it looks to be just another big power grab, to size controle of the free marked and business development in SA... already over wrought with job losses and unemployment devastates the free world... give it a rest, you've taken so much already...	Stuart	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 19:59:52	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It is already hard enough to run a business in this over regulated environment with compliance stripping off profits and enthisiasm and innovation. To be regulsted by burocracy and political agendas and prifits stripped off by goevernment is so unrighteous and unjust. Leave businesses to do what they can do best and keep government officials corrupt fingers out!	Regina		business owner
	2025-11-21 20:00:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	. Innappropriate. Communist law. To control every aspect of running your own business. How can the Government even think of implementing such a bill ! This will be the end of private business - the backbone of our country and lead to further increase in unemployment - which our country can ill afford !!!!	Willie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:13:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Francois	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-21 20:17:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Mike	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:33:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This law seems to be ripe for abuse. It will encourage corruption and local-level discrimination. The increased red tape will not help the economy. It also seems to possibly target informal vendors, which will be disastrous for the poorest demographic. Very illiberal.	JJ	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:34:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The proposed powers to be granted to inspectors will lead to corruption and discrimination. It is hard enough starting and running a business already. Adding more red tape is going to lead to more business closing and less new business start ups	Steffan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:34:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The proposed powers to be granted to inspectors will lead to corruption and discrimination. It is hard enough starting and running a business already. Adding more red tape is going to lead to more business closing and less new business start ups	Steffan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 20:34:17	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Can this government not realize we now this is another con to find out who complies with their BBEEE concept. Secondly it will be a shambles, because anything this government tries on 'improving this country' relating to economics, always turns into a total disaster. Just look at our economy after 31 years. Leave it alone. Go back to your snug little homes and leave us alone. We run things pretty well without you interfering. You have no idea about business, small / medium, and are you telling me the inspectors can't be bribed to cancel opposition businesses licenses, and delay being granted business licenses? Please, bribery is part of the game out there.	John		self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:39:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Andre	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:40:57	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Die voortsetting van die haatgedrewe wetgeqing deur die anc sal nooit stop voordat hulle uit die politieke arena verdwyn nie. Alle wette soos die een het slegs ten doel om die ekonomiese balans in die land te versteur tot voordeel van die anc en sy kaders. Die Titanic is reeds besig om te sink maar nogsteeds is daar diegene wat dit nie raaksien nie. Hoop hulle kan swem.	Jack	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:40:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Die voortsetting van die haatgedrewe wetgeqing deur die anc sal nooit stop voordat hulle uit die politieke arena verdwyn nie. Alle wette soos die een het slegs ten doel om die ekonomiese balans in die land te versteur tot voordeel van die anc en sy kaders. Die Titanic is reeds besig om te sink maar nogsteeds is daar diegene wat dit nie raaksien nie. Hoop hulle kan swem.	Jack	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 20:41:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The proposed law is open to abuse as well as more corruption. We have enough red tape and hurdles that put the brakes on economic growth.	Frederik Johannes	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 20:42:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Heather	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 20:50:17	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lara	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:50:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just an attempt for the current powers to stay in power. Giving them more control to dish out fines as they choose. This time they want to legalize extortion, to get more lifeblood(money), that keeps them going to suck everything dead. Yes there will be exceptions, but the power will just be too tempting for many officials to push for a bribe. We already experience it: esp traffic control and local government levels.	m	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:06:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More things that the govrrnment can not enforce ewually of manage it. All businesses eith good address es will get targeted snd the resl bad ones get away. More aread open to bribes. No no and no again	Jan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 21:29:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More red tape. Will only lead to more corruption, bribery and non functional systems.	Eugene	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 21:36:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Stop the manipulation!!!!!and Communist laws!!!!!!	Marie		
	2025-11-21 21:41:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johannes	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 21:42:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I am concerned that formal businesses may face stricter regulations, licensing requirements, and penalties, while informal traders will be allowed to operate with less enforcement. This is absolutely an indirect way of reinforcing B-BBEE policies. If you are white you will be shut down will heavy penalties while blacks don't even pay taxes.	Michelle	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 22:00:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I am concerned that elements of the Bill amount to discrimination by introducing preference systems that could influence who qualifies for a licence. And Inspectors will have power, that would not necessarily be unbiased and fair.	Lorinda	Western Cape	
	2025-11-21 22:07:28	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is BEE just in another format	David	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 22:20:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Why do you have to pay a license for your own business? Why do the goverment always target the businesses who pay taxes and help the economy grow. So many documents and red tape allready- give the businesses some slack. Allready so difficult in South Africa to operate a business.	Annelize	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:35:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		John	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:40:27	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Aletia	Gauteng	
	2025-11-21 22:49:57	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		MARIETJIE	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-21 22:56:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Paul		retired
	2025-11-21 22:58:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Cornel	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-21 23:03:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Vinesh	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-21 23:05:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The government has proven its corruption runs deep time and time again. Who's to say this won't be different with certain businesses being excluded from obtaining a licence?	Sarah	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 23:07:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sonja		
	2025-11-21 23:12:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 23:45:54	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More reasons for bribes and less benefit for an individual business.	K	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 01:15:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Gevaar van magsmisbruik en intimidasie	C		
	2025-11-22 01:31:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ivan	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 02:11:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	If counterfeit product sellers are a concern, use existing legal ways to shut them down and prevent such business. Don't introduce more bureaucracy and means for more government corruption to an already overburdened and strangled citizenship and economy.	KL	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 02:52:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		andrew		retired
	2025-11-22 02:56:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The wrong persons will have too much power to controll the ordinary working class people of SA ! Our country looks everyday nearer to a communis place !!	Elza	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-22 03:58:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Anne-Marie	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 04:09:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Flippie	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 04:52:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	SA small & medium businesses will be destroyed by unscrupulous, corrupt, inept, so-called business inspectors who have never operated a business. This is just another BEE initiative to plunder & destroy. SA do not trust this corrupt and racist government.	Joan		retired
	2025-11-22 04:55:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Stefan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:02:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Mahomed	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 05:06:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The municipalities have proven they cannot be trusted to manage their current portfolios with skill and integrity. This added ability to grant or not and control licensing of companies would open up to corruption and preferential treatment or influence by mafias aleady holding our country to ransom. A way for these mafias to get rid of any competition or those companies who stand in their way. No, no no!	Merina	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:11:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rene	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:18:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It's another form of BEE manipulation and another step in economic decline.	Tim		
	2025-11-22 05:37:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We will quickly have an imbalance and control of licensing.. unfair treatment & practice of power control is a given. Also the municipalities will not cope with this new workload that is added	Salomé	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 05:40:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Apart from opening the door for more corruption - it will cause more red tape and an admin nightmare.	Marietjie	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-22 05:45:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sue		
	2025-11-22 05:45:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		M D	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 05:48:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Vincent	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:52:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Hazrat	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 05:54:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ione	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 05:57:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Open to corruption	Sean	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:17:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sharon	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:18:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Des	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:31:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Hans	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:39:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	South Africa's track record regarding some Gov't, Provincial, Municipal Inspectors is tainted. The concern is the abuse of power that may emanate from inspectors. In addition the granting of licences could be used against certain ethnic groups.	Ian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:46:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	How would this affect spaza and roadside stalls, taxi ranks where there is a lot of informal trade. I have not registered my company on the basis of SARS being a scam alongside our government. Like the licensing of cars, RAF, fuel fund all is being raped now my business which is already hanginf by strings thanks to the economy. This means criminals can run their business doing things illegally while moral citizens must pay.	Jason	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:54:03	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 06:56:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Dis net nog n manier vir die staat om geld uit ons te maak. Ons besighede kry reeds swaar onder al die druk en betalings wat van ons verwag word.	Nanda	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 06:56:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Linda		retired
	2025-11-22 07:00:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	South Africans are already burdened with high taxes, high costs of living, deteriorating infrastructure etc. Now this is just another policy to strangle South African's further. We need to make it conducive for South African's to do Business, not put additional obstacles to prevent Job Employment and Business growth.	Ricardo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:10:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is yet another opportunity for corruption and preferential treatment to rear their heads. Right now, my municipality can barely keep up with it's duties and adding another one will create an expense with no positive outcome.	Rene	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 07:10:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Margaret	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:10:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Margaret	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:14:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Goverment in so many instances failed there citizens. Now they want to open anotger door for bribes and enrich certain people, while makes it more difficult fot those rhey dont want there. Where goverment has a finger in, it is certain to create disaster!	Leon	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:17:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Julia	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 07:19:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Danette	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:20:17	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Shaun	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:24:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Nikki	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:24:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johanna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:25:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another thing the government wants to control. More to steal and loot. This is communism at its best.	Matthys	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:27:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Helena	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:28:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Anna-Mart		
	2025-11-22 07:28:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	power of inspectors to confiscate goods etc is definitely NOT acceptable	Dora	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 07:30:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Vicki	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:32:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The powers given to inspectors seems excessive and could lead to power hungry inspectors using their powers to intimidate business owners for their own gain. Preferential licencing is also a concern and has no place in democratic society.	Celia	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:38:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ian		
	2025-11-22 07:39:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Bruce	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:40:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Corruption,corruption!!! how can these inspectors with increased power be trusted to be fair and honest . This just doesnt happen in this country. Honesty just doesnt exist	Didi	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:41:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another way by a corrupt ANC government to get businesses, already under pressure to part with more money and more paperwork	Hilton	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:41:03	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Bonita	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:44:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just no! You are killing SA one bill at a time. Enough!!!!	Dawn	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 07:49:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Francois	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 07:56:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rindi	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:56:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rindi	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:00:28	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Can the adults in the room please stand up and stop destroying business, growth and opportunity in this country!!!!! We already have one of the most onerous business environments and now you want to introduce this disasterous legislation? We don't require more red tape, we don't require more profiling, we don't require more inspectors going around collecting cool-drinks and KFC!! We need government to do the basics and get out of the way so business can grow this great country! We will never rise out of these doldrums of 1% growth by introducing more stifling legislation - however dreamt up this needs to step out of their plush offices and into the streets to realise this country needs growth to get its people working and uplifted! Wake up please!!	Alex		business owner
	2025-11-22 08:03:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I do not support even more red tape for businesses. Folk are struggling just to feed their families at the moment and this would cause more job losses than ever. Hell no.	Shona	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 08:08:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Fairness Money-making: opening up misusing a new source of income. Method of Controlling … all the' valid' good intentions …but what are the unspoken intentions not mentioned… Legislation placing strain on businesses making it unable to proceed Putting Prerequirements for licences causing strain on micro businesses financially and emotionally leading to stop as a result . That causes more economic strain on the country.	E	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:10:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This gives government too much power with respect who can and cannot operate businesses. It is a limitation on freedom of employment, enshrined by the constitution. It opens up more avenues for corruption and bribery, that will limit both local and foreign investment in the country. This type of legislation is too burdensome on small businesses. It creates more avenues for abuse of power by officials to confiscate goods because of repeated red tape (every 5 years) will lead to more bribery, corruption and theft. This is particularly prejudicial toward small businesses.	Bart	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:33:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Vaughan		unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 08:33:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Vaughan		unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 08:39:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The abuse of power and the corruption of individuals.	Cheryll	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:41:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Things are already. Tough as nails as it is. We as small business owners are already burned out. And cannot sleep at night. I already transport my waste to a company that charges me. Per ton. For disposal. As the goverment dumps. Are. In operational I want to comply. As much as i can but the profit margings. And cost of living is making it extremely difficult	John		self-employed

	2025-11-22 08:43:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just more bullshit added to the everyday BULLSHIT	Sarel		
	2025-11-22 08:44:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This Bill is a Travesty. It is going to put too much power into the hands of little tin gods who as usual, will target some businesses whilst ignoring others for a consideration. Corruption is killing our beautiful country which has enough laws working against the economy whilst aiding and abetting corruption. More highly paid jobs for the Cadres. Hell no leave the business system as it is.	Peter	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:47:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Petrus	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 08:58:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	South Africa's municipalities already struggle with major administrative backlogs, poor service delivery, and frequent governance failures. Requiring every business to obtain a new licence in this environment will not simplify anything. It will create more delays, more red tape, and more room for corruption. These problems are already well documented in many local governments. The Bill also gives inspectors and municipal officials excessive power to demand licences, issue fines, and confiscate goods. In South Africa, this kind of enforcement has repeatedly harmed small and informal traders. Many low income households rely on informal trading, and when officials confiscate goods or issue heavy fines, people lose their only source of income. This is a pattern that has already been seen across the country. South Africa is facing extremely high unemployment, slow economic growth, and rising poverty. Adding new compliance barriers in a system that is already inefficient will make it harder for small businesses to survive. Instead of encouraging entrepreneurship, the Bill is likely to restrict it and increase economic hardship.	Angela	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 08:58:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Robert	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 09:02:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sylvia	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:20:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Latetia	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:21:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kobus	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:21:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The shift to local municipal control over business licensing dangerously exposes the process to corruption. By fracturing decision-making authority, the policy eliminates single-source accountability, making oversight exponentially harder as numerous municipal bodies must be monitored. Moreover, it introduces the potential for localized, arbitrary discrimination against applicants. This decentralized system is inefficient, dramatically increases bureaucratic hurdles, and subjects livelihoods to the unpredictable risk of instantaneous job termination. Stop it already with the STUPID policies that are destroying this country for everyone! THINK!!!	Justin	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:21:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is an over reach,once agan,by the Government. They cannot enforce the laws on the books at the moment,yet they want to reach further into our lives to control us further. Because they cannot enforce current legislation,only the law abiding will be impacted.	Johann	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:25:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Joy		
	2025-11-22 09:36:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Peter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 09:46:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I would like to know if the illegal immigrants that put up shops everywhere in our towns, will also fall under these laws, or are they excused like all the other things that is killing our towns and country....	Christine	Northern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 09:51:52	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	In South Africa, people who get this much power becomes corrupt. The results will therefore be that the few legitamate and hardworking businesses will struggle under this new law and the illegitimate ones will just bribe the inspectors. Nothing will change for the better and things will probably get worse.	Karina	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:58:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Municipalities at present cannot be relied upon to provide proper services and badly managed . refer to current audit remarks from auditor general. too much power will be hands of inspectors which can close down companies at the drop of a hat. Companies will be nervous to be invested due to abuse of power. there is far too much corruption all over South Africa as evidenced by all court cases viewed on TV	Norman	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 09:59:28	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Christel	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:10:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It is also just more red tape and government overreach. When the govt can enforce the basic laws required to govern a thriving society then they can possibly be trusted with more. Maybe.	James		
	2025-11-22 10:20:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	All companies have to register with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission - why now an extra registration and with the municipalities that are dis-functional to say the least. This seems to be another act the discourage legal trading and promote emigration and competent people to leave SA	Ivan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 10:27:03	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Carien	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 10:31:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Helene	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 10:43:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More corruption of government officals	Gareth	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 10:49:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Business in South Africa needs promotion and assistance - NOT more potential strangleholds.	Antoinette	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 10:54:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jackie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:55:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Yet more discrimination from a corrupt government.	David	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 10:58:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jean	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:59:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jean	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 10:59:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just look at how the Anc and it's ilk has ravaged our society. Any bill they propose should be contested out of principle, not because of laziness but because the aim of the Anc is not aligned with that of the South African public.	Jo	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:00:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Yvonne	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:05:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Leigh	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:08:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Unfortunately we live in SA where criminals (Inspectors) will again have the upper hand in selection. Another attempt to control and another lap around the BEE scrapyard.	Ben	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:09:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Harriett	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:13:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:18:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ashraf	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:19:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Anita	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 11:29:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Philip	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:32:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Tanja	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 11:32:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Tanja	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 11:34:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Heidi	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:35:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Bee must be removed from aspects of our country.	Skalk	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 11:43:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lindsay	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:49:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	There will just be MORE CORRUPTION, FRAUD and incompetence it already is out of control.	Kevin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 12:03:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More red tape ...more control... more corruption and stealing.	marge	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 12:03:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		ABRAHAM		
	2025-11-22 12:08:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Absolutely typical of this total crimal, corrupt incompetent, usless, communist, terrorist, lying, false barbaric anc, just trying to take full control of business, so that they can steal and plunder more and more, this MUST BE STOPPED ASAP , PLEASE PLEASE SOMEONE STOP THIS NOW.	John		
	2025-11-22 12:15:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Fenesia	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:26:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is unnecessary for business not to have more cost and delays and red tape. Feels more we play with people livelihood and will not prevent corrupt inspectors to be bought and causes legitimate owners to lose their licenses. Municipalities already not doing their jobs and poor services. This is a slap in the face of these owners	Jacques	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 12:29:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		jean		
	2025-11-22 12:31:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		A		

	2025-11-22 12:32:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		JONI FOSTER	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:36:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just more red tape and more power to the inspectors to influence preferrential licensing. I thought the aim was to reduce red tape. this is just another money making.	Lynette	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 12:39:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Opens the door even wider for more corruption, more red tape and putting power in the hands of people who may or may not behave justly.	Louise		
	2025-11-22 12:47:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This just makes another hurdle for getting SA's economy back on track. There will be too much power in the hands of low salary grade officials who may then be temped into venal arrangements.	Caryl	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:52:28	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rowan	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-22 12:55:57	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another way for the AN-Thieves to further financially strain already struggling business. One has to question who ultimately benefits from this at the end of the day, most certainly not the beleaguered business owners and this will most certainly kill off any potential want to be entrepreneurs!	Anthony	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:58:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lynn	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:03:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Barbara	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 13:03:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Steve	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:14:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Once again the government is busy beavering away at fixing something that is not broken!!! When will they start putting their efforts, minds and finance into doing /fixing the things that are broken?? This bill is wrong on so many levels - it constitutes trying to take control yet again..... If this were to happen, not only would businesses already up and running, have a problem with interference, but WHO, OUTSIDE THIS COUNTRY, WOULD EVER INVEST IN BUSINESS HERE. All in all, a terrible idea	Susan	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 13:16:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Taryn	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 13:25:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Yet another RACIST bill to add to the list of existing RACIST bills already in place Apartheid has never left, it was RE - WRITTEN by this regime.....	DAMOVA	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 13:26:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Louise	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 13:35:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		susan		
	2025-11-22 13:42:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I don't trust this government with anything.	Michelle	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 13:43:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kyle	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 14:00:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Brendon	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 14:05:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Teresa	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:16:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Tirzha	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 14:19:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Anita	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 14:20:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Seems to me to be creating more bureaucratic red tape and attempts to micro control businesses. This is the last thing we need now. The Government needs to get out of the way and let the country run without their constant inteference and bungling new laws dreamt up just to justify their existence.	Stephen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 14:21:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Howard		
	2025-11-22 14:44:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:47:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	CIPC is in charge of licensing. We are we introducing a new system? Does the old one not work or not efficient? Is this another loop holes for abuse? Municipality already overwhelmed and underperformed. Now put another demand on them This is just fraught with dangers and loopholes and potential for abuse and discrimination	Brian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 14:50:30	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We already have problems with corruption. This bill is a sure way to turn honest people into desperation which circles back to more opportunities for extortion. It would also mean a lot of capital just to handle every single business. Is South Africa still a democracy?	Emil	Free State	
	2025-11-22 14:55:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	If this proposed bill is aimed at controlling dangerous businesses, there should be no racially based preferential treatment. If each and every business has to be licensed and re-licensed every five years, this will stifle business in general and harm the economy and our society. If inspectors have far-reaching powers, this will promote corruption and nepotism. The last South Africa needs (or can deal with) is any of the above. Dangerous businesses should be licensed on the basis of individual concerns such as safety, environmental effects and location. This must start with the type of business. South Africa has a tendency to tar all businesses with the same brush, so that mom-and-pop shops often have to jump through the same hoops as large companies. This is bad enoug as it is. Don't make it worse.	Frank	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 14:55:03	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	If this proposed bill is aimed at controlling dangerous businesses, there should be no racially based preferential treatment. If each and every business has to be licensed and re-licensed every five years, this will stifle business in general and harm the economy and our society. If inspectors have far-reaching powers, this will promote corruption and nepotism. The last South Africa needs (or can deal with) is any of the above. Dangerous businesses should be licensed on the basis of individual concerns such as safety, environmental effects and location. This must start with the type of business. South Africa has a tendency to tar all businesses with the same brush, so that mom-and-pop shops often have to jump through the same hoops as large companies. This is bad enoug as it is. Don't make it worse.	Frank	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 14:55:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	If this proposed bill is aimed at controlling dangerous businesses, there should be no racially based preferential treatment. If each and every business has to be licensed and re-licensed every five years, this will stifle business in general and harm the economy and our society. If inspectors have far-reaching powers, this will promote corruption and nepotism. The last South Africa needs (or can deal with) is any of the above. Dangerous businesses should be licensed on the basis of individual concerns such as safety, environmental effects and location. This must start with the type of business. South Africa has a tendency to tar all businesses with the same brush, so that mom-and-pop shops often have to jump through the same hoops as large companies. This is bad enoug as it is. Don't make it worse.	Frank	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 14:55:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Elaine	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 15:04:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Leone	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 15:06:37	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Martin	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:14:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Shane	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:20:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lauren	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:22:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will allow more corruption with inspectors that do not have a conscience.This will create back logs with inspectors that will make a big issues of small issues.This bill will also take away our freedom to do business and create jobs.	Farhana	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:22:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Stephen		

	2025-11-22 15:36:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I do not support the draft Business Licensing Bill due to the excessive powers granted to inspectors. The Bill creates wide, discretionary authority for officials to enter premises, demand documents, and enforce compliance without adequate checks and balances. This opens the door to abuse, corruption, and harassment of legitimate businesses—especially small to medium enterprises that may not have the resources to defend themselves. South Africa already has multiple layers of regulation and enforcement bodies. Adding another regime with intrusive inspection powers will increase red tape, reduce ease of doing business, and deter investment. The country urgently needs policies that streamline compliance, not amplify administrative burdens. A more effective approach would involve: Strengthening existing regulatory agencies rather than creating overlapping structures Narrowing the scope of inspectors' powers and including strict safeguards and oversight Providing digital, simplified, and low-cost licensing processes Guaranteeing clear appeal mechanisms to protect business owners' rights I strongly recommend that the Bill be reconsidered or rewritten to ensure it protects legitimate businesses, promotes economic growth, and prevents misuse of authority.	Yusuf	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:39:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This, will make life very difficult for business Owners,	Ahmed	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 15:44:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The economy needs to freed up and not make it more difficult for business people. We need incentives for job creation not more red tape	Michael		retired
	2025-11-22 15:53:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sue	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 15:57:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Maureen	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 15:58:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Gerhard	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:04:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More state regulation and centralized power.	jeanette	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:15:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Harold	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:22:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	All of the Above.	Antoinette	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 16:27:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Firstly our local council can't even provide a proper service that we PAY FOR , These INSPECTORS will become very wealthy in a few months . This is just another pathetic attempt to try and " control " what is in their interest .	Mark	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:36:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		ALISON	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 16:38:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another attempt to control what they have no right to control, no skillset nor understanding of business, proven corrupt with any function at all over 30 years, just enforce the current laws of which there are already a surplus and bring the taxi associations into the tax net, there'll be a surplus of money too.	David	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:38:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ellery		
	2025-11-22 17:06:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We are paying enough as it is already. The small business is the biggest employers. Let them be. Licensing and legislation is going to cause havoc and loss of lots of employment. Another avenue to rake more money in for the spineless and the corrupt.	Neil	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:14:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another way to discriminate against whites and to steal money	wally	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 17:31:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just another form of ANC communist gangster government control	Johan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 17:43:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Load of garbage. Plain and simple. They want to control everyone and everything, not happening on my damn watch	Kayla		
	2025-11-22 17:44:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Theunis	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:44:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Mark	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:14:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I can not see, based on past performance of government structures and their performance how this will be fairly and equitably enforced. Ineptitude, subjective enforcement and corruption being only a few of the clear and present challenges.	Mark	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:25:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Vanessa	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:25:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I would like to choose more reasons. This is all BS	Helen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:26:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I would like to choose more reasons. This is all BS	Helen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 18:28:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Eugene	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:39:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Roger	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 18:45:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another bit of red tape for the already corrupt ANC government to enforce so that they can become more corrupt and enforce this ridiculous BEE to the limit.	Anton		retired
	2025-11-22 18:51:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Hannes	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:12:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Dries	Free State	
	2025-11-22 19:15:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Dieter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 19:21:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Musa	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 19:28:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	At present the requirement for ' Tuck Shops to register is not being achieved. 2. Open to even further corruption in the country	Moira	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 19:49:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Pauline	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 19:51:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ebrahim	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 20:05:30	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Clara Maria	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:20:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Juanette	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 20:36:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Barry	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 21:05:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Again they want to dictate. Corruption !!!!	Len	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 21:08:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another way to extort money. Rediculous and sure to be race driven	Alan	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 21:09:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 21:14:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rita	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-22 21:36:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Robert	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 21:48:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I think this is another BEE thing that is going to crush the small businesses and create more job losses	LINDA	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 21:57:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	There will be a lot of money that will be given pravite to the inspectors and they are going to feel more powered over people in town and township and If they don't like you its easier for them to keep on rejecting your application Better if does inspector they come from national and not local municipality never. I'm one of unemployed father who have been in municipality numerous times for basic care electricity evening if you apply for indigent still they still witch off your electricity they feel more power over your rights. And they will tell you straight go and report me nothing will happen to me.	Dingane Dingaan	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 21:57:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	There will be a lot of money that will be given pravite to the inspectors and they are going to feel more powered over people in town and township and If they don't like you its easier for them to keep on rejecting your application Better if does inspector they come from national and not local municipality never. I'm one of unemployed father who have been in municipality numerous times for basic care electricity evening if you apply for indigent still they still witch off your electricity they feel more power over your rights. And they will tell you straight go and report me nothing will happen to me.	Dingane Dingaan	Gauteng	unemployed individual

	2025-11-22 22:15:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This proposed act transfers power to individuals and municipalities who might misuse it for personal or political gain, closing down flourishing businesses, causing many accross the wide spectrum of South Africans to loose their jobs. Rather target those businesses who sell pirate products.	Irma	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 22:16:54	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kiasha	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 22:22:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sandy	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 22:22:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This could lead to situations where inspectors can hold business owners to ransom and demand bribes to continue operating their business. Pretty much like a local mafia. It is astounding that local municipalities be granted such power when they cannot even perform their current tasks. This will also lead to more costs to businesses, driving up inflation. This is not something that belongs in a free democratic society! Another side effect could be job losses, something the country surely doesn't need! Illegal businesses need to be dealt with using the current legislation.	Nico	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 22:24:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	If municipalities are unable to keep good infrastructure, where are they going to find the staff and funds to police the licensing.	Victor	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 22:34:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Abdul	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 22:47:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	License approvals now becomes the new newest method to dictate, manipulate and self enrich.	Corrie	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 22:48:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan		self-employed
	2025-11-22 22:51:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Peter	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 22:56:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Toebie		
	2025-11-22 23:02:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Let bussiness be as is, This just opens another door for corruption, which is vad enough in South Africa	Trevor	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 01:47:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This bill is not in the spirit of a rainbow nation. We are supposed to all be able to start a business whenever we want to and have the resources to do, even if it's a R350 to start selling snacks on the street. What is this jow of needing to have inspectors and needing to apply and be told by inspectors "yes" or "no". If this is about trying to level the playing field between previously disadvantaged, who are still currently disadvantaged, and those still living off of the spoils of colonialism and apartheid, then this is not the way. If corruption can't be controlled now, how will this be controlled to give everyone a fair chance. Just a can of worms that shoukd stay closed because just no!	Olivia	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 03:48:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Arnold	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 04:05:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Edward	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 04:13:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Stop interfering in matters that are not the governments concern.	Linda	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 04:17:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Ons het werk en werksgeleenthede nodig in ons land. Hierdie beoogde nuwe wetgewing gaan 'n negatiewe effek op die ekonomie en ekonomiese groei hê. As ek ietsie kleins nalaat, sal die inspekteur te veel mag hê en kan konfiskeer in bates waarin ek belê het. Dit is nie regverdig nie.	Dorothy		Non-profit
	2025-11-23 04:43:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Gert	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 04:57:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Andrew	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 05:18:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Marié		
	2025-11-23 05:41:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Gillian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 05:41:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Gillian	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 05:49:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Margaret	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 05:52:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lodie	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 05:53:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will mean that there is no more freedom in South Africa for anyone to open a business.Inspector doing as they please with lots of red tape.Also forcing you to employ people that is useless(BEE) and the same will happen to all businesses that is happening with government institutions,falling apart. Economy will collapse and just more money to steal for this government,because we will have to pay more fees,as this won't be free.Ot will cost you to apply for a license. Redicilous,give this government something to do,don't know where they get this crap ideas.	Rudi		business owner
	2025-11-23 05:53:28	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another hidden tax for self gain opening as usual an avenue for the continuation of corruption, manipulation and blackmail.	T.....		self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:58:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is beyond crazy. Corruption is bad already, imagine what would happen if this bill went through! Why does the government feel the need to police business. We are supposed to be a free and fair and democratic country. This bill seems to be anything but that.	Rochelle		self-employed
	2025-11-23 05:59:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rick	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:01:52	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Absolutely unnecessary red tape and opens more potential corruption.	Christopher	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:03:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is all you so called minister can do. Corrupt steal and destroy. Changing BILLS....CLEAN UP OUR COUNTRY START GIVING BACK OUR MONEY.	Diane		
	2025-11-23 06:04:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Gisela	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 06:07:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We as people in South Africa are being taxed on every front. There is no democracy in South Africa the government is strangling business and thereby killing the economy. If business close because of this bill and they will, the man in the street will suffer greatly, starvation is here it is no longer on the horizon.	Colleen	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:24:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Elizabeth	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 06:25:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kenneth	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:32:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		andrea	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:41:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Stephen	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:47:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Juanita	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:51:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I do not believe this will be a transparent system and I do not believe it will be fair. BEE is a corrupt system and this will be no different. Too much power put in the wrong hands once again.	Mandy	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 06:57:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I think by now we mistrust anything the government does that can lead to fraud, corruption and plain stealing.	Rudolf	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 07:01:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kobus	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 07:09:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Juanita	Free State	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 07:11:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Will lead to inspectors having powers to close businesses that don't pay them bribes/protection money.	David	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:16:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The government already knows about the businesses in South Africa from tax returns. The risk of a thriving business needing to halt operations because of a license that does not get renewed is too great. Think about the driver license fiasco with a backlog of almost a million. Now imagine a business can't operate until that mess gets resolved. Or the power in one bureaucrat to say now unless there is a bribe. People should have a right to run a business and not need permission to earn a living.	Darron	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:21:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Wim	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 07:22:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	No more red tape no more contol There is enough already	Gail	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:22:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Municipalities can not do the core work they are supposed to do. How van we trust them taking this on?	Eugene	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:23:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Enough with the laws that are throttling trade and growth in our country.	Damian		
	2025-11-23 07:31:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Terence	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:36:37	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another platform for the government to have its citizens by the throat. Enabling corruption and criminality	Jen	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 07:38:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Eugene		

	2025-11-23 07:41:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	NO — I do not support the Business Licensing Bill as published. After reviewing the summary, I'm concerned about the potential negative impact on jobs, investment, and small businesses. The broad inspection powers, added administrative burden, and possible discriminatory elements make the Bill unworkable in its current form. I believe more consultation and revision are needed before such a law can be implemented	Tumelo Patrick	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:55:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Petrus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:55:03	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Petrus	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:59:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		C		
	2025-11-23 07:59:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We need to grow businesses not curb the developement of a business idea through red tape that takes time and puts the power in some officials hands.	Liezl	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 08:04:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Cecilia	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:04:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Cecilia	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:04:37	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Cecilia	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:04:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Cecilia	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:06:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Arrie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:06:57	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Brent	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 08:08:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Veronica		
	2025-11-23 08:08:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Heidi	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 08:14:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sjandre	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:17:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another excuse for corruption	Linda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:18:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Marcelle	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:19:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another way for the government to get away with corruption	Linda	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:19:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will just create another opportunity for corruption and allow abuse of powers to push micro agressions at every level	Ryan	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 08:20:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Powers of municipal officials will lead to more corruption, and unfair discrimination.	Graeme	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 08:20:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Brigit	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-23 08:30:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The central concern is where the Bill places power. By giving municipalities full authority to approve or reject business licences, the legislation concentrates control in institutions that are often beset by governance failures and deeply established corruption. The Bill proposes that municipalities be given the powers to determine who may operate a business, when, and under what conditions, opening the door to delays, political interference, and bribe-taking.	Peter		retired
	2025-11-23 08:33:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		David	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:36:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Entrepreneurship must be supported and promoted to stimulate economic growth , adding another additional cost to opening or running a business is going to make even more businesses close their door or not even open at all. Bribery and corruption once again being promoted with an inspector deciding on the issuing of the license they will most definitely promote bribes to get the license issued	Marieta	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:37:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Edna	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:41:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Wake up! This Government control is evil, we the people live Free under the Living God, Creator of everything. The living God should decide which business you should start and how, in Jesus Name.	Johan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 08:44:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	open to more bribery and corruption....	don	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 08:50:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jaco		
	2025-11-23 08:53:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This Bill gives excessive discretionary power to local and national officials in a country already struggling with corruption and weak administrative capacity. Requiring every business to obtain a renewable licence effectively turns economic participation into a PERMISSON-based activity, creating new opportunities for abuse, gatekeeping, and bribery ie corruption . The inclusion of "preferential" licensing provisions risks politicising business access and repeating the mistakes of earlier empowerment schemes, which often benefited a connected few rather than genuine small enterprises.	Ryan	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:57:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Barend		
	2025-11-23 09:05:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Peter	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:35:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Stephani		
	2025-11-23 09:36:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	If you can kill someone's business you kill initiative and livelihoods and eventually a whole nation. Remember the lockdown! This is Government Overreach over just one more thing - step by step, slowly slowly catchee monkey. When will we wake up? When will we stand up and be counted? Killing livelihoods was a "next step" in Nazi Germany - it was too late already then. When will we say "Never again" - when it is too late for us, too? When will we realize that the world's "leaders" cannot be trusted?	Leona	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:39:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Werner	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:43:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Aubrey	Free State	employed individual
	2025-11-23 09:43:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It is time this country came to its senses and abolished BEE all together then there will be a brighter future for all.	Mike	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 09:44:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More Red Tape and individuals who will excercise their power indecrimitly!	Derek	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 09:47:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Glendyr		retired
	2025-11-23 09:55:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Carol	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:09:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Starting a business should be without the government meddling.	Francoais	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:13:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This Act will just add more regulations on businesses and place resources under more pressure. Furthermore the inspectors might have too much power, which will lead to inspectors abusing their power leading to more bribery and corruption. This is an attempt to further Nationalize businesses and promote BEE in a country crippled by unemployment.	Sonja		
	2025-11-23 10:19:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is going to cause mire job loses in south africa where us whites will at the end be excluded i think that is there plan which is very sad how they are suddenly just bringing new laws but our job crisis south africa is a red flag at no 1 on the list compared to other countries south africa must wake up before to late	Henk	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:27:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Glen		
	2025-11-23 10:36:54	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Clint	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:44:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I run an online marketing business. What on earth does an inspector have to do with it?	Roger	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 10:45:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Charmaine	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:47:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Z	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 10:52:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The current municipalities are already corrupt, how can you trust them with any legislation which will give them further corruption power. This bill must be stopped at all cost	Johan	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 10:57:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Business aren't necessarily local to municipal areas and can span to even international areas. Municipalities are not equipped or knowledgeable for business purposes outside of their jurisdiction which will have a serious impact on business administration and negatively impact financial growth and gain for any organization wanting to reach beyond municipal borders.	Pieter	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:58:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	this is an open invite to corruption, favouritism, mafia-style enforcement, and more gangsterism. How many municipalities get clean audits? How many of them has run their constituencies into the ground?	Sonnie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 11:02:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Leon	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-23 11:04:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just another free-loader cadre deployment exercise to appoint grade 8 qualified. Watch that space for corruption, bribery.	PJ	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:12:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Shanette	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 11:17:17	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan		
	2025-11-23 11:17:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan		retired
	2025-11-23 11:25:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We do not need legislation that will discriminate against businesses	Dennis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:25:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Brenda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:26:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Encourages MORE corruption. The whole shebang is begging for more corruption. No matter what point we use as a disagreement argument for this bill, BEE, preferential licensing, inspector powers, all of it reeks of corruption!!!	Doris	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:35:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We need deregulation, not more red tap. It smells like BEE through the backdoor	Dieter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:35:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This proposed Bill is just another veiled race based threat to minority groups.	Marcel	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:35:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Die ANC maak net soos wat hulle goed dink, hulle neem nie die land en sy mense in ag nie. die swakste regeering ooit	Dup	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 11:49:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Topsy	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 11:50:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	If this bill come into power I shall take my business to the USA. I am sick of BEE and now some uneducated moron has the power to tell me if I can have a business or not. That will not happen!	Ben		
	2025-11-23 11:58:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		J	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:12:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Elmarie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 12:17:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will simply add to yet more red tape and create a fantastic platform for even more corruption	Shane	Outside SA	employed individual
	2025-11-23 12:29:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Carlo-Marie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 12:36:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It will open another door for corruption. It will destroy our economical growth, increase joblessness & destroy the informal business sector.	Ina	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 12:38:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	As previously stated, I agree fully with this statement. This is blatant BEE and EE disguised as revamping business licensing which will create more red tape which will penalise minorities and employers and will discourage investment, It create more unemployment and promote corruption in both the top and bottom echelons of government. The bill is unworkable le and needs to be properly thought out by a joint committee of employers and office bearers.	Chris	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:46:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Shirley		retired
	2025-11-23 13:02:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		D	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-23 13:04:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	There will also be preferential licensing if controlled by current ANC government and no transparency, as has been since 2000 onwards.	PENNY	Mpumalanga	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:05:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Roland	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:05:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More red tape Licensing issues Municipalities don-t even use the taxes for property ti create better roads and infrastructure in communities what will happen with licensing money. More money to take for themself.	Anna	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:14:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Fanie	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:18:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is so open to massive corruption and discrimination. It will be like any other BEE operation- another means for money being stolen - not being used for the betterment of our economy.	Liz	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 13:24:54	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Charl	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:29:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Marietjie	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 13:31:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Liezel	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:45:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sydney	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:50:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is also just more red tape making it more difficult for businesses to startup and operate. This is just another way of government trying to control who can operate a business and another block to growth, employment and the encouragement of business. Government should be making it easier to start and operate businesses, not more difficult.	Mike	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:52:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More red tape and government intervention	Johan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 14:09:03	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Sounds communist	Andre		
	2025-11-23 14:12:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Once again it will be who are willing to pay bribes to get their license passed and also paying bribes to the inspectors. Just another money making scam.	Bernard	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 14:15:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will come down to paying bribes.	Barend		
	2025-11-23 14:15:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lynda		
	2025-11-23 14:15:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	/ L	Linda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 14:24:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		marilyn	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 14:25:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Not only does it give more power to inspectors, but it also adds more red tape, suffocating businesses trying to survive in this tough economy.	Catherine	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:30:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Local municipalities and largely dysfunctional. Providing them with the power as proposed in this bill would be stranglehold for business, providing them with more unnecessary and unworkable red tape.	Ken	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:32:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More red tape and control will drive investors away from South Africa. This may close many small businesses that drive the economy.	Anthony	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 14:38:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It's just another way for the government to steal more money. Will the street vendors also need to have these licenses??	M.	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:38:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Martin	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:42:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Louise	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 14:46:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is an attempt to foil the easiness of doing business in South Africa. Instead of championing investment attracction, this bill does the opposite. Please stop stifling the processes of doing business in South Africa, or else, you will lose confidence.	Emmanuel	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:54:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	You want to deny any white person to have a business	René		
	2025-11-23 14:56:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sally	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 14:56:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Isak		
	2025-11-23 15:08:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Brigitte	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:08:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Brigitte	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:12:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Goverment should stay out of bussines	Gotlieb	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 15:13:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another trick to put more money and power in the hands of a corrupt government.	Mariana	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:15:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It would appear that elements of the Bill amount to a form of discrimination thereby influencing who qualifies for a license.	Richard	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:20:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It will give more control and power to the already corrupted government and will also be another way to make money for them to steal again.	Belinda	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 15:25:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	One more way to make it difficult to do business here and give more opportunities to create an area of corruption for the inspectors. Plus, considering the condition of many of the municipalities right now, most can't manage this and it will be a black hole.	Jim	Free State	retired
	2025-11-23 15:27:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	South African businesses are operating under difficult circumstances as it is to survive. Why must this corrupt thieving government have more say on people trying to survive ?	Jen	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner

	2025-11-23 15:33:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Stacy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 15:45:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Stupid idea, will slow down businesses formal and informal. So many other things to improve. Hospitals for God's sake!	Justin		employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:49:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Why do these politicians / civil servants / employees of the country of South Africa continuously go out of their way to always disappoint us the masses (who gave them the 5 year job of running our state owned enterprises / assets) with new laws to make our lives more difficult or damn near impossible. Do they not want our vote next election time?? Ahh I forgot this new law will give the inspectors new powers to be able to ask for bribes from businesses who want their licenses so as to be allowed to trade. New BBEE style I guess.	Johannes	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 15:50:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Dudlet	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 15:51:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Every new tactic is a further red tape mechanism to control the people of the world and South Africa is no different. If more people did things God's way it would be beneficial for everyone, but sadly the world is so corrupt that most people don't even know who Jesus Christ is!!!!	FRIEDA	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:11:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Was thinking of starting another business but after seeing this I will rather shutdown my existing business and retire.	Vic	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:11:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Dewald	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:19:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Stifled business Open to bribery	Denis	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 16:31:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Stop turning South Africa into a communist nightmare where government controls literally every sphere of life. Allow entrepreneurship and business to flourish instead of strangling innovation, freedom and the right to life with the freedom granted to humans by God, rather than politicians claiming divinity for themselves. It is a proven fact that they can't manage or govern unless there is personal financial gain which is likely a hidden motive.	Ricka	Northern Cape	
	2025-11-23 16:32:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Francois	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-23 16:34:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Salmon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:38:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Mazeedah	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 16:52:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Eugene	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 16:53:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Corruption arena	Jacques	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 16:59:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This Bill will open the door for corruption and bad business practice . The ANC`s record is very bed in this regard.	Anthon	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 17:01:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Not freemarket - too much red tape - give to much powers to municipalities or their personnel. Totally unfair.	I	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 17:03:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Corruption, power grab and discrimination against minority groups Will be an added burden on small businesses trying to establish themselves	GAYE	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 17:08:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lee-Ann	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 17:15:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It should be based on economic and safety and nothing else.	Guy	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 17:28:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is another channel for corruption to thrive. Municipalities dont have the integrity to implement the proposed license. Most municipalities are failed businesses, how can they govern over business licenses.	Hentus	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:31:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Clive	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:38:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Already registered under CIPC and following all legal requirements. This is a new way to police and control each business, which I totally apposed	Talana		
	2025-11-23 17:41:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	They are killing the private sector and more jobs will be lost and violence will be the aftermath	Jannie	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 17:44:13	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Hendrik	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 17:50:27	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I believe that the legislation is likely to increase bureaucratic red tape, create opportunities for corruption, and impose new burdens on businesses already struggling to survive.	Nicole	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:06:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	My Goodneex the municipalities cant govern themselves, this is just another opportunity for bribery. As a perso who worked with municipalities and mini g licenses I have ample experience to say this is a horrible idea	Althia	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:13:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Julie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 18:15:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Elmarie	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:35:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	No thank you. Inspectors will misuse their powers.	Bruce	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 18:37:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Carlos	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:38:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This Bill will damage the the market. Stop giving the government so much power over every aspect.	Corne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:41:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Government again trying to control hiw we run our business and giving thieving inspectors so much power to get more money from us	Valencia	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:44:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just another way of officials to be corrupt. Under the table deals a way of forcing people to participate just to be able to do business. Another way for government to bleed people dry.	Gertbrecht	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 18:46:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Niekie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 18:57:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Bill grants sweeping, vague, and discretionary powers to officials and inspectors, which opponents argue creates opportunities for arbitrary enforcement, rent-seeking, and increased corruption.	Nico	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:03:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jane		
	2025-11-23 19:06:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another layer of beaurocracy which the Governmunt will never be able to control , Giving such drastic powers to inspectors is asking for more corruption , Small business needs LESS control .	Barry	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-23 19:17:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Dan		
	2025-11-23 19:30:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kate		unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 19:30:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	"No one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. " Revelation 13:17 Are we really a nation so backward in the Bible that we do not go up in arms about this matter? We will absolutely not have such a dictatorship here!!	Fabian		
	2025-11-23 19:44:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rowena		
	2025-11-23 19:45:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Wolf in sheep's clothing. So every business must apply for a new licence every 5 years. Another BEE op Cant this useless government start to sort out the current problems. The government is nobody's friend and so will this new bill.	Derrick		employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:46:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	A further tool for corruption.	Sasha	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 19:49:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I think this is another unreasonable step by the government to get involved in your business and control what happens. To have their inspectors pressurize your business and add another expense to your business as if the current economic climate isn't enough. Another means for them to make money off law abiding citizens while not dealing with the corruption within their ranks. Unacceptable.	Abdool	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:54:54	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Please don't give the BEE more power. We already have too many redtape in our beautiful country who keep innocent hardworking people from earning honest wages.	Retha	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 20:20:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I have several concerns - what/who qualifies these inspectors, extra red tape with additional costs to smaller businesses, more avenues opening for corruption, etc.	Megan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 20:32:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Deon		
	2025-11-23 20:32:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Denise	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 21:06:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		James	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 21:19:13	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Open for corruption; could negatively impact job creation	Mannie	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 21:28:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	No licences is neccesary.....another form of BEE. Less jobs..... Controll of the public. Want to controll intrepeneurs. Leave the people alone...goverment cant provide jobs.....let people work for themselves.	Dottie		
	2025-11-23 21:35:52	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More corruption.	Merrill	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 21:50:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will lead to extreme levels of coercion, bribery and every form of corruption and nepotism.	Erna	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 22:04:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I'm not BEE (Im white!). So I need to be told by the government if I'm allowed to do business? Never!	Benjan	Gauteng	
	2025-11-23 22:17:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More overreach by a bunch of politicians with no understanding of entrepreneurship or capitalism. A veiled excuse to interfere, hobble and discourage growth.	P	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-23 22:22:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is another attempt by government to push the racist agenda; there'll be more abuse of powers	Wendy	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 22:42:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	BEE needs to go . It is damaging our economy and enriching the corrupt government and corrupt municipalities.	Dedré	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-23 22:42:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		daniel	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-23 23:01:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Government does not generate any money for the country. They simply steal and live off it like parasites. Now they want to further erode the country's ability to generate money and gain more control over the funds left that does not belong to them. No no no!!!!!! Hands off you filthy corrupt fungi!!!!!	Jack	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 23:02:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sunny	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-23 23:09:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Ek stem glad nie saam met die veranderinge nie. Na my wete het dit nog altyd goed gewerk!!! Hoekom wil die anc nou oral alles verander??? Ek keer die verandering ten sterkste af. Dit gaan net nog meer probleme veroorsaak en ook meer druk op ons ekonomie en die mense plaas.	Hester	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-23 23:13:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ester	North West	Non-profit
	2025-11-23 23:13:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ester	North West	Non-profit
	2025-11-23 23:17:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Gloria	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 23:22:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	In a country like South Africa, where employment is low across the population, why would the ANC be drafting more laws to destroy job creation by destroying the very businesses that are trying to help fix the job scarcity problem??	Glen		
	2025-11-24 00:04:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rina	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 02:28:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	South Africa has become a country with many laws being implemented yet there is lawlessness . A simple example that we all witness on a daily basis is traffic laws where taxis are free to drive as they please not abide by laws of the road and operate vehicles which are non roadworthy without any consequences yet normal citizens will be harassed by traffic officers for the same laws which are broken by taxis so what guarantee do businesses have of fair treatment when it comes to the new business licensing bill. There will definitely be more corruption and an avenue for inspectors to solicite bribes from businesses or legally steal goods from businesses by simply confiscating goods at their will. Laws like these cannot be viable until and unless the cancer of corruption and greed are eliminated within government, government departments and all municipalities and these laws cannot be just on law abiding citizens if municipalities are not functioning as they should be. Before implementing more laws and legalities government should first focus on the disgraceful level of corruption within every government department and sector which cannot be denied anymore as it is openly displayed and if denied i personally can give evidence of many cases of harassment and soliciting of bribes from businesses by SAPS members and metro police officers.	Zakariya	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 02:45:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It's just another way the Government can bleed businesses dry, easy money for them to put in their pockets ??? more unemployment!!!! It's ridiculous!!!	Michelle	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 04:51:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ivan		self-employed
	2025-11-24 05:07:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Carel	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 05:07:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Matrinah	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:15:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Dianne	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 05:21:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		M	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 05:22:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		imraan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:31:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Laurelle	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 05:38:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Not democratic, we need more democracy	Sharon	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:07:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jenny	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:09:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It is a way for the ANC to work out white owned businesses	Benjamin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 06:11:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Basil		retired
	2025-11-24 06:23:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The economy is sustained by millions of small businesses. Many of them are people trying out ideas and creating some form of living by selling products or services, sometimes for short periods before changing it up. If they all had to have a set business for 5 years with an application time of 30 days, potentially denied, millions of families would starve. This would also increase the concern for corruption, with officials taking bribes and confiscating goods at will. This bill is a terrible idea and extremely dangerous for our economy as it struggles to keep its head above water. One of the magical things about SA is its thriving small businesses in the communities. Don't mess this up.	Skye	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 06:27:54	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Diana	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 06:34:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Gideon	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 06:39:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Diana	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 06:46:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jeanie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:51:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just another corrupt way for the Government to make money to steal.	Linda	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:51:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just another corrupt way for the Government to make money to steal.	Linda	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:51:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just another corrupt way for the Government to make money to steal.	Linda	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:01:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another scheme to collect money and open another door for bribary	Petro	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 07:09:37	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Susan		
	2025-11-24 07:11:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Valencia	Free State	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 07:12:03	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I do not agree with this new act. As South Africa already struggles with so much corruption on an individual as well as provincial and national level, this act leaves the door wide open for more corruptive measures and opportunistic scheming. I also do not agree with the act because it leaves space for license issuers to give preferential treatment based on demographic background rather than actual business ability. This will continue to erode what's left of our so called 'free market' economy and more job losses will be the result.	Lyall	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:14:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Wendy	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:15:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Giving anyone this kind of authority WILL lead to corruption and abuse of power.	Gavin	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:22:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More policing gives more power to corrupt the system. Do not be a nanny state	Saadia		
	2025-11-24 07:23:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Dealing with Municipalities on anything is a nightmare	Pierre	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:23:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lee	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 07:24:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It would take years for the department to get through every license and they don't know how every industry works. This is impossible to implement. Focus on creating jobs, unskilled people, not punishing those who are trying to employ people.	Michelle	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:24:37	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This has the potential and likelihood of abuse of power and further corruption that SA is known for, this time at the expense of already struggling small businesses. No. Don't do this.	Norah	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:32:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		WILHELM	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:47:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This bill is discrimination	Kamlesh		business owner
	2025-11-24 07:53:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Gives Goverment too much power opposed to free enterprise	Susan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:53:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise, if we want this country to move forward and create more jobs for our citizens, we MUST move away from precluding any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Lise	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:58:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Luisa	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-24 07:59:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Busiswa	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:01:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lee	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:02:13	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	If you feel a noose around your neck tightening,... then it is the Gov of the day lynching you. They do not need that much control nor should they give such power to anybody to abuse it. I DO NOT SUPPORT THE draft BLB.	Colleen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:08:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Business are already paying the government enough, this is a way for them to get more money same strategy used my mafia, you have to pay them, to do business otherwise they close you down they call it ,"protection money" protection from who ? Them selves, other wise they send there thugs to destroy or take your business. Government call their thugs "inspectors" Same with the Western cape George Mayor who the Pakistani and Chinese people had to pay him every month so the can operate there business that was illegal. So instead of monthly we have to pay every 5 years. They want to make an illegal action legal bay calling it a licence to do business and they are already threatening with there thugs "inspectors" that will visit your business should you refuse to give them their protection money "license" money. You already have a fully registered company and compliant. If you operate in specialized areas then you obtain permits and special licences for those operations. What is the difference protection money and licence money in this setting? Absolutely nothing. They want to make it law and legal so that they and their thugs cant get arrested. They are abusing the law to legalize their criminal activity. And it goes hand in hand with the expropriation act of property. Dont be fooled this is also just a sub division of that act. Granting them selves power to take what they want and the people that is scared will pay the protection money for their business their livelihood. Now the government get funded as well for this criminal activity Power, finance and the law to back them. This is what organised crime looks like. I hope this message makes a difference. I thank you.	Chris-Joseph	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:16:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just going to give people power to interfere with our business and make money out of us.	Elaine	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:17:57	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This does create more paperwork for all businesses and more admin and more registration requirements and will likely lead to registration costs or some form of payment to the government at some point. the point of a free market is that it is free. businesses do not need to registered by the government they are audited and everyone keeps their competition in line. No government intervention is needed.	Elizma		
	2025-11-24 08:33:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Susan	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 08:37:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Living in a time where corruption and bios is at the order of the day, how will it ever be possible to ensure that something like this actually works? Chances are that the companies who try to do business above board, will be the companies who get penalized.	Zach	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:41:52	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The local municipalities are inept and unable to administer their own affairs, this only opens up more channels for corruption	Barrie	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:47:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It is basically just another form of BEE with more inspectors open to bribes and corruption.	Cornette	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:51:03	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rob	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 08:52:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		philip		
	2025-11-24 08:54:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Definitely detrimental to the majority of small businesses. Opens up the door for all types of corruption, preferential treatment, and unnecessary pressure on entrepreneurs trying to survive in this dismal economic climate. Help small businesses instead of harming them!	Leigh	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 08:57:17	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Barbara	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 08:57:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Barbara	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:01:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Could be biased in favour of ethnicity and therefore open to bribery and corruption.	Anita	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:04:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Costa	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 09:06:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		SM	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:07:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		william	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 09:09:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jean	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:10:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another money making racket as we already have to register with CIPC where I am also concerned that they can merely cancel you licence which can close your business down. No method of working through the issues to ensure business can rather continue. There should be an attempt to reudce the requirements for Small Businesses rather than load up with more admin and cost which makes it difficult to be competive in the market. Which small business has the total package of admin skills required to cope with all this admin. Need to be scrapping BEE as consumers make their choice as to who they wish to support . All depends on skills & competencies.	Mike	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:10:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another money making racket as we already have to register with CIPC where I am also concerned that they can merely cancel you licence which can close your business down. No method of working through the issues to ensure business can rather continue. There should be an attempt to reudce the requirements for Small Businesses rather than load up with more admin and cost which makes it difficult to be competive in the market. Which small business has the total package of admin skills required to cope with all this admin. Need to be scrapping BEE as consumers make their choice as to who they wish to support . All depends on skills & competencies.	Mike	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:14:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	More red tape, unnecessary. Discriminatory, and a new form of abuse of power. Justvleave businesses alone. It's tough enough as it is	Avi		self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:32:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		FRANCONETTE	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:41:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Debra	KwaZulu-Natal	Non-profit
	2025-11-24 09:45:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		William Arthur	North West	retired
	2025-11-24 09:45:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		William Arthur	North West	retired
	2025-11-24 09:46:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This legislation will only exacerbate the current climate of corruption, graft and intimidation.	Ken		retired
	2025-11-24 09:48:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Gail	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 09:49:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I am already licence with a board and they are inefficient. There are more paperwork than we as people can cope with nThe government is adding and drowning us delivering services. This is another opportunity for corruption	Anne-Marie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:49:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Patricia	North West	retired
	2025-11-24 09:54:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Actually, all of the concern is my top Concern. This will only serve as a platform for extended corruption. Preferential treatment. Misuse of powers. this will 100% limit business growth and expansion of the country's economy and result in job losses. Business investment will further reduce. lastly at the core, this will only be another means of generating more income and taxes with the added benefit of corrupt bonusses to individuals in control. So i say NO NO NO!!!	Andries	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:54:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Skye	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:57:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jennifer		
	2025-11-24 09:58:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Thys	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:06:32	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		John	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:10:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Hannelore	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 10:10:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Hannelore	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:11:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Juliet	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:21:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	MORE RED TAPE, PREFERENTIAL LICENCING. SMALL BUSINESS IS OVERLOADED UNDER THE WEIGHT OF ALL THE RED TAPE AND REPORTING REQUIRED. AUDITORS FEE ARE SKY HIGH TO DO ALL OF THIS WHICH SMALL BUSINESS CANNOT AFFORD	REGINALDA	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-24 10:21:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	MORE RED TAPE, PREFERENTIAL LICENCING. SMALL BUSINESS IS OVERLOADED UNDER THE WEIGHT OF ALL THE RED TAPE AND REPORTING REQUIRED. AUDITORS FEE ARE SKY HIGH TO DO ALL OF THIS WHICH SMALL BUSINESS CANNOT AFFORD	REGINALDA	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:27:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	How can an inspector make decisions to confiscate goods. This process lacks governance and is subject to corruption.	Nazeer A	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:28:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sheryl	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:32:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rockey	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 10:35:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Penny	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:37:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		PENNY	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:45:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Patrick	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:45:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		John	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 10:46:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Raymond	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:46:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ina	North West	retired
	2025-11-24 10:48:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 10:54:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Sounds like a Hitler regime!!!	Helen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:54:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Xandro	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:54:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Derek	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-24 10:57:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another hoop for small business to jump through, making an already onerous endeavour worse and likely to detract potential small businesses from opening causing more unemployment. This potentially is also a " Big Brother " move, another overreach of government and another example of over-legislation. It potentially also allows government to decide whether or not certain individuals may open businesses, we need less control and more freedom to build business successfully, within the bounds of appropriate ethics and moral standards.	Sonja	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:07:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	My immediate thought is that it is just another money making/stealing scam of the government and their autocratic attitude of wanting to control everyone. No concern for improving business opportunities and quality of life for the general population. Just another opportunity to enrich themselves.	Cobus	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:13:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kathy	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:17:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Inspectors will have all the power.	Stephen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:20:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will hinder the economy further. We should be decreasing the red tape. This will hinder employment.	Annemarie	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:21:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Martinda		
	2025-11-24 11:35:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		VINESH	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:36:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Andrew		
	2025-11-24 11:41:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Paul	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:52:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Dion	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:05:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The "power of inspectors" will most definitely lead to a huge increase in corrupt practices, as this is now the norm when dealing with officials who have or seem to have any "power", as there are no regulations on this "power" afforded to these so-called inspectors. This proposal is yet another regulation that bulldozers small business with another piece of legislation to comply with in an already overwhelmingly extensive regulatory framework. Governments National Development Plan (NDP) suggests that around 90% of all jobs being created within the next 5 years will come from the very same small business sector which is being targeted with this Bill. If this legislation is passed, the future job number run a huge risk of not being attained due to a lack of growth and expansion in the SME sector which has, for many years, been the growth-drivers in our emerging economy. The design of this Bill seems to be driven by other motives without taking the real-world, job seekers, and general business principles, into consideration. The phrase “cloak and dagger” seems to come to mind – AGAIN!	Clyde	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:05:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Bianca	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:10:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This opens the door to more corruption. Opening a business in ZA is already over-regulated and drowned in red tape. I think it is a form of BBEE and gives more power to the totally disfunctional municipalities in this country!	Samantha	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 12:13:13	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Iris	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:16:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is wide open to corruption. Business licence for 5 years is nothing, and then you will have to pay a fee to renew your business.	Bente	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 12:16:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jan	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:17:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		John		
	2025-11-24 12:21:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Michelle	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 12:25:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	As it is there is horrific unemployment and matriculants with no hope and commiting suaside etc Let peoplw use their creativity GOD GIVEN and stop trying to make money from the poor and focus on CORRUPTION at large Sick to death of GREED! It is sinful to take away someone goods and livelihood and GOD WILL SMITE EVERYONE who stops a man or woman from feeding his or her family SHAME ON YOU!	Elmarie	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:27:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It is one thing to have power and use it wisely, but here is an open door to power abuse , discrimination and bribery.	Tina	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:28:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Melanie	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 12:40:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Karin Louise	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:42:13	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is to bring destruction in the country.The government is so corrupt and trying to make money where ever they can to empower themselves.This is to keep track of us as humans all to do with one world order.	David	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:42:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Mike	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:43:27	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		JURIETHA	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:50:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Maria Teresa		
	2025-11-24 12:50:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan	Limpopo	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:53:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		James	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:58:37	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		karen	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:06:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Dear government - this is a terrible idea. We need less red tape not more red tape.			
	2025-11-24 13:08:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors				

	2025-11-24 13:23:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I disagree with all of the bill: * It's way too much red tape * It will make things much harder for small businesses * It will lead to a monopoly in sectors by the big businesses * It will result in more expense for small business owners and start-ups which result in more of them closing or not even starting * More people will become unemployed. * It will also result in way more corruption - inspectors will want bribes and will harass small businesses to get them, or confiscate their equipment and sell it for their own benefit. It's nothing but a new government scam. Government needs to take care of small business not waste time trying to close them. How about asking small businesses what they need and try to find ways to give them that help so that more of them succeed and more people can create start-ups, and more people can be employed.	Elaine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:28:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kate	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 13:39:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Municipalities are mostly dysfunctional and to add the extra burden of this Bill will further exacerbate the poor service delivery. The inspectors who are possibly not experienced in the business world will have the power to determine business outcomes. Therefore I don't agree. I also don't agree with the added Red Tape and controls in any form on the business community which is already constricted by race laws and quotas.	Mike	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:46:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Desiree	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 13:54:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	the ANC is moving to totalitarianism and thibnks they can keep putting in stupid rules and regulations for business, BUT the ANC themselves are pathetically useless at running even the ANC in a businesslike manner. we dont need gatekeepers and thugs manning the gtes.	sylvia	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:55:17	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Pat	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 13:57:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Werner	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:00:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is communism in action with a central bureaucracy to fully intrude in our live and our choices wrapped in the usual double speak of "simplification" and "convenience". Away with centralisation and unnecessary licensing which is only money filtering ino the pockets of the ruling "cadre" elite.	Leonor	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:17:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Steve	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:18:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Red tape is getting more and more. Governing bodies want too much pork, even in private sector.	Charl	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 14:33:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Eduan	Free State	retired
	2025-11-24 14:53:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Courtney	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-24 15:09:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jeanette	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 15:30:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Veronica	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 15:43:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Belinda		
	2025-11-24 16:09:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Giving inspectors these powers will enable corruption, nepotism	Sandra	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 16:10:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Fanus	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 16:16:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Preferential Licensing and the Powers of Inspectors will allow an already exceptionally corrupt government to introduce ever more corrupt and potentially problematic licensing 'systems' which will possibly and probably exclude certain sectors of society even more than they are already excluded. This opportunity to invite further corruption into a bureacratically corrupt and overloaded and strained government is extremely problematic.	Lynda	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 16:26:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kathy		
	2025-11-24 16:34:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Maria	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 16:43:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	There is far to much red tape already and the law would give too much power to people in government who would use it to their advantage.	Jurgen	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 16:47:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Andries	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 17:13:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		J	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 17:25:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Marielouise	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 17:33:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The bill calls for deciding the legitimacy of a business license application based on an undisclosed base.	Andre	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 17:44:30	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Esmari	North West	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:55:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This puts far too much power in the hands of legislators who can abuse such power. It also, effectively, be used to ruin legitimate and honest businesses.	Timothy	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-24 18:15:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ilse	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 18:39:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Naeem	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 19:08:57	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Using the words of President Ronald Reagan: The best thing a Government can do for the people, is get out of your pockets and out of your way."	peet		
	2025-11-24 19:11:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Mary Fesel		
	2025-11-24 19:13:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		JOHANN	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 19:33:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Maritza	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:33:09	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Maritza	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:36:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another way to steal money. From us and control us . Fat cats lining their pockets. Another way to disguise it as legal theft	Ronell	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 19:41:25	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Leosel	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 20:15:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Marc	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 20:49:37	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We cannot afford more policing on already burdened businesses especially when it comes to inspectors with sweeping powers to grant or decline any business activities in SA. This will become another "hidden tax" stopping businesses before they have even begun	Tim	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 20:50:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It's government just trying to make more out of the 10% paying south Africans. We all are already over burdened with taxes beside vat petrol taxes car licensing taxes road taxes school fees (for an institution government demands) etc. This is pure criminal ,having parasites that cannot do real work leeching off hard working people. It's a shame the out of proportion/ hyped up salaries these lice make from a public they ignore and when they deliver it's always half done and some other louse has made a killing off of. It.The working public has to already support 3-5 people ,besides their own families,through government salaries, sassa grants, and the horrible criminal behavior of those in charge. Not one of these criminals have ever been jailed or held accountable for their crimes against us the people. Now they want to make life tougher for us the people that are paying their way. Enough is enough. Why should a minority of criminals who make laws to enrich themselves be allowed to live the high life while the citizens who work hard struggle to keep afloat.	Mark	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 20:58:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This open the can of worms for more corruption from inspectors who will be open to bribes from unlicensed businesses. Additional red tape is also a concern by businesses who already provide employment but government introduce more red tape that hinders the progress of businesses	Dion	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 21:25:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I strongly disagree with this planned bill and will not support any idea that has to do with more red tape and more power open to abuse and power trips from inspectors. It is uncalled for and unnecessary to open that door for possible further corruption and abuse that might inevitably lead to even more job-losses and unemployment, something this country does not need at all! Think before acting!!	Sakkie	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 21:56:37	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Municipalities can not even properly attend to their existing functions and duties. Now they must get involved in my business? Will the "inspectors" be sent to Russia for training? This looks like another nice "jobs for pals" scheme. With all the unemployment in SA we need more of those. This scheme is absolutely ludicrous.	Klaus		retired
	2025-11-25 03:43:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I am afraid that this Bill will be abused and become something that will hinder progress for companies trying to survive in today’s competitive environment.	Zaid	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:13:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lasea	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:24:28	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Powers are going to be abused. And there is going to be many bribes and under the table deals. This is open to major corruption issues	Cecili	Gauteng	self-employed

	2025-11-25 05:27:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	No I don’t support the bill	Irene	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 05:35:27	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johann	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 05:38:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Free enterprise means more jobs and more money available to everybody. Nothing is stopping anyone currently from operating a business in order to create jobs or just put food on the table. Target the industries like taxies and shebeens which are not regulated. It seems that it is just another opportunity for bribes, because people can be bought. The government cannot even help the contractors who are targeted by the construction mafia. Can they for one time just build up and not break down? Dear Lord Jesus: You are in control! I am begging you to give wisdom to the rulemakers to benefit the whole country. Every single person. Please help us. Thank you that You are able to help. Amen.	Anche	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:38:27	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Why choke small business? Do you not have enough garbage laws. This is why the economy is in thr toilet and will continue to be flushed down the drain.	Gordon	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:41:52	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Another form of BEE. Too open for corruption. Will be a hurdle in job creation.	Sue	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:43:13	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Michael		retired
	2025-11-25 05:43:15	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Michael		retired
	2025-11-25 05:47:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ana Paula	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 05:49:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Nog 'n deur vir korrupsie word oopgemaak. Besigheid benodig ondersteuning en geleenthede om te floreer nie verdere beperkende regulasies nie. Sal die regering nooit leer nie.	Dirk	Northern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 05:51:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Small business already carries significant costs to run legitimately. Many can barely pay salaries. This is just another reason why we cant create more jobs. It simply makes running a business so much harder	Romaine		business owner
	2025-11-25 06:00:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Graham	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 06:01:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	all business already carries significant costs to run legitimately. Many can barely pay salaries. This is just another reason why we cant create more jobs. It simply makes running a business so much harder	Msry	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 06:04:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Elsa	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 06:06:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Thats introduction to fraud and its a disadvantage to the poor. Another Madlanga judiciary brewing	buhle	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:06:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kiki	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:19:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:26:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Somayo	Gauteng	student
	2025-11-25 06:27:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Duane		
	2025-11-25 06:52:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jos		retired
	2025-11-25 07:05:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	How clear is the bill. Does this introduce more fraud due to corrupt investigators ?	Chetan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:11:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This sounds like an opportunity for more corruption & extortion. I am against this.	Kirstin		
	2025-11-25 07:14:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Opportunity for more extortion & corruption	Zoran	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 07:21:27	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Drienie	North West	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:36:52	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		sassa		
	2025-11-25 07:40:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	No no no i will not allow anyone to prescribe to me in how and what i must or must not do. It is just another way of racist move.	Jacobus	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:41:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Phillip	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:54:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Dennis	Free State	retired
	2025-11-25 08:09:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jillian	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 08:11:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is going to be an absolute abuse of power again!!!!!! From a BEE perspective, we are unable to get jobs even though we are more than qualified. Not the best person for the job, we have to employ according to BEE??? We have had to create small businesses to be able to work to sustain our families and now we have to rely on some corrupt government official to supply us with a license??? What next???	Jayne	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:12:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will give the corrupt government more power to destroy any means of income that people need to survive	Daniela	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 08:13:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The reasons for this is not to help the people or country but just to draw more money out of the economy and prepare a way for more bribary.	Piet	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:28:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	NO!!! The government has done ZERO work to build my business, they tax us to death and we see NO evidence of our taxes being spent on the citizens of SA. We are not opening our doors to "inspectors" to demand cooldrink money and if we refuse, threaten to close our doors, etc. It is a PRIVATE company and creates jobs for 4 families, now this corrupt government wants to steal that too? Absolutely NOT! It's difficult enough making a living in SA, now they are intending to make it even harder? Just leave us (SA citizens) alone to do what we can to survive and live our lives.	Ria	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:40:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		ALBERT	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-25 08:40:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		ALBERT	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-25 08:46:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		MARTINA	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:46:57	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Die government wil alles regeer! Hulle moet vir hulle loop robots bou en hulle manipuleer soos hulle wil. Ons is mense.... Nie flippen robots nie. Hulle probeer die wit man stop om vooruit te bou maar die swart man mag afbreek sover hulle gaan. Ons wil 'n land van samesyn en eweredige kanse saam bou as 'n SA nasie, nie as verskillende rasse nie!!!!!	Therese	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 09:06:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rose	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:06:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rose	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:22:07	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Nicolien	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-25 09:42:29	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Hannes	North West	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:08:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		carey	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 10:27:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	open to more corruption with almost no policing. Will require bribes to get licences approved	Clinton	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 10:28:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	New option for fraud.	Lilian	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 10:40:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Shaun	Free State	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 10:41:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		ernestine		retired
	2025-11-25 10:56:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		STEPHANIE	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-25 10:57:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		STEPHANIE	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-25 10:57:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		STEPHANIE	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-25 11:11:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		David	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 11:19:27	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sarie	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 11:36:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lindsay	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 12:02:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Erlo		
	2025-11-25 12:02:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Andrea	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-25 12:05:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Elizabeth	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 12:12:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Anne	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 12:14:28	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Kathleen	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 12:55:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another way to make the Government money at the cost of businesses, especially small businesses.	Jill	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 13:20:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is a set up for even more corruption and discrimination.	Mia	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 14:02:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We have to jump through enough hoops in South Africa already to keep businesses sustainable, and comply with a laundry list of laws. This serves no purpose but to generate more expenses and headaches for businesses and income for the government. It also opens the door to corruption, red tape and delays. Never mind small informal businesses which many depend on to put food on the table - how does this benefit them? I see no benefit to adding more compliance laws.	Julie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 14:07:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I think the main reason they are setting this bill is because of how foreign nationals are setting up businesses with little regulation but that needs to be clear in the bill. South Africa is a young country and therefore entrepreneurship is on the rise as people are growing. this bill will halt that. The government must come up with another way to curb the increase in foreign owned businesses especially in rural or informal areas. That is what led to kids dying from the chips or expired stock. they need to regulate that.	Tesh	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:19:39	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Government wants to create more red tape, and be involved in a free market system where it does not belong.	Johan.	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 14:34:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Some a*** will abuse the list and add more BEEEEEEEEE taxes and more profit 'donation' to BEEEEEE KEEP THIS LIST OUTDATED AND DONT GIVE MÔRE POWER TO THE CORRUPT MUNICIPALITIES!	Lizette	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 14:39:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ronel		business owner
	2025-11-25 14:39:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Ronel		business owner
	2025-11-25 14:48:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	An opening for discrimination!	Hanna	Free State	retired
	2025-11-25 16:19:04	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Heidi	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 16:20:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Bad idea	Nicolette	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 16:20:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Bad idea	Nicolette	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 16:29:26	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Marthie	North West	self-employed
	2025-11-25 16:57:35	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I cant see this working to the benefit of businesses in that if each Municipality is responsible for issuing licences points to delays and lots of red tape. It will never work. Also too much power given to inspectors and who is to vouch for their motives or honesty. Too much abuse of power for this to work..	Lorna	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 17:47:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This Bill is an effort to control all businesses the way that the Government & the Governing Party want to control them. It will stiffle any entrepreneurial initiatives. It will reduce overseas capital investment coming into South Africa. The country cannot afford this type of Government interference.	Adrian	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-25 17:58:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Betsie	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 17:58:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Betsie	Gauteng	
	2025-11-25 18:02:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Martin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 18:11:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Tsakani	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 18:40:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Alletta		retired
	2025-11-25 19:19:45	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 19:19:48	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Johan	Northern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 19:31:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It will just open more doors for corruption.	Jenny		
	2025-11-25 19:34:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	another communist totalitarian control and exploitation mechanism, with bribery and corruption potential, and more suppressing of free enterprise.	Schalk	Western Cape	
	2025-11-25 20:29:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I do not support the business Licensing Bill, since some South African municipalities are constantly under investigation for corruption. This would give local authorities the power to grant licenses to businesses that could benefit their own business dealings and reject business that could be in direct conflict with their business dealings. This bill would also place more administrative and financial stress on business owners.	LEVINA	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 20:52:05	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lizaan		
	2025-11-25 21:35:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Once again the municipalities which are financial failures are given more powers and more scope for corruption by approving applications or refusing applications without valid grounds. Inspectors like the police could also be open to corrupt dealings . Is there legal recourse for an applicant who is unhappy with a decision of the municipality refusing an application .? If this is a measure to control the influx of foreign undocumented national then there may some merit in the BIll becoming law.	Preeth	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-25 22:15:31	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jo	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 22:58:18	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is crazy as it violates the entrepreneurial spirit and will create a communistic environment to work under.	Reinardt	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 23:15:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Nadine	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 02:39:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Danie	Limpopo	retired
	2025-11-26 03:03:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will allow government thief's to gain license to steal	Arie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 05:38:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	we are already over regulated, we don't need any further regulation by government or municipal employees	Colin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 06:43:06	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just going to create more corruption.	Celeste		
	2025-11-26 07:38:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Arthur	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 08:00:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Alles in hierdie land Gaan net Om DIT wat werk te vernietig . Politieke sinnelose besluite was rules be oordeel en Armes nog Meer verarm en mense se Moe's TE breek.	Hester	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 08:04:08	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Annette	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 09:45:40	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Franscois		
	2025-11-26 10:09:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The South African landscape is already struggling with corruption from officials taking bribes. By implementing these laws, there is just more red tape and opportunity for people to abuse power. For once, be on the side of the law abiding citizens who work hard, contribute to the economy with our tax and the people (no matter their race or background) want to see South Africa win and grow. Stop trying to change this country into a socialist state! (gov having too much power, control and corruption)	Elizabeth	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 10:11:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	There will be no transparency, it will promote corruption worse they will start selling licence, we will also run after them wanting licence going to their office telling us they are on lunch or leave no, they don't even support small business but they want to regulate, we have too much survivalist business,	Gabriel	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 11:27:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	No inspector has the right to come onto personal or business property for no reason. The authority systems in this country are already corrupt, and this will open up space for more of that at the expense of local businesses.	Kerry	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-26 12:17:27	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Absolute ridiculous idea that makes no sense at all.	Carel	Western Cape	business owner

	2025-11-26 12:21:11	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I strongly oppose the newly tabled Business Licensing Bill in its entirety. This legislation represents a dangerous centralization of economic control, undermines property rights, stifles entrepreneurship, and will disproportionately harm small and medium-sized enterprises while entrenching bureaucratic corruption. It is antithetical to a free-market economy and further erodes the economic freedoms of the people of South Africa, particularly in the Western Cape. I reject the notion that the state has any legitimate role in deciding which racial or social group may or may not operate a business. Such preferential licensing will: Reintroduce apartheid-era economic controls under a new ideological banner; Create a crony system where access to markets is determined by political connections and demographic criteria rather than merit, innovation or consumer demand; Discourage both domestic and foreign investment, as investors will rightly fear that their businesses can be denied licenses or subjected to arbitrary conditions on racial or political grounds. No free society licenses businesses on the basis of the owner's skin colour or historical narrative. This clause alone renders the entire Bill unconstitutional and morally indefensible. The Bill fails to articulate any coherent, objective, or proportionate principle for requiring a general business license in the first place. Instead, it presumes that every enterprise - from a street vendor to a multinational corporation - must seek prior permission from the state simply to exist and trade. This reverses the fundamental principle of a free economy: citizens should be free to engage in lawful economic activity without state permission unless there is a clear, evidence-based justification (e.g. public health, safety or environmental protection). The Bill provides no such justification. It is a blanket assault on economic freedom, reminiscent of other such systems that crippled other economies for decades.	Jimmy	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 12:21:58	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I reject this bill completely. This bill prevents free market trade.	Leila	Western Cape	
	2025-11-26 12:44:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Adelaine	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 13:11:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Rory	Gauteng	
	2025-11-26 14:52:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	There is already far too much interference in private business - this feels like an attempt to enrich another group of cadres who will become the inspectors, another attempt to strangle private business and extract more money in the form of a 'permit'.	Rosanne	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-26 15:40:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Justin	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-26 15:55:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This will stifle any economic growth, and or employment growth, which is already at a high, and will allow for further corruption	Andrew	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 16:31:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Wanda	Free State	retired
	2025-11-26 17:53:30	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	The Government is hereby taking total control of all business, whether they can operate or not, and is effectively destroying the free market system, to whatever extent it was still operating in South Africa. This can be and most likely will be a very destructive tool in the hands of corrupt officials who will be able to decide which business may continue and which not. We happen to live in a well-known corrupt municipality and giving them more power seems irrational and unethical. The powers granted to licensing officers are so wide and so complete, that no amount of training will prevent unscrupulous local authority officials from abusing these powers. It is in fact a very poorly drafted piece of legislation that seems to be more amend at controlling economic activity than to improve it and without the necessary checks and balances for licensing officers, this legislation will seemingly be disastrous for the failing South African economy. There is furthermore no need for such legislation, unless it is aimed at empowering further corruption and bribery and mal administration by local authorities. This is the perfect tool for unbridled corruption and legalizing further theft from the public by legislation. . I object in the strongest way possible to this proposed legislation. Such similar legislation was used in Nazi Germany and other totalitarian regimes who oppressed the citizens and destroyed the economy. I completely oppose this proposed legislation.	MAARTEN	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-26 18:09:27	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	My concerns are generally that the government can not be trusted. They want more power and red tape, which is a gateway for more corruption and theft. Everyone knows that only the law-abiding citizens will be policed. The same people who are not abiding by the law now, will not abide by it then. Officials will be bribed. As it is, they can't even keep the lights on or the water supply constant. Businesses will be strained even more than they already are. Many will close doors and employees will loose their jobs. Government overreach. It must be stopped!	Susan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 18:48:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		AURIEL		
	2025-11-26 22:08:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is what you call communism at its Best	Johnny	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 22:10:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	While the bill sounds pretty on paper, there is concern about giving unfettered powers to inspectors. In a time where the country's economic growth has been previously stunted by restrictive and borderline discriminatory policies, we are at an opportunity where we can really flourish as foreign investment opportunities have been eyeing towards South Africa again. At this point in time there should be no more previously disadvantaged. As a country we have had 30 years. Countries like Dubai only required 10 to completely change the landscape. The fault lies with bad administration and poor policy implementation at a governmental level. We cannot afford to repeat these mistakes if we truly care about the upliftment of those in poverty and the still remaining in disadvantaged situations	Shannon	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 00:30:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Business must be free from government interference. This system will give an already suspect immoral government too much power. Government cannot make money but will suck Business dry. Any program will end up bloated and corrupt like most of the current systems.	Deon	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-27 08:52:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is just another ANC intervention.	Neels	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-27 09:58:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It's already a struggle with the local municipality to get paperwork done. Now there will be more reason not to help or to delay applications. More red tape more personal prejudice and more administrative nightmare to operate a business. There is already so much regulation and insufficient monitoring. Is this just another easy income stream for corrupt pockets - officials demanding payment to process applications, inspectors with powers to claim bribes. Every five years pay to renew license - just more money for dysfunctional municipalities to waste. Rather look at the unregulated industries that are not paying taxes etc, go after those people. Again government is going after compliant people/entities and not the non-compliant ones - easy targets.	Marie	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-27 11:32:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sarah		
	2025-11-27 18:28:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	All of this will present limitations and red tape that interfere with business operations, could result in over-reach of power by inspectors, delays that affect the business and other complications that hinder business.	Zandile	Gauteng	Non-profit
	2025-11-27 19:31:57	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Scandalous new legislation!	Christa	Mpumalanga	
	2025-11-27 19:34:42	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We need to focus on how to support small businesses regardless of the race or gender of the entrepreneurs. Small businesses are what strengthens the economy, allow people to care for their families and create jobs for others. This bill will only make it harder for small business to survive and to grow. It will also create more space for the bribing of officials and inspectors. This bill is extremely concerning and I don't support it at all.	Bianca		self-employed
	2025-11-27 20:30:54	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Leon	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-27 21:04:34	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sandra	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 22:39:36	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Norman	Western Cape	Non-profit
	2025-11-27 23:19:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Adam	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 06:21:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Albert	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 07:03:23	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Municipalities are financially strained, managed poorly and very corrupt. An act like this will be poorly managed at municipal level.	Johannes	Gauteng	employed individual

	2025-11-28 07:31:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I oppose the Business Licensing Bill because it places additional administrative and financial burdens on small businesses at a time when South Africa urgently needs to stimulate entrepreneurship and job creation. Instead of simplifying the business environment, the Bill introduces more layers of licensing, compliance, and municipal control, which will inevitably increase red tape, delays, and costs — particularly in municipalities that already lack capacity. The Bill also creates wide room for inconsistent enforcement and potential corruption, as licensing power is shifted to local officials without clear safeguards or standardised national oversight. Many municipalities struggle to deliver basic services; expecting them to manage a complex new licensing regime is unrealistic and risks crippling legitimate small businesses. Furthermore, the proposed “preferential licensing” and sector-reservation provisions may unfairly restrict market access, undermining investment confidence and harming both South African and foreign-owned SMEs. Instead of enabling economic growth, the Bill threatens to shrink the small-business sector, discourage innovation, and destroy the livelihoods of entrepreneurs who are already contributing to local economies. For these reasons, I strongly oppose the Business Licensing Bill and urge policymakers to pursue genuine red-tape reduction, digital simplification, and pro-business reform — not additional barriers that will hurt South Africans trying to build and grow businesses.	Howard	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 08:53:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Aldo	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-28 08:57:38	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I do not support this new licensing bill.	Nicholas	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 09:16:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Graham		
	2025-11-28 09:18:57	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Felicity		
	2025-11-28 10:08:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Comment on the Draft Business Licensing Bill I do not support the Business Licensing Bill as published. Municipalities are demonstrably incompetent at their core dutiesOn paper the Bill assumes that municipalities will efficiently manage a new, complex business licensing regime and maintain an accurate national register. In reality, across ANC led local Governments in South Africa – not just in one or two "problem" provinces – municipalities have shown themselves to be completely incompetent at the basics of governance. Year after year, Auditor-General reports record qualified audits, repeat findings and financial mismanagement in municipalities countrywide. A short drive through almost any town or city confirms this on the ground: uncollected rubbish, broken traffic lights, water leaks running for weeks, dangerous potholes, failing electricity infrastructure and by-laws that exist only on paper. It is therefore not just "unrealistic" but reckless to pretend that these same councils are suddenly going to run a sophisticated, corruption-free business licensing system. They are profoundly unfit custodians of private economic activity. If a municipality cannot reliably bill for services, fix potholes or keep public spaces clean, it has no business inserting itself as gatekeeper over every spaza shop, hairdresser, informal trader, professional practice and factory in its area. This Bill hands sweeping new powers to institutions that have already proved, over many years, that they are incapable of exercising the powers they have. More red tape, less investment and jobsSouth Africa desperately needs economic growth, investment and jobs. This Bill does the opposite. Requiring every business – formal and informal – to obtain and renew a licence every five years will: add delays, queues and uncertainty for anyone wanting to start or expand a business; create opportunities for corruption, “facilitation fees” and harassment by inspectors who can demand licences and con	JJ	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-28 11:19:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Yet another way to control the public, with the current corruption underway, it is fast tracking them to secure even more control.	Vaughan	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 11:19:46	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Just another way to loot and steal from already struggling SA citizens. Dismantling the livelihood of SME, and entrepreneurs. Enabling bribery and corruption.	Rochelle	Gauteng	
	2025-11-28 11:23:02	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Brian	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 13:40:54	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I am a South African small business owner and I request that the Business Licensing Bill be substantially revised. In its current form it risks increased red tape, municipal backlogs and inconsistent enforcement, creating business continuity and corruption exposure risks for compliant SMMEs. Please include clear definitions, strict decision timeframes (with deemed approval/automatic continuation where delays occur), independent appeal/oversight before suspension/revocation, and SMME relief measures (fee caps, micro-enterprise thresholds, simplified requirements).	Winston	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-28 14:33:10	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Caria		employed individual
	2025-11-28 15:09:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I am against this bill in its entirety. In a country where economic growth and entrepreneurship should be encouraged at every opportunity, this bill seeks to dominate, control and kill small businesses. It will lead to even worse corruption than already exists, will put insane power in the hands of these so called inspectors etc. The principle of an arbitrary decision on who gets licenses and the absurd powers of enforcement is ABSOLUTELY INSANE - especially in a country with such a high unemployment rate. Our Government should be making it as easy as possible for entrepreneurs to do business and create employment NOT ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL AND REGULATE EVERY FACET OF human life in South Africa. You are PUBLIC SERVANTS - NOT GODS / KINGS - You work for us. The ANC's Marxist philosophy overrides any common sense and leaves no room for individual rights and freedom. Every component of our society is being targeted. They even want to regulate and control religion. Marxism and communism have NEVER WORKED SUCCESSFULLY ANYWHERE ON EARTH - And they never will. Just imagine life in this country when nobody can earn his daily bread without a communist cader's written permission. This is absolutely outrageous! The entrepreneur who cannot get a job and has to survive by other means and creates employment for himself and others should be CELEBRATED NOT PUNISHED. This will just encourage more theft, corruption uproar, and unemployment—issues already escalating in an economy that is not sustainable! Stop the political corruption and initiatives that only feed the pockets of the government, while the people are in dire straits. I strongly oppose the bill	Rick	Western Cape	employed individual
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	2025-11-28 15:49:13	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Will do nothing to encourage starting your own business	Chad	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 16:07:47	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I am totally against goverment controlling every part of our lives . Poor people just trying to get by everyday making food or items at home to sell to stay alive. This MUST STOP. Just imagine the corruption amongs inspectors ,bribing and threatening poor people. NOT ON MY WATCH. I REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH ANYTHING FROM THE cANCer Communist Terrorist Regime	Emile	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 16:12:51	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This new proposal is 100% UNNECESSARY and is only more RED TAPE ONLY to BURDEN businesses even more. This is JUST ANOTHER WAY to STRAIN businesses economically. The new proposal intend to give "inspectors" UNNECESSARY powers in an ALREADY HEAVILY BURDENED business environment. This new proposal is absolutely from people which must be brain dead. It seems like a cheap way of just more "JOB CREATION" with absolutely the wrong people and principles which will NEVER be fair. Putting unnecessary strain on businesses and this will only demotivate economic growth further. A "business" card is an absolutely ABSURD IDEA. NOBODY should EVER, EVER have the power to "REGULATE" business this way. There ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH REGULATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS FOR BUSINESSES!	Mariana	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-28 16:12:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This Bill will only make things worse for all South Africans trying to survive in this economy. Unemployment rates are already high enough and this will increase those rates. This bill will allow for more corruption and abuse of power. This bill is a disaster to all South Africans trying to survive and provide for their family's.	Joanne	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 16:35:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Powers of inspectors are rediculous. It is going to be the deathstroke for employment. Small and informal businesses will be forced to get rid of staff or to close down their business. It is a huge sign that says "PAY ME OR ELSE"	Michel		retired
	2025-11-28 18:08:16	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Robert	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-28 19:34:24	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Neels	Gauteng	
	2025-11-28 20:02:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This legislation will eliminate the possibility to create a robust, healthy free- market system. It will stiffle whatever economical growth is left in the country.	Annatjie		
	2025-11-28 20:19:30	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Natasha	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-28 20:43:53	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Willem		
	2025-11-28 20:55:33	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Why do we need to do this? Its gonna be a massive costing in the future. Government can get all they want and need from SARS. SARS has all our business and personal information. Its all captured on the SARS computer server.	Colin	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-28 21:40:54	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Carol	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 22:09:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	What useless legislation, drafted by people with no clue about what it actually means to start a small or micro business. People that have never had to depend on the vagaries of the market or their commission for a month - no, they work for "salaries", funded by taxpayers! And then they- the government, want to kill the goose that lays the egg - and let me be more clear - they want to kill the taxpayer! Go back to the drawing board! What exactly are you trying to do? Do you want to control foreigners? Or do you just want the power to control everything? Stop this idiotic licensing bill!	Diane	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-28 22:15:21	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	What utter nonsense! This is government gone mad - and not one of them have ever created a business themselves - what arrogance! Can you not see the following negatives: the compliance burden is too onerous, diverting time and resources away from the core business of companies; the Bill will spur on illegal business activity as operators seek to avoid complying with the Bill, which can lead to increased bribery and corruption; this Bill will heighten the risk profile of businesses, which already have to contend with challenges of access to finance; the accumulation of regulatory requirements raises costs of doing business; the Bill will impose an increased administrative burden on the authorities, who already lack capacity; the Bill does not give clarity of application to businesses with a national footprint; the Bill speaks of an automatic revocation of a licence, if non-compliance is found, and a business owner can only appeal once the business has been closed. This does not provide a fair process for a business to plead its case before the licence is revoked. This appears to be an unjust administrative action that undermines the provisions of section 33 of the Constitution. (5)	alan	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-28 22:30:20	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	With most municipalities in the country being rife with corruption and effectively dysfunctional, how could you justify placing every running business at the mercy of these entities? This certainly seems like another one of the rules made up in the famous story of the animal farm.	Barry	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-28 22:44:19	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Barry	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 03:31:49	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We need ministers in parliament and less laws that restrict freedom od speech and association and development under entrepreneurial initiatives without interference from government	Christa	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 03:31:50	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	We need ministers in parliament and less laws that restrict freedom od speech and association and development under entrepreneurial initiatives without interference from government	Christa	Western Cape	retired
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	2025-11-29 03:39:55	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Overreach and abuse of power by government officials	Christa	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 08:38:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sam		
	2025-11-29 09:06:01	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Jadon	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-29 10:57:14	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	I don not support more useless goverment policies. Government says to become an entrepreneur and then over reaches with useless laws and regulations	M.J	Gauteng	unemployed individual

	2025-11-29 13:07:56	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	It is unnecessary and will only lead to more government control and corruption of which South African already have more than enough ⚔	Pieter	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 15:24:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Lanae	Gauteng	
	2025-11-29 15:50:00	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	Over-regulation of small business with serious over-reach of authority and discrimination. This will be catastrophic!	Sara	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-30 06:59:43	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This is to legally abuse power and bring in more extreme measures of exclusivity.	Philip	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-30 10:51:22	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	This law does not encourage entrepreneurs. Our country needs more entrepreneurs for new jobs. And each industry already has their set of compliance to fulfill to be part of that industry so this will be more red tape and will allow people to make or break a business.	Gavin	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-30 11:46:41	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Marlene	Free State	self-employed
	2025-12-01 12:07:44	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Liz		
	2025-12-01 22:22:59	No I do not	Powers of inspectors	South Africa needs to create jobs. Red tape does not facilitate this process. It is a deterant. My own experience is such that I do not wish to create jobs or to work harder - the red tape kills one. How is bribary to fast track an application be monitored. How is a fair outcome to be guaranteed for an application - given all the curruption coming to light at the moment. Who are the inspectors going to be - what will they understand about business. All businesses do not meet a tick box process.	Philip		
	2025-12-02 06:32:12	No I do not	Powers of inspectors		Sarie	Gauteng	retired
▼ No concern	**28**						
	2025-11-21 19:20:14	No I do not	No concern		Owen	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:06:25	No I do not	No concern	Most busniesses are already registered with SARS and CIPC in the case of companies. Why is this necessary.	Greg	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 07:02:53	No I do not	No concern		james	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 16:15:53	No I do not	No concern	more officialdom,more red tape, more quasi governance, more people with unessessary powers	charles	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 19:36:09	No I do not	No concern		Peter		unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 05:58:45	No I do not	No concern		Charmaine	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 07:25:23	No I do not	No concern		blPerry/ Sander	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 06:40:47	No I do not	No concern		Lourette		
	2025-11-24 07:09:40	No I do not	No concern		Pheagane	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 08:00:52	No I do not	No concern		Michael	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:20:45	No I do not	No concern	I am opposed to the Business Licensing Bill 2025 because it adds another layer of administrative red tape to an environment that is already heavily regulated, especially for training companies. The education and training sector must already comply with SETA/QCTO requirements, accreditation processes, audits, quality assurance checks, and ongoing reporting. These requirements demand significant time, staff capacity, and financial resources. Introducing an additional licensing system — with applications, renewals, inspections, and possible penalties — places yet another burden on small and medium training providers who are already stretched thin. Instead of supporting skills development and entrepreneurship, the Bill risks slowing down operations, increasing compliance costs, and taking critical time away from actual training delivery. In a sector meant to uplift skills and reduce unemployment, increasing administrative barriers works against national goals. For these reasons, I believe the Bill should be reconsidered or redesigned to reduce, rather than increase, red tape for compliant training businesses. It should exclude highly regulated businesses.	Amanda	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:40:53	No I do not	No concern		Lourette	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:50:35	No I do not	No concern		Wille	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 10:23:22	No I do not	No concern		Valeria	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 10:23:24	No I do not	No concern		Valeria	KwaZulu-Natal	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 12:09:34	No I do not	No concern		D		
	2025-11-24 12:10:33	No I do not	No concern		Dennis		
	2025-11-24 13:10:03	No I do not	No concern		Thys	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-24 15:33:23	No I do not	No concern	Not necessary and a total overreach of state.	Julian	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 15:33:23	No I do not	No concern	Not necessary and a total overreach of state.	Julian	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 23:05:45	No I do not	No concern		Blaise	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 23:27:38	No I do not	No concern		Dlozilakhe	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 15:48:20	No I do not	No concern		Elmie	Free State	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 16:34:48	No I do not	No concern		Esther	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-25 21:19:14	No I do not	No concern		Zama	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-25 22:50:10	No I do not	No concern		Maria	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-25 22:50:11	No I do not	No concern		Maria	Gauteng	retired
	2025-12-01 07:39:52	No I do not	No concern	I am not prepared to be controlled - this attempt to issue a new licence bill is nothing short of control.	Paula	Western Cape	self-employed
▼ Not fully	**192**						
top-concern: **▼ Preferential licensing**	Count (All): **64**						
	2025-11-21 17:03:58	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Licenses should never depend on demographics, this is just racism in disguise	Paul	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 17:06:41	Not fully	Preferential licensing	30 years after the end of apartheid and we are still considering laws that have a race-based bias/agenda. The time has come when we say NO to any law that has the smallest element of racial bias.	Andrew	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-21 18:32:04	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Kathleen	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:16:56	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Om data in te samel vir statistiese doeleindes is aanvaarbaar. Om die vrye mark hoegenaamd te reguleer is totaal onaanvaarbaar.	William	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-21 19:48:02	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Frank	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-21 20:13:12	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Working with international corporate clients has given me a bird's eye view of how companies are registered around the world, and I have never come across any Corporate Register where it states that every company in the country must have a "business license", nor one that expires and forces you to re-register every 5 years. The only business' that require licenses are Financially Regulated firms or those that are high risk to consumers (like Gambling or Alcohol). The only "International standards" I can agree with is the registration of ever business in South Africa, which I know is a huge issue. Many SMEs fly under the radar, never registering to avoid paying tax. However if the Government doesn't have the capacity currently to find those companies, how are they going to find the capacity to enforce the new rules? This section: "Preferential Business Licensing:Promote economic inclusion by empowering MSMEs and historically disadvantaged groups. Identify local industries where these groups can benefit from preferential licensing. Reserve certain business sectors for South African citizens or entities owned by South African citizens." Is too vague, is discrimination and wide open for corruption. What we really need is a properly run Corporate register, with a Certificate of Incorporation for every business, and the manpower to investigate and report unregistered business'.	Stacy	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-21 20:45:41	Not fully	Preferential licensing	We want a growing economy. This level of growth will depebd on extent to which the playing field with regard to entreprenuel activities aren't negativelly nfluenced by ideological laws, such as BEE. The government seems not to realise that there is a direct correlation between restrictive laws, regulations and what have you and possive economic growth.	Ben	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-21 21:51:58	Not fully	Preferential licensing	The licencing of businesses should be based on the infrastructure being well set up and managed on merit...Municipalities should be fully functional to be able to deal with this ..there are many dysfunctional municipalities....how with this be done ?	Eldrid	Free State	retired
	2025-11-22 02:50:24	Not fully	Preferential licensing	My concern is mainly that the DEFINITION of HISTORICALLY/DISADVANTAGED is in fact not only broad based black economics. In our country there are several South African Citizens that fall under the words Historically Disadvantaged groups. Will those that at present do not fall under BBBEE-Act group of citizens now be the future Historically Disadvantaged group and the whole idea of Historically Disadvantaged roll-on and over and never end in this beautiful country I call my home? Please do not CONTINUE this VERY VERY SAD story of our country. Since 1994, 31 year passed and so many matriculants still suffer the same battles due to all the laws. Some with "powerfull minds" and I want to make it very very clear (UNDER ALL RACES) ..... made it in the economy, others with limited capacity did not. Citizens with limited capacity should have been trained by those with "powerfull minds" as working class earning a salary income as they cannot all business men and woman. I love the word : C - consistantly effective A - allways advance N - never ever stop gaining knowledge and together everybody achieve more. Goverment can consider encouraging the existing well established legally registered businesses to assist and to grow and develop these citizens to of earning a salary income., irrespective of race. My concern need to be pinponted and I copy and paste from the notes provided . Quote "Key Features of Preferential Business Licensing: .....Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act). .....Reduced Barriers: Simplified licensing processes for targeted groups to minimize entry barriers.	Ms	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 06:20:30	Not fully	Preferential licensing	I would accept any intervention to improve our economy, but not to the detriment of existing businesses. All new policies and interventions should reduce barriers, costs and admin to start a business in SA, as only growth can start to address the poverty and unemployment in this county	Rob		
	2025-11-22 06:26:45	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Carmen	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 06:36:29	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Johann	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 07:04:24	Not fully	Preferential licensing	As small businesses we already have slough problems to deal with. Stop giving us more. The bill should be doing everything it can to remove red tape and government intervention in business. Let be clear the draft isn't terrible, it's our faith in government having our best interests at heart and the ability of government to do anything it says it will do. We have no faith in you.	Denis	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:07:52	Not fully	Preferential licensing	If BEE becomes a thing of the past and future generations all have the right and opportunity to be equal under the law, this type of bill might be able to root out illegitimate businesses that cause more harm to current legitimate businesses. But whilst BEE is still the operative word, this bill will only further marginalise South Africans who do not "fit" the prescribed races.	Lientjie	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:03:12	Not fully	Preferential licensing	The idea behind this bill should be to improve controls and structure on the business community. This is fine. However if we are looking at making business better for this country we cannot then restrict business to certain categories and block other categories. The system should be kept as simple as possible for all, not just the previously disadvantaged. This must not be allowed to be used for discrimination against other groups, including legal foreigners. All businesses contribute to the economy as a whole so all should be allowed to participate on an equal basis. Of course keeping it simple will keep the costs down for the municipalities which are already not managing their finances efficiently, in most cases.	Stuart	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 09:03:52	Not fully	Preferential licensing		John	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 12:10:05	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Yes all business should be licensed including Checkers 60min bike riders as it's thier own business and all garden services and scrap collectors, even the guy selling brushes and dusters, car wash and the guys selling trinkets at traffic lights. But this Bill is intended to harm the white business man for sure. The same as BEE is in place to allow corrupt politicians into large industries.	Michael	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:19:36	Not fully	Preferential licensing	In our industry we are legislated to death as a legal, compliant small business while Air Bnb operate with impunity country wide. Can't wait for them to become legitimate so we can level the playing fields and compete fairly with our rates. I do believe every business should have a license which is simple to apply for and within the costs of their industry. Ie the informal traders will not be expected to pay the same as a formal industry.	Jane	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 14:04:18	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Merit is something the business world should ensure, not some inspector	Gramt	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 15:05:39	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Current legally registered business should be exempt	Irma	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:53:59	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Do these licenses include informal traders who do not pay taxes?	LD	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-22 18:10:52	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Raymond		
	2025-11-22 20:50:42	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Most of the municipalities in South africa are non functioning so more chance of corruption	Meryl	Northern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:46:47	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Cecelia	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 07:31:38	Not fully	Preferential licensing	The inspectors will have too much power, licensing is preferential ie BEE. Municipalities are not able to get their normal utilities sorted out ,and licensing will take too long	Leonie	North West	retired
	2025-11-23 07:46:24	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Am concerned that BBE implementation might be the controlling issue of licenses to trade.	Jerry	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 08:55:54	Not fully	Preferential licensing	As proposed, the licensing process creates more openings for abuse and corruption.	Werner	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 09:00:38	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Tot	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:37:26	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Jenny	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:20:31	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Gerrit	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 11:43:56	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Some form of licensing is needed to protect already licence-compliant businesses.	Rob	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 12:10:52	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Elmarie	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 12:23:24	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Away with BEE, equal and fair opportunity for all and proper regulations. There are to many BEE companies out there, not governed and delivering poor to no services. Get rid of them	Leon	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 13:03:14	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Zuraydah	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 19:17:39	Not fully	Preferential licensing	This bill will kill a lot of small businesses however at the same time it will protect the public in that people wont just operate business or sell products that are not legal. But the preferential part is the one that will negatively impact the economy and the people of South Africa	Mmathabo	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 04:51:37	Not fully	Preferential licensing	In a growing anti-white political system, this new law could be used to the detriment of many white South Africans who could legitimatically be denied licences or renewal of existing licences.	Nanette	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 05:25:17	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Trying to kill small business. Giving monopoly capital control more control.	Shakoor	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 05:50:59	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Johan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 05:50:59	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Johan	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 07:15:40	Not fully	Preferential licensing	I don't believe preferential licensing is fair as it should be equal opportunity, especially in business.	Ash	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:26:44	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Licensing should be based purely on knowing who wishes to operate what - then if person/business/process not illegal & within zoning limitations - the license should be granted (no further criteria ie for ALL South Africans no BEE, which is controlled in bigger businesses). We need small business promotion not further unnecessary controls. Thereafter, inspections may occur to control/close if transgressing a regulation/law.	Clifford	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:30:46	Not fully	Preferential licensing	South Africa desperately needs economic growth. To do this, we need to remove access barriers for all players, not just preferential groups. Level the playing field.	Alex	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:45:03	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Michele		
	2025-11-24 08:45:04	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Michele		

	2025-11-24 08:46:53	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Any preference based on race, background, heritage etc. Is irrelevant. To build the economy, we have to encourage business not shackle it. The SMEs of SA can save the country. The government just has to facilitate it without bias.	Robert	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:52:33	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Michael	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:00:36	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Dr. Henry Sammy	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:34:42	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Mtana	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:37:11	Not fully	Preferential licensing	Get rid of the Bee	Chantel	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:17:17	Not fully	Preferential licensing	In a country with the highest unemployment rate in the world, surely we want to give anyone willing to take the risk to open or operate a business the right to do so. Locking people out of certain sectors does not create opportunity, it only breaks down the possibility for jobs being created. The red tape created by government in every sector is smothering businesses big and small and giving inspectors the powers to impose fines at will opens the door to massive corruption which is another burden our economy carries daily and definitely does not need to encourage further.	Shane	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:20:37	Not fully	Preferential licensing	This situation will discourage foreign countries from investing in South Africa. As a result, it will hinder economic growth and intensify the challenge of creating new jobs in these already difficult economic times.	RIENIE		self-employed
	2025-11-24 11:37:36	Not fully	Preferential licensing	How dare they only offer licenses to people THEY deem eligible? This is going to cause more and more black market freedom, that's all it's going to do. Absolute rubbish!	Neil	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 14:51:30	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Nico	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 16:03:11	Not fully	Preferential licensing	I have a business registered with SARS as a taxpayer. I believe all formal businesses should be registered for the protection of employees, consumers and employers and the ability of SARS to collect tax. The administration process for these businesses should be minimal. Effectively, every business is then visible and accountable to customers and relevant authorities.	Stirling	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 17:46:34	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Alexander	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:03:32	Not fully	Preferential licensing	I think it will be a good thing to have all businesses licensed which I trust means that they will be in the tax system ???? There are too many businesses that operate outside any form of regulation and therefore do not contribute to the fiscus . We already have municipalities that source out business to "connected" entities with little or no recourse for public comment . I think this bill could be a vehicle for "rubber stamping " and escalating this practice .Therefore the criteria for issuing licenses to businesses would have to be made public and the process transparent, with facility for public objection.	Gary	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-25 06:04:43	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Neville	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:30:32	Not fully	Preferential licensing	While the theory behind this sounds good, i doubt this will be appropriately applied in practice. This is just creating further barriers to starting businesses.	Caylynne	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 09:36:48	Not fully	Preferential licensing	I am a white female running my business from home, VAT registered and registered with CIPC with a turn over over of less than 200K per year. Is the CIPC going to fall away or is this in addition? We already have to pay auditors because CIPC instists on it. When they say every business do they literally mean everyone - every home based hair salon and every road side person selling scones or biltong and what about people at craft or flea markets are they going to have to get licensed as well?	Nicola	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 12:09:37	Not fully	Preferential licensing	I fully agree that everyone who runs a business, no matter how small or informal , should be licensed. This would facilitate the inspection of such businesses to be inspected for health and safety purposes : cleanliness of premises and foods sold. This is so very important. This also enables inspection of the working conditions of anyone working for the business for purposes of UIF , minimum wage, etc But I do not agree to exclusion of certain groups. South Africans would and do shout from the rooftops if they are excluded anywhere in the world so why do they want to exclude others here. Does it mean we are racists?	Alexandra	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 14:03:28	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Riaan		
	2025-11-26 11:48:39	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Zulpha	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-27 06:17:19	Not fully	Preferential licensing	I feel that most businesses selling food items should be registered for example, shops that might sell an expired item which is common, and causes illness and sometimes death. There are small businesses which do not need to be registered they are not posing a threat to anyone and are merely trying to make a living. We rely on small businesses who provide different services to us. Municipalities are struggling to cope with what they have. How could we add more to their overload unless it creates jobs. Also the people who check and confisgate goods would have to have high morals and criminal checks.	Caroline	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-27 13:23:55	Not fully	Preferential licensing		Wendy	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
▼ More red tape	**35**						
	2025-11-21 17:28:37	Not fully	More red tape	Impossible to regulate the informal sector. Legitimate businesses are already registered.	Roy		
	2025-11-22 05:35:34	Not fully	More red tape	Dear Honourable Minister / Committee Members, I am writing as a concerned business owner and/or member of the South African business community to submit my formal comments on the Business Licensing Bill, gazetted for public comment until 28 November 2025. While I acknowledge the government's intention to modernise outdated legislation, standardise business registration, and formalise the economy, I have serious concerns regarding the practicality, fairness, and economic impact of the Bill in its current form. 1. Concerns 1. Regulatory Burden: o Requiring every business, including micro and informal enterprises, to obtain a licence and register on a national database may create excessive administrative and financial burdens. o Many small businesses lack the capacity to comply, risking delays, fines, or closure. 2. Inspector Powers: o Broad powers allowing inspectors to demand proof of licence, issue fines, and confiscate goods could be abused, particularly against small and informal businesses. o There are insufficient safeguards to prevent corruption or arbitrary enforcement. 3. Preferential Licensing: o Provisions allowing municipalities to grant preferential licences risk discrimination and political misuse. o The current draft may exclude businesses based on demographic criteria rather than merit. 4. Municipal Capacity: o Many municipalities currently lack the infrastructure, staffing, and technology to manage a national registry efficiently. o Delays and backlogs may frustrate compliance and hinder entrepreneurship. 5. Impact on SMEs and Jobs: o Small and micro enterprises drive most new jobs in South Africa. The Bill's administrative and financial burdens could discourage entrepreneurship and reduce employment. 2. Recommendations To make the Bill workable and supportive of inclusive economic growth, I respectfully propose the following amendments: 1. Exempt micro-enterprises and informal traders from full licensing; require only simple registration. 2.	mathanzima joseph	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:38:49	Not fully	More red tape	Why on earth should Government involve itself in business? Leave business to business people - the Government should never be involved in business as it will wreck the economy as shown already with BBEEE etc. One only has to look back to see how Government has all but destroyed all types of business by mis-management and corruption so why should it be any different with the ANC in Government?	Richard	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 05:43:57	Not fully	More red tape		Sayyed	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 06:21:08	Not fully	More red tape		Shibe	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:19:38	Not fully	More red tape		Daniel		
	2025-11-22 07:48:32	Not fully	More red tape		Maritza	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:52:00	Not fully	More red tape	Some desirable objectives but seems unjustifiably onerous.	Andrew	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 09:55:16	Not fully	More red tape	Impractical over-regulation again. Allow as much as possible free market activity for economic growth that we critically need.	Connie	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-22 11:40:02	Not fully	More red tape		Charmaine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 11:40:03	Not fully	More red tape		Charmaine	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:26:16	Not fully	More red tape		Hugh		
	2025-11-22 20:31:38	Not fully	More red tape		Jan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:31:38	Not fully	More red tape		Jan	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-23 06:57:16	Not fully	More red tape	This will only add more barriers to business. Something our economy cannot sustain. Perhaps government should start considering reforms to promote business instead of new laws which limit it.	Dehan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 07:09:43	Not fully	More red tape	Everything in SA are being politicized this bill will pone the can or worms local municipalities is where if u don't come.from my political organization tou will be treated unfairly So I don't support the idea	Sifiso Berrington	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-23 09:11:45	Not fully	More red tape		Mike	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 09:13:05	Not fully	More red tape	If the unlicensed businesses get to pay their tax duties...OK. Otherwise will just strengthen BEEEEEE	Pete	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 10:09:35	Not fully	More red tape		Caroline	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 13:00:46	Not fully	More red tape		Barbara	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 13:30:02	Not fully	More red tape	I don't trust anything the anc government proposes	Anthea	Western Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 14:53:30	Not fully	More red tape	I already comply with all requirements. But after a number of years in business I may find myself forced out of business. Also, I provide only a service, not goods, as I am a Real Estate Agency. I operate from my home and would not want a stranger demanding to come in and inspect, I don't know what. As a real Estate Agency I have to provide audited financials to the PPRA(Property Practioner's Regulatory Authority). If my financials are in order and all my operating licences with the PPRA are in order, what else could possibly be required? The new law would potentially allow an official to discriminate against me.	Riva	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:10:02	Not fully	More red tape		Wendy	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:17:03	Not fully	More red tape	Informal businesses will suffer. Willing entrepreneurs will not be able to focus on actual day to day business but have more hoops to jump through. Good honest business owners could be killed by bribed or corrupted inspectors. Unethical business can get rid of their competition by accusing others if menial violations.	Christoff	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:33:48	Not fully	More red tape	Instead of making the entrepreneurial space more enabling and open, this will just add more challenges and red tape for businesses owners. Furthermore, it gives too much power to municipalities, which may be abused. Small business owners need support and encouragement to become compliant and grow within the economic framework, not given more hurdles to overcome. This will kill the spirit of entrepreneurship.	Louisa	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:20:03	Not fully	More red tape	Also they will want to charge us a licence fee	don	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 10:40:15	Not fully	More red tape	We should be making it easier to do business in South Africa, not more difficult. By making it easier to create and run businesses we will improve employment in this country.	Emma	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 11:39:11	Not fully	More red tape		Nicolien	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:17:44	Not fully	More red tape		Khalid	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:17:44	Not fully	More red tape		Khalid	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:16:57	Not fully	More red tape		Warren	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-25 07:04:12	Not fully	More red tape		Anton		self-employed
	2025-11-25 11:20:13	Not fully	More red tape		Thornton	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 18:49:08	Not fully	More red tape	Every encouragement must be made to encourage business start-ups in South Africa. Employment, the chance of a job and earning a salary is the Number One priority. Any form of inspection, confiscation of goods, payment of fines seems to get abused in SA. Yes, a national company register is a good idea but not now. Lets get people jobs, make start-ups as simple and as inexpensive as possible. Look at the other successful economies on the African continent!	John	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-29 09:03:07	Not fully	More red tape	Small businesses should be encouraged to develop and operate without lots of red tape and administrative burdens which take up their time to deal with instead of focussing on running their businesses and creating work/ jobs. The licencing of businesses must be easy and simple & without long waiting times.	Allan	Gauteng	retired
▼ Principles of business licensing	**22**						
	2025-11-21 18:49:29	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		Altus mostert	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:29:47	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		Willem	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 06:35:45	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	Ek steun die beginsel van lisensiering om onbeheerde handel en sake onder ordelike beheer te plaas. Met egter die volgende voorbehoude: 1. Dit MOET in die eerste plek gaan om orde te vestig en destruktiewe en onwettige praktyke uit te skakel en te straf. 2. Besigheidsentra mag nie in wanordelike markte verander en ond ernemings wat duur persele moet bekostig benadeel nie. Behoorlike plasing moet dus deel van die bepalings wees. 3. Lisensies moet geen bepalings bevat wat diskrimineer op grond van ras, geslag of enige ander orientering nie. Slegs op meriete. 4. Handel mag slegs toegelaat word waar voldoende vullisbeheer toegepas word en behoorlike sanitere geriewe bestaan. 5. Munisipaliteite MOET strukture in stand hou om lisensiebepalings sonder verskoning en diskriminasie toe te pas en af te dwing met samewerking en verslagdoening aan die georganiseerde sakegemeenskap.	Danie	Free State	retired
	2025-11-22 07:01:46	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	Unfortunately everything this government does, is to somehow have a hand in every coffer, and I am pretty sure these licenses will come with a hefty fee, as well as huge amounts of useless paperwork.Sadly they cannot be trusted to ANYTHING for the benefit of citizens. EVER.	Helesti	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 08:35:19	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	It will be yet another opportunity for corrupt officials to extort bribes in return for a licence. Given how grossly inefficient the authorities are, the 30 day period will be exceeded thus further frustrating business people and discouraging new companies from setting up. The cost of running a small company is high and difficult enough without adding to the complexity of it for no good reason. Free enterprise should be encouraged instead of regulated into oblivion with red tape.	Dawn	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-22 08:53:32	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	This is just another funnel for raking in more loot and stifling entrepreneurship. There will be no legitimate authority to inspect and manage licenses for improvement. Those that possibly do get appointed for the task will rake in their own fortunes in the form of 'lunch' money as do many of the other authorities appointed by government. It would be an African first to issue a license without a fee, in order to legitimately manage business needs and improvements. But I don't see those kind of values in the African context. If you can't steal it or elicit a bribe for authoritarian control, the African heart is not interested. It could bode well for industries like food and beverage, engineering and others that have a required public safety factor. But then these already have a hatchet over their heads, namely SARS.	Gary	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 20:09:26	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		Anni	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 05:53:12	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		Michele		employed individual
	2025-11-23 06:44:07	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	Buitelanders wat sonder lisensies handel dryf en nie belasting betaal nie, moet vasgevat word. Vervalste produkte en sigarette moet geblok word.	Bets		retired
	2025-11-23 16:14:54	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		Tessa	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 21:00:57	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		Jackie	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 21:41:13	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		Kaylynne	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:32:26	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		Melody	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:00:06	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	Do not have objections to a national registry, however, must not be based on any preferential or discriminatory system	Marcel		
	2025-11-24 09:46:58	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	This will end small businesses!	Wilmarie	Gauteng	business owner

	2025-11-24 11:46:31	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	The bill's definition of the rejection criteria needs to be very strictly defined, it currently is not. Furthermore, putting aside discrimination based on racial or national background, it discriminates against those with incompetent municipalities who might delay the process well past their mandated 30 days	Gerrit	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 11:57:10	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	Here's a polished, politically correct English version: The bill needs to be revised. It should include clearer and more structured criteria for rejection, as well as greater allowance for situations where the municipality inevitably causes delays on their side. As it currently stands, it disadvantages residents who rely on a municipality that does not consistently operate efficiently.	Leandri	Gauteng	
	2025-11-24 16:29:35	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	If this bill puts more restrictions and red tape into a already over regulated system then I don't support it	Anne	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 23:37:31	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		Agnes		self-employed
	2025-11-25 06:53:47	Not fully	Principles of business licensing	The process seems onerous for businesses to maintain good standing and the selection process seems ambiguous	Brett	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 15:32:39	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		Kevin	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-29 06:56:00	Not fully	Principles of business licensing		JOHAN	North West	retired
▼ **Powers of inspectors**	**32**						
	2025-11-21 19:22:57	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Hendrico	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:14:56	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	No it must stay,as it is from DTI cos really the municipality personnel will have a whole lot of personalized decisions. The decentralized systems will delay lots of businesses to commerce cos those people have a lot to think and just feeding their lazyness with all prolong needs and deeds. No what they are doing for now it is okay we don't need another frustrations	Dolphine	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:00:27	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	This just seems to be another act of government to get hold of more money from already established small businesses. We as business owners are already carrying enough for our beloved South Africa and we are providing jobs for many good South African citizens. We do not need another bunch of inspectors running around milking the already heavily hit small business owners. I do feel that this could assist with the already illegal trading going on with stolen goods.	Justin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:00:27	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	This just seems to be another act of government to get hold of more money from already established small businesses. We as business owners are already carrying enough for our beloved South Africa and we are providing jobs for many good South African citizens. We do not need another bunch of inspectors running around milking the already heavily hit small business owners. I do feel that this could assist with the already illegal trading going on with stolen goods.	Justin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-21 22:00:29	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	This just seems to be another act of government to get hold of more money from already established small businesses. We as business owners are already carrying enough for our beloved South Africa and we are providing jobs for many good South African citizens. We do not need another bunch of inspectors running around milking the already heavily hit small business owners. I do feel that this could assist with the already illegal trading going on with stolen goods.	Justin	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 04:05:51	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Alex	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 05:20:28	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Nomie	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:39:25	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	2. Recommendations To make the Bill workable and supportive of inclusive economic growth, I respectfully propose the following amendments: 1. Exempt micro-enterprises and informal traders from full licensing; require only simple registration. 2. Limit inspector powers by requiring written notice and judicial approval for confiscations, with anti-corruption safeguards. 3. Establish independent appeal mechanisms before licence revocation. 4. Redefine preference criteria, support disadvantaged businesses through grants, training, or reduced fees rather than discriminatory licensing. 5. Strengthen municipal capacity before implementation, including digital systems, staffing, and training. 6. Replace five-year licence expiry with permanent licences for low risk businesses; renewals only for high-risk sectors. 7. Require simple registration for most businesses, limiting licensing to high-risk industries. 8. Ensure legally resident foreign nationals can apply fairly. 9. Reduce or waive licence fees for small businesses to encourage compliance. 10. Conduct a full socio-economic impact assessment prior to final implementation. 3. Conclusion The Bill's intent to modernise and formalise business regulation is commendable. However, without the above amendments, it risks undermining small businesses, job creation, and economic growth, and may introduce unintended discrimination and administrative inefficiencies. I urge the Department and the relevant Parliamentary Committee to consider these recommendations carefully to ensure the Bill protects businesses, jobs, and fair economic participation while achieving its objectives. Thank you for considering this submission.	mathanzima joseph	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-22 05:49:29	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	More people with powers almost surely means more corruption. Government services are also offline so often, and it's the people who have to pay fines when Government services don't work.	Marone	Gauteng	
	2025-11-22 07:23:26	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Manojkumar	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 15:51:29	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	Preferential licensing is also a concern. How do you regulate and enforce a new law when already there is not enough resources to monitor and regulate existing laws. Law abiders will abide and the non-abiders and criminals will continue as is and find new ways to circumvent the laws.	Anita	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-22 20:43:12	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	A big brother is also welcome. Provided big brother has honour and know how to look after the little brother. Otherwise, I think uniforming businesses will be awesome because the current way is not easy for those not-in-the-know.	Shaun		
	2025-11-23 06:10:26	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	We need to collect VAT and taxes from all the foreigners and anyone else in SA by granting them an amnesty period BEFORE we prosecute any one	Lawrence	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 06:58:57	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Alison	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 11:30:36	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	Whilst I agree that all businesses must be licensed & approved but do NOT make it too difficult to comply! Also inspectors need to be fair, truthful & helpful to encourage compliance!	Hester	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 13:01:38	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	What would stop the inspector in falsifying information or as has become normal in South Africa require a "smoothing of business path" fee?	Fernanda		
	2025-11-23 14:33:31	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	If Controlled properly then South Africans can benefit and illegal immigrants and businesses and counterfeit can get out of our Country ,My Concern is who is going to Run this Department as it should and must be a Independent Company chosen by the normal people	Reuben		retired
	2025-11-23 16:51:06	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	Also the possible biased towards Bee and discrimination of white, coloured, Indian, etc businesses	Stacey	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 06:01:43	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	I have read through the most of the proposed Bill and find that though the bill considered Small Businesses with regards to assistance in application, possible fee waivers et al. It does tend to give something similar to a carte blanche to any inspector or appointee based on suspicion. Suspicion in the eyes of the law is straight forward, but hard to prove.	Pedro	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 09:57:00	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Kim	Western Cape	
	2025-11-24 11:58:36	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	If the government gets involved in businesses ,I don't TRUST them	Lidwina	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 12:01:15	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	This can be good if to prevent illegal people opening businesses that have no regard for health and safety, our minicipal bylaws and who do not operate legitimate and honest tax paying busines. However we all know they are against certain people who out perform them in business, management, wealth creation, and progress. Everyone stand with open hands expecting to be given a cut of every good business without having to work for it. I can already see how it is going to give people leverage for corruption, bribes and how they will abuse their power It can never be fair and it will be the last straw that breaks the camels back There will be total economic collapse in a short time	Issabel	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-24 12:03:31	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Kenneth	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:15:44	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Loraine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 19:15:46	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Loraine	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-25 07:27:14	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	what about taxies and street vendors	neill	KwaZulu-Natal	retired

	2025-11-25 07:30:22	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	On a broad perspective, this will prevent licences being issued to immigrants who exploit our citizens with underated pay and bad working conditions albeit the inspectors being bribed. Maybe there will be stricter control and fairness across all spectrums.	zane	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-25 11:03:52	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Sarah		retired
	2025-11-25 17:56:13	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		Paul	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-26 10:56:24	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	If what I read is true, this bill will cut though due process, and if an inspector doesn't get the bribe he requested, could lead to the ruin of the business involved. This bill will only lead to exploitation by corrupt inspectors. Further more the requirements of BBEEE is outright damning. You cannot deny a person to earn a living on the basis of his skin colour. Its unconstitutional, and morally wrong. This is a clear case of government overreach.	Werner	Eastern Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 19:24:47	Not fully	Powers of inspectors	Licencing, control and registration of everyday street venders needs to be fully controlled and regulated in designated areas only. Streets are often crowded, full of rubbish and unhygienic. Illegal imports, bad quality merchandise and stolen goods are regularly seen for sale.	Dave	Free State	retired
	2025-12-01 20:54:01	Not fully	Powers of inspectors		andrew	Western Cape	business owner
▼ **Other**	**37**						
	2025-11-21 21:28:47	Not fully	Other	Just another avenue for corruption and inspector bribary.	Leon	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 01:55:00	Not fully	Other	The devil is in the details. We should welcome the broadening of the tax base, which can never happen under the present circumstances. However,I see so many opportunities for a shakedown by inspectors and the implications of draconian rules designed to further ideological endpoints. Currently,a similar exercise is being performed on medical practices throughout the country, and this is simply costing small practices a lot of money to remain compliant but not contributing any real benefit.	George	Eastern Cape	retired
	2025-11-22 04:20:23	Not fully	Other	How do we know this will not become corrupt in what ever way? It is simply now harder for people to start businesses. Can the government focus on working with business to create jobs rather than focussing on trying to grow their own power with a bunch of Draconian laws which simply causes more people to have to pay more. If jobs are created, more taxes will be paid and more revenue will be available and other money making schemes (which those paying taxes already will be liable for). Fix what there is, not trying for new all the time! The seed of the idea is fine, but again done in the wrong way and instead of working with current structures, trying to centralise power which is unhelpful. Sort out the current issues and then start thinking new...	Daine	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:32:36	Not fully	Other	No they soon introduce fees for this abd small business owners can not afford	N	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-22 09:35:59	Not fully	Other	Set a minimum income beyond which you require a licence. There is no way your sidewalk vendors will be able to keep up with all the red tape, much less afford it	Annie		
	2025-11-22 13:12:19	Not fully	Other	It is not a bad idea to have ALL businesses, big and small, under some form of governance control. This should facilitate compliance with health and safety, environment, tax and financial regulations, amongst others - provided there was adequate, unbiased and professional enforcement. I don't see that in the bill.	Tony		retired
	2025-11-22 16:29:15	Not fully	Other	All of the above are of concern. Also creates space for more corruption in an already corrupt system. In its submission to comment, Neasa said the provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise and warned that they preclude any group of society from being eligible for obtaining a business licence based on demographic or national background.	Janine	Western Cape	
	2025-11-22 19:17:23	Not fully	Other	I am concerned about even more red tape for businesses already required to register with municipalities and SARS. I am concerned about inspectors abusing powers and applying laws according to their mood. I am concerned about connected cronies being granted licences over law abiding and regular citizens .	Paul	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 06:27:17	Not fully	Other	While it might be a good thing to introduce business licensing to prevent all the pop-up fly-by-night businesses that do nothing more than rob consumers, I do have issues with how it will be done. The informal economy would be untouched meaning that Taxi operators, spaza shops and the like, would go untouched, while businesses in developed areas would be burdened, and I fear that this would be nothing more but a rudimentary attempt at enforcing BEE laws in areas where BEE laws do not reach. While it is good to have a register of business, having a register to go interfere with business operations by what is likely to be lowly deployed anc cadres, would just cause upheaval in ways that are not required.	Neels	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:45:21	Not fully	Other	I submit my response to the proposed Business Licensing Bill and must state “No — not in its current form.” While modernising the outdated 1991 Act is overdue, the Bill introduces structural risks that could undermine economic activity rather than support it. South Africa faces an unemployment rate above 32%, with youth unemployment exceeding 45%. According to Stats SA, over 2.6 million people rely on informal or micro-enterprises for income. Any legislative reform must therefore prioritise lowering barriers to entry, reducing administrative burdens, and expanding economic participation. This Bill does the opposite. The Minister’s broad authority to “designate” any business undertaking for mandatory licensing creates regulatory uncertainty and may discourage new entrants, especially in low-margin sectors. International evidence shows that unpredictable licensing regimes suppress entrepreneurship, particularly among women and survivalist traders. The enforcement framework is also problematic. Inspectors may enter premises, confiscate goods, or halt operations based on subjective “reasonable suspicion.” Comparative studies on local-government enforcement already highlight inconsistent application, capacity constraints, and vulnerability to petty corruption. Expanding these powers without introducing accountability mechanisms amplifies that risk. Although the Bill aims to create digital systems, uniform standards, and defined turnaround times, these benefits are outweighed by the increased compliance load and potential for arbitrary decision-making. South Africa needs legislation that promotes inclusive growth and trust in public administration. This Bill requires substantial revision before it can achieve those goals.	Anthony	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 12:54:31	Not fully	Other	Concerned about all of the issues raised	Mr	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:19:41	Not fully	Other	This is a clear set up of more bribery and corruption with government sanction. This system can potentially disempower and prejudice key citizens in their role in keeping the South African economy viable. If gov systems are antiquated, disfunctional and/of broken, fix them. You don't need a new potenrially draconiun bill for this. Why should government ineffectiveness become our problem?	Sheraine	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 17:15:59	Not fully	Other	There should be a threshold in turnover to be registered and licensed . It should apply to all those who operate from a public access premises .There are a number of very small one man band businesses operating from home trying to make a living who should not be registered	Rosh	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-23 17:43:23	Not fully	Other	We stay in a residential complex where some residents/tenants are allowed to run businesses from by the trustees and the HOA management services. This causes that numerous workers enter and exit daily at various times of the day. Complaints to the Managing agents and CSOS are ignoted and workers are allowed to enter/exit as they like.	Patrick	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 18:25:07	Not fully	Other	As it is currently written the Minister has excessive power to decide what business need to be licensed or not, with no definition of which types of businesses that need to be licensed stated in the Bill (unlike in the Business Act). In other words at a whim the Minster can simply designated whole industries that have never required a licence to practice to suddenly need one. Also the issue of preferential licensing is not only discriminatory and racists, but it spits in the face of the Bill of Rights in the Constitution.	Jason	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 19:11:11	Not fully	Other	I think it will be fine for non SA, but not SA citizens.	Teboho	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 20:59:10	Not fully	Other	According to the constitution everyone are allowed to make a living. But I do have a problem with what is allowed currently. In my area we have 10 motor mechanical workshops in a space of 100 meters. Only some have to adhere to Mibco rules and regulations. Only 2 of the 10 workshops working on private people's vehicles are qualified motor technicians. What happened with the law regarding Only qualified technicians are allowed to work or oversee non qualified mechanics . What does the law say about the amount of workshop in a specified area. Why are Only some workshops forced to adhere to Mibco rules.	Guillaume	Gauteng	retired

	2025-11-23 22:54:25	Not fully	Other	A new Provincial law regarding a National law has its own problems. 1 The National body has experience, speed, know-how, and experience are often lost in such an instance. Are the NATIONAL Governing Body going to contribute, or lay low? absorb our monies and Government Budget - to do less and maybe even ask for a raise. An arrogance currently in force. 2. Will there be a new or transferred/delegated provisional functions added on the DTI system? Or will a "NEW Contract?" be issued - spending and tricking everybody again? 3. Training, skills transfer going to take place - and note the cost etc. as it could be a planned action to create another "source" for Nepotism, Looting et al.? 4. Rules must be Uniform and open to scrutiny. There must be a system to relay info to National Offices and they must have an Inspectorate and policing function, to adhere re transferring obligations to ensure trust and reliance to be deserved/earned by the local Municipalities. 5. 90% of the Municipalities misuse and abuse the "trust placed in their electorates". How will this be an act that starts / paves the right way forward - Business minded, apart from the thieving Political side Agenda's.?	Cornelus J	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 02:27:34	Not fully	Other	As a condition for increasing investment in South Africa, supranational political and economic unions request a relaxation of BEE ownership rules, calling the targets unfairly onerous.	Marthinus	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:51:35	Not fully	Other	Can’t see how local municipalities will be able to handle this. Many cant even maintain existing infrastructure - roads, water systems, waste water management, fire stations, etc. To put the power of who gets a license in the hands of a local official seems like paving the road for further corruption and preferential treatment. Seems far more prudent to update existing practices, as and where required, to meet new requirements - than fundamentally change how business licensing works entirely. You don’t go buy a new car when your fuel pump fails, you just replace or upgrade the pump itself.	Vernon	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 05:53:04	Not fully	Other	The CIPC / Bizportal is already in place Simply expand its services to include a practical framework that is applicable to standardised municipal services The role of government is not to “police” but to provide an economic framework for businesses, both formal and informal, to thrive 1. More red tape is now being proposed - under the guise of inclusion and growth - so what is the role of BizPortal then ? 2. Preferential Licensing is another form of discrimination - by easing red tape and making businesses systems accessible for everyone one creates an environment for entrepreneurship. This doesn’t happen by creating roadblocks that “sort” preferential groups for preferential treatment. Which is exactly what BEE has done 3. Principles of business licensing should stick to creating a framework for success and not for policing and certainly not for another form of taxation. Look to the SABC & TV license and how that drains the economy instead of providing the intended purpose of inclusion etc. likewise, this will just become another means of extortion with the right to police and punish business growth. Where the only “growth” has been in unemployment 4. The powers of inspectors should be limited to specific sectors that make sense from a municipal perspective and not be across the board for all business types. There are already associations and requirements for certain applications such as: a. Law society and the bar b. Real estate c. Engineering d. Doctors e. Architects etc This proposal seeks to add bureaucracy on top of all of that, more taxation in the form of fees and to add insult to injury, more policing powers to a government which can’t even meet or manage its core requirements. And dressing it all up in “inclusiveness” and “international norms” is still just lipstick on a pig 5. Mores Red Tape. There are already systems in place. Streamline them for efficiency and to promote growth. No additional administrative overhead, intervention or fees.	Ray	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-24 07:19:45	Not fully	Other	will the street vendor register as a sole proprietor? Who will regulate this? What happend in our town when the word got around that the inspectors are on their way, some people just closed shop for the day. Bribes will be taken and the law useless.	francois	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 08:22:19	Not fully	Other	THIS SHOULD ONLY BE APPLICABLE TO PEOPLE NOT FROM SOUTH AFRICA THAT OWNS BUSINESSES HERE IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE REST OF US SOUTH AFRICANS OBTAIN THEIR BUSINESS RIGHTS ON THE NORMAL WAY.	KOBUS	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:10:48	Not fully	Other	As a victim of fraud by an unregistered business I do believe that a system of registration is required. This system however should be fair and transparent but specifically used to get rid of the bad apples in our economy. We need our economy to be growing and people need work, so the system should not be cumbersome or full of red tape and must be managed so that anyone who want to create a business should have the opportunity. It should however be transparent and give consumers the right to check companies and company directors registered details and allow the authorities to address companies and directors who are trading fraudulently with sanctions. Maybe SARS should run it looking at their performance and abilities.	Gideon	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 10:29:21	Not fully	Other	Just impossible financially for a small business to build up to a point where they can be in a position to be formalised. Every big business has built from the ground up and then spread their wings. This bill sounds like another money-making scheme off the backs of the masses trying to put food in the table. How would you approach the illicit businesses of selling drugs, black market goods, etc that can't even be controlled at entry or production point, let alone sales.	Lynn	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 12:02:28	Not fully	Other	While there are distinct advantages to the bill, I have the following concerns: - The power of inspectors may lead to an increase in corrupt practices, as there are no regulations on this power. - The Bill will increase illegal business activity as operators seek to avoid complying, leading to increased bribery and corruption, which is already rife in South Africa. - The Bill will impose an increased administrative burden on the authorities, who already lack capacity. - The Bill speaks of an automatic revocation of a licence if non-compliance is found, and a business owner can only appeal once the business has been closed. This does not provide a fair process for a business to plead its case before the licence is revoked, and appears to be an unjust administrative action that undermines the provisions of section 33 of the Constitution. - The bill will increase already time-consuming and expensive bureaucratic paperwork and responsibilities for SMEs, creating more red tape that could overpower them.	Joy	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 12:10:02	Not fully	Other	How can municipalities which fail to perform their basic services be given such a big responsibility which will have an impact on the country's economy.	Gordon	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 14:37:08	Not fully	Other	Firstly BEE should be scrapped, Secondly i support it in a way that there are many businesses operating unlawfully in South Africa especially Foreign Owned Businesses. There are businesses that are fraudulently claiming VAT in this Country and Perhaps this can be of check to them.	Imran	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-24 17:07:15	Not fully	Other	Way too many red flags. Another idiologically driven policy from the ANC that focuses on everything other than the need for job creation and free market principles. Inspectors who are ready to punish legitimate businesses, but who will likely not do the same for informal businesses. More red tape based on race and proportionate representation, however absurd.	Theuns	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 17:40:08	Not fully	Other	Small businesses is an area where we need to protect small businesses from the influx of undocumented foreign Nationals. If we introduce some form of regulation, the government will be able to control and monitor. I am aware though that our government is a dismal failure when it comes to effective control.	Chris		
	2025-11-24 17:40:09	Not fully	Other	Small businesses is an area where we need to protect small businesses from the influx of undocumented foreign Nationals. If we introduce some form of regulation, the government will be able to control and monitor. I am aware though that our government is a dismal failure when it comes to effective control.	Chris		
	2025-11-24 18:03:35	Not fully	Other	The intention to modernsize licensing can be good, but the bill in it's current form provides too many major concerns around fairness, practicality, and constitutional safeguards. Requiring every business, including informal and micro-enterprises, to obtain and renew licenses will overwhelm already under-resourced municipalities and create delays that harm samll businesses, jobs, and local economies. The Bill grants insepctors wide authority to demand documents, issue fiens, and confiscate goods. Without strong oversight and appeal mecahnisms, this creates a high risk of corruption, harassment, and uneven enforcement. The Bill allows for preferential licensing using vauge definitions of "disadvantaged persons" or "excluded areas". While transofrmation is essential, unclear criteria create opportunities for unequal, arbitrary, or polotically influenced decisions. Licenses can be denied or revoked withough clear procedural safeguards or independent appeals, which risks violating constitutional rights and undermining business security. OVerall, I support modernisation but cannot support the Bill as written. It needs clearer criteria, stronger oversight, defined transformation measures, and better municicapl capacity before implementation.	Robbyn	Western Cape	unemployed individual

	2025-11-24 19:36:27	Not fully	Other	Before the 1994 democratic election, the economy was controlled effectively, business licenses made sense. After the democratic election South Africa abandoned a lot of laws including controlling the movement of people into the borders. Government established Black Economic Empowerment and advice everyone of Vukuzenzele meaning wake up and do it yourself. A lot of informal trading was established. The issue of piracy and illegal immigrants is the same issue that the government fails to control. Counterfeit goods enters borders road, ports including airports. Where is the inspectors during arrival of such goods? Why again inspectors must punish Vukuzenzele mense not big mafias? Some sell alcohol to survive why not helping them to prosperity instead? The government must understand that constitution is something sensitive that you cannot blackmail. A lot of white man lost their business because of financial problems they liquidate, why? These white Englishman my father are founders of money what I mean is they founders of Goldfields, diamonds, oil, minerals including bank and today me the beneficiary of Goldfields I'm penniless where as my father founded them. From: Masithule Jack ?? 081 318 5390	Masithule	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-25 08:11:19	Not fully	Other	The bill will hinder the growth of business in general, as start-ups and consultancies do not require a physical location currently in which to operate. Furthermore, the appeal of remote working has created a niche for individuals to become consultants in offering their unique skills as a service to the companies they work(ed) for. With the rise of this sector of the market, individuals are starting to register themselves as businesses, to utilize the benefits associated with being a business whether for taxation or the ability to secure finances for tools needed to give the services they offer etc. The way the bill is currently written will be detrimental to the growth of our economy and create more unnecessary red tape for the start-up entrepreneur.	Ryan	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 11:51:49	Not fully	Other	This proposed amendment Bill under S8 does not outline which types of businesses are open to non-citizens. Separation of business types between citizens and non-citizens will improve LED for citizens. Separation of business types will boost compliance as to which sections the inspectors should focus on and for which type of the citizens that is applicable. The blanket approach will not suffice in the issue of compliance with the country laws.	Thulani	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-27 09:43:10	Not fully	Other	As they say you can fool some of the people someof the time, but not all of the people all of the time. Although I agree that any business like any resident needs to stick to municipal bylaws and operate within the law, any level midded person can see this will be open to abuse. i.e. whoever can and is willing to pay the bribes will survive. Also if I don't like you and I'm the official, well it's just tough buddy . . . This needs clear guidelines to be set that can be challenged without shutting the business down before the challenge is dismissed. Tick the boxes and the official has no leg to stand on. Any malicious official needs to be prosecuted and held accountable out of their own pocket for their actions, as well as facing jailtime and a fine. Consequences need to be enforced on officials need to fear that rather than just the business that is being targeted. This has to be a 2 way street if there is transparency and if it is to succeed.	Alan	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-28 09:13:02	Not fully	Other	Not fuly, but will help spesialy where unlawfull things took place, will help to Stoped it in the suburds.	Annetjie	Gauteng	retired
▼ **No concern**	**2**						
	2025-11-23 17:01:01	Not fully	No concern	There are a lot of very mall businesses operating from home like baking or making clothes, just to be able to earn a small amount to survive, if every businesses has to have a license most of these small businesses will have to pay the little bit that they make for a fee for license .. it will not be worth the while for them to carry on doing small business... I agree with big companies it is necessary... with there turnover they will be able to manage those fees.	Tersia	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 17:01:01	Not fully	No concern	There are a lot of very mall businesses operating from home like baking or making clothes, just to be able to earn a small amount to survive, if every businesses has to have a license most of these small businesses will have to pay the little bit that they make for a fee for license .. it will not be worth the while for them to carry on doing small business... I agree with big companies it is necessary... with there turnover they will be able to manage those fees.	Tersia	Western Cape	retired
▼ **Yes I do**	**97**						
top-concern: ▼ **No concern**	Count (All): **38**						
	2025-11-21 18:06:56	Yes I do	No concern		John	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-21 18:11:41	Yes I do	No concern		Modise	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-21 21:15:41	Yes I do	No concern		Teddy	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-22 00:08:14	Yes I do	No concern		Monique	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 04:38:32	Yes I do	No concern	I think this is right in order to regulate businesses especially with tax, we have a lot of companies taking SA money into tax heavens	Manqoba		
	2025-11-22 06:03:03	Yes I do	No concern		Lucy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:06:10	Yes I do	No concern	There's a lot of unregulated businesses that create products that are harmful to people. We need a way of managing that at a local level.	Tshepo	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:25:34	Yes I do	No concern		Kgosi		
	2025-11-22 06:36:32	Yes I do	No concern	It is high time that local government has to take control and be accountable	Muthuphei Charles		business owner
	2025-11-22 07:33:57	Yes I do	No concern		Tony	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:40:50	Yes I do	No concern		Sanele	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-22 09:04:19	Yes I do	No concern	I am for the bill. All laws passed before democracy should be amended or repealed as they do not benefit majority of South Africans. I think this bill will give everyone an equal opportunity to compete.	Terrence	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:57:43	Yes I do	No concern	Foreign nationals need to leave and businesses must be reserved for South African citizens	Malusi	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-22 12:28:07	Yes I do	No concern	Businesses have to be regulated to comply nd become in line with government for our safety. They have to be inspected and required to produce instead licences on demand from regulating department and councils. There is no need for concern. If they are compliant, where is the issue.	Masi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 16:32:20	Yes I do	No concern	Hawkers,spaza shops and non registered businesses does not contribute towards tax.	Arthur	North West	retired
	2025-11-23 05:36:52	Yes I do	No concern		Lehlohonolo	Free State	self-employed
	2025-11-23 07:02:50	Yes I do	No concern	The only people who would be afraid of this bill are gate keepers who are benefiting to a current legislation which is biased and oppressive to the previously disadvantaged especially black South African. Big businesses do not allow or make it very hard for emerging SMMEs to penetrate the market. This is an opportunity for local producers to easily trade with locals and protect the market from cheap and counterfeit products that are currently destroying the local market.	Qhamani	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:53:01	Yes I do	No concern	The policy / Bill is enavling and tranformatory . These are elements which are still needed in the country. Thirty years of democracy is not enough to transform the SA society. In fact post 30 years should be the start of economic transformation in SA. We all know the past 30years was focused on political transformation which ended up with so many useless political parties that contribute nothing to people's lives and the economy of the country.	Boniswa	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-23 12:25:52	Yes I do	No concern		Ayanda	Eastern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-23 13:35:46	Yes I do	No concern		Jos	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-23 13:39:52	Yes I do	No concern		Dolly	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 13:54:08	Yes I do	No concern		Malesela	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-23 14:43:05	Yes I do	No concern	Valid law	Eddy	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 08:23:02	Yes I do	No concern	It will help eliminate the illegal goods sold to people	M	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:05:19	Yes I do	No concern		Philipos Hlabish	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:05:21	Yes I do	No concern		Philipos Hlabish	Limpopo	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:34:09	Yes I do	No concern	If anything, there is a need to regulate foreign nationals and their access to doing business in the country currently occupying spaces to be utilised by SAcans. Secondly alcohol related businesses requires strict majors in terms of areas of operation and time frames. MSME needs to be streamlined and preferential be given to SAcans including empowerment and development especially to previously marginalised groups.	Lindiwe	Mpumalanga	business owner
	2025-11-24 09:45:27	Yes I do	No concern	Indeed i support the bill.	Dumisani	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-24 14:27:24	Yes I do	No concern		Lonwabo	Western Cape	employed individual

	2025-11-24 19:11:12	Yes I do	No concern	This bill will assist in licensing the mushrooming businesses that are partaking in illegal activities, especially in the townships. The obsession with BEE is becoming a stumbling block in fighting illegally operating businesses.	Bhekizulu	Mpumalanga	employed individual
	2025-11-24 20:44:12	Yes I do	No concern		Mojalefa	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 23:14:34	Yes I do	No concern	I support the bill. Businesses need to be regulated.	Nwabisa	Eastern Cape	
	2025-11-25 05:24:20	Yes I do	No concern		Madoda	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-25 06:06:21	Yes I do	No concern		Kathleen	Limpopo	employed individual
	2025-11-25 19:39:23	Yes I do	No concern	“ Neasa said the provisions are nothing but BEE in disguise...” - there is everything discriminatory in this statement from Neasa. This clearly outlines the agenda Neasa has against a progressive bill which is there to correct injustice. I support the bill and down with what Neasa has to say. I stand by the Department of Trade and Industry to introduce the bill so to modernise the outdated legislation and create a uniform system where all businesses register with and obtain licences from their local municipalities.	Kamogelo	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-26 05:06:38	Yes I do	No concern	A lot of businesses do not pay Tax and majority of those are owned by Non South Africans. So this will help us be able to collect much needed Tax for development of the country	Bonolo	North West	employed individual
	2025-11-26 21:42:24	Yes I do	No concern	It is necessary for every business to be documented in this country and they also need to operate based on South African legislation	Takalani	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-27 15:03:40	Yes I do	No concern	I support the intent of this bill.	Abdul	Western Cape	employed individual
▼ **Powers of inspectors**	**13**						
	2025-11-22 05:04:22	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors	Please help me get my business plan from @ViolaMotsumi Office of the Premier - North West Province - South Africa! She will impress South African Government and G20 South Africa with my work She stole it from Mr Malindi and Dr Maboe ???? they have blocked me and we want to pursue legal action in 2026 as I’m currently on vacation ! MyANC please stop the circus ! I’ll go to war ! I have MSc (Cum Laude)degree from WITS Young Alumni and your MEC has Honours from NWU Both of us are microbiologists ! How did she not learn a thing or two about Turnitin??? Wow ! Auditor General's Office and Mafikeng Campus Nwu and DHET please verify her qualifications before we go to court! And Department of Basic Education please allocate me the budget for Bana Pele Ecares and all my initiatives and check her phones and laptops , she may have shared with Limpopo as she works with RHOJ from Limpopo Lethabo Lejoy! M I will take them to court in 2026! For now that’s your task! I will email you next week Tuesday ! Already emailed Viola’s office	Boipelo	North West	Non-profit
	2025-11-22 07:38:15	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors	We need a more ethical and accountable inspector, the laws must be inline with a sustainable development of the SME's. Businesses must be mandated to by law to do work that empowers workers and the local community. Also reforms to laws making it possible for inflated prices and illicit money transfer. Make it easier to flag and stop graft	Tebogo	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 08:37:24	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors		Xoliwe	Eastern Cape	business owner
	2025-11-22 09:14:14	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors		Thembekile	Northern Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 12:59:34	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors	There are many fraudulent business that need regulations in the country , indications to ensure customer and consumer safety	Sephodi	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 17:15:50	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors		Zwelinzima	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 03:33:55	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors		Henry	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-23 11:04:39	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors		Mxolisi	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:08:16	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors		Mxolisi	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 14:50:58	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors		Phillip	Western Cape	business owner
	2025-11-24 00:00:55	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors		T	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-24 05:44:10	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors		Stuart		business owner
	2025-11-24 11:59:58	Yes I do	Powers of inspectors		Toney	Gauteng	
▼ **Other**	**12**						
	2025-11-22 06:09:17	Yes I do	Other		Lucy	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 06:40:28	Yes I do	Other	The bill is going to ensure that only the rightful people trade within the boarders of South Africa.	Sizakele	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:58:23	Yes I do	Other		Brilliant	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-22 17:01:39	Yes I do	Other		Rose	Western Cape	
	2025-11-23 01:13:50	Yes I do	Other	Ignoring the existing inequalities will only perpetuate disunity. Poverty was legislated into the lives of the majority of South Africans and this can be addressed through progressive legislation that seeks to address the current economic imbalances .	Tyrone	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-23 08:06:34	Yes I do	Other	The reason I support the bill it's because I stay in township our children have died from eating poisoned food bought from unlicensed shops, counterfeit goods are blatantly being sold in every corner of our towns it can't be business as usual	Linda	KwaZulu-Natal	
	2025-11-23 08:35:17	Yes I do	Other	I support it because here in SA we have so many unregulated businesses , which some are selling illegal stuff and some hire people and exploit them and the employee rights don't exist.	Tebogo	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 11:21:21	Yes I do	Other	I support licsencing in principle. I do not support an extensive difficult process to do so. It must be easy to do so with efficient channels to investigate and enforce problems. I also do not support businesses that just are doing what they want causing havoc. Especially any business that provides food, entertainment, alcohol a d runs events	JO	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 12:18:21	Yes I do	Other	Capacity: * to enforce this bill when it’s law * to manage reissues when my license expires, which would delay my business activities.	Bulisa	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 19:27:36	Yes I do	Other	Municipalities will not have competent officials to decide,	Hermann	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-24 13:49:26	Yes I do	Other	Illegal immigrants cannot be running business in South Africa. Unregistered businesses are not supposed to be operating in our country. No business is supposed to be selling forfeit products.	Pumza	Western Cape	employed individual
	2025-11-24 21:37:09	Yes I do	Other		Mpho	Mpumalanga	employed individual
▼ **Principles of business licensing**	**21**						
	2025-11-22 06:26:43	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing		Ernst	Western Cape	self-employed
	2025-11-22 07:29:14	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	There's a lot of business run by third party, without the involvement of the registered owners. Especially black being used n females in particular. If all business r registered and tax compliant, The country can be properly run if we really do away with corrupt officials.	Thethiwe	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-22 07:36:20	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing		Zim		
	2025-11-22 07:55:10	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	Look Mzansi have many peoples doing business whether legally or otherwise, so if there is a way to have proper and progressive regulations in place, that's good for our country and its legal citizens. Also if genuine redress of the past injustices are practiced for equality and closing the gab between the poor and the wealthy, I don't really see the reason not to support the Bill	Siphiwe	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 09:37:12	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing		Tau	Free State	

	2025-11-22 10:23:04	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	It's necessary for the growth of our economy and tax collection.The companies must comply with labour laws of the republic.Some businesses disguise as genuine but in reality they operate illegal drug operation	BONGANI	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-22 13:26:47	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	The law will erase all who do businesss be it informal tradig or major industries. To many small untidy unhealthy food producing concerns along streets. To many illegal immigrants doing business and channelling illegal money out of our country.	Anthony	Gauteng	retired
	2025-11-23 01:21:11	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	We have maney traders that are trading and not contributing to the Revenue of services, we find many illegal immigrants not following guidelines of their permits that's thievery so I fully support this cause and agree to it.	Joseph	Gauteng	self-employed
	2025-11-23 10:42:42	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing		Malebo	Limpopo	unemployed individual
	2025-11-23 22:58:57	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	Our country is turning into a playground for illegal operations and counterfeit which is killing our own economy. Some regulation and licensing is welcome!!!	Nosipho	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 05:10:01	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing		True-Love Nana	KwaZulu-Natal	employed individual
	2025-11-24 07:44:39	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	The Government must first, close down the foreign nationals businesses due to immigration act 13 of 2002, section 19(2)) and immigration Act 13 0f 2002, 15 (1)), then they can implement the principles of business licensing	Simon	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 09:14:30	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	South Africa needs registered business to operate legally in RSA	S'thembiso	Gauteng	employed individual
	2025-11-24 11:49:35	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing		Chucheka	Limpopo	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 11:49:37	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing		Chucheka	Limpopo	unemployed individual
	2025-11-24 15:27:44	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing		Lauren	Western Cape	student
	2025-11-24 21:47:29	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing		Nomvula	KwaZulu-Natal	business owner
	2025-11-25 08:07:43	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	It is a good bill because it'll regulate compliance for establishments not this whole modus operandi of shops been opened everywhere...	Monyatso	Gauteng	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 07:03:04	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	Sicela inxaso kumashishini esinawo akhasayo njengabahlali be Gqeberha enkosi	Zuziwe	Eastern Cape	unemployed individual
	2025-11-26 11:21:26	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	It will limit the use of business to commit crimes and all business owners will be easily identified	Perfect	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-26 12:15:31	Yes I do	Principles of business licensing	I am broadly in favour of the proposed Business Licensing Bill — but only with strong and non-negotiable provisos. South Africa has an important opportunity here: if we design this system wisely, it could strengthen compliance, reduce illicit activity, and create a more transparent and accountable business environment. However, for it to succeed, it must be shaped by genuine world-best practice, not by new layers of bureaucracy or mechanisms open to abuse. Around the world, countries such as Singapore, New Zealand, Estonia, and several EU member states have shown that clear, centralised, digital business registries — combined with risk-based licensing and streamlined renewal processes — can significantly reduce unlawful trading, improve consumer protection, and support fair competition. South Africa should be studying these models closely. We do not need to reinvent the wheel; we need to apply what already works. A well-designed system could help us curb counterfeit goods, strengthen product-safety compliance, prevent “licence-stretch” where businesses trade in unapproved categories, and reduce the presence of illegal operators undercutting legitimate South African businesses. It could also assist authorities in monitoring environmental, health, safety, and labour-law compliance more efficiently. But such benefits will only materialise if the system is transparent, simple, inexpensive to comply with, non-discriminatory, and protected from political manipulation. It must not become another tool for demographic engineering, gatekeeping, or creating barriers for entrepreneurs. In principle, therefore, I support the Bill — but only if it is grounded in the lessons learned from the world’s most effective systems, and implemented in a way that brings maximum public benefit with maximum efficiency and fairness.	Timothy	Mpumalanga	retired
▼ More red tape	**8**						
	2025-11-22 07:15:30	Yes I do	More red tape	We need less Law to encourage growth. And more enforcement on what we do have	Garth	Free State	business owner
	2025-11-22 11:59:41	Yes I do	More red tape	More Red Tape with the intention for more power and another income stream	Fuad	Western Cape	retired
	2025-11-24 04:56:35	Yes I do	More red tape		Fred		
	2025-11-24 07:59:07	Yes I do	More red tape	The licensing Bill is not encouraging south African to be self-sufficient by being entrepreneurial as spirit which will assist in the reduction of unemployment, instead they are putting more red tape that will discourage citizen, as we all know that our municipalities are failing us in so many things and yet the this billing wants to place such an important element in their hands, existing businesses that have been licenses and have a stable environment will then have to let go of employees whilst waiting, and the billing has so many aspects that will be subject to the inspector the business owner has no say to the outcome	Thuli	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-24 07:59:08	Yes I do	More red tape	The licensing Bill is not encouraging south African to be self-sufficient by being entrepreneurial as spirit which will assist in the reduction of unemployment, instead they are putting more red tape that will discourage citizen, as we all know that our municipalities are failing us in so many things and yet the this billing wants to place such an important element in their hands, existing businesses that have been licenses and have a stable environment will then have to let go of employees whilst waiting, and the billing has so many aspects that will be subject to the inspector the business owner has no say to the outcome	Thuli	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-25 07:16:38	Yes I do	More red tape		Dane	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 07:19:53	Yes I do	More red tape		Dane	KwaZulu-Natal	retired
	2025-11-25 13:18:47	Yes I do	More red tape	Gives ligitimacy for businesses as for running a business correctly this will only enhance the business experience for the customer as well as for the business owner.	Taqwiem	Western Cape	self-employed
▼ Preferential licensing	**5**						
	2025-11-22 07:38:44	Yes I do	Preferential licensing		Sandile	KwaZulu-Natal	self-employed
	2025-11-22 11:38:04	Yes I do	Preferential licensing	The licensing process should be fair and equitable across all sectors-No "Favoritism" towards Family, Friends or Business Associates. There should be enough Inspectors, to ensure compliance to the new Legislation.	Louis Jacobus	Mpumalanga	retired
	2025-11-22 18:10:07	Yes I do	Preferential licensing	Totally against this new bill	Dirk	North West	business owner
	2025-11-23 07:44:22	Yes I do	Preferential licensing		Dawie	Gauteng	business owner
	2025-11-23 08:55:39	Yes I do	Preferential licensing		Morontshi	Gauteng	retired