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PRESS STATEMENT

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### **SUBJECT: BUSHBUCKRIDGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY TO HOST PROVINCIAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROTECTION OF STATE INFORMATION BILL**

In a quest to deepen democracy amongst rural dwellers, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality has been chosen as one of the two hosts for the Provincial Public Hearings on the Protection of State Information Bill. The public hearing will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2012, at Mapulaneng Former College of Education from 09:00-16:00 Pm. The National Council of Provinces (NCOP) has established an Ad Hoc Committee to review and report on the Protection of State Information Bill.

This public hearing is aimed at ensuring that this piece of legislation receives the wildest inputs from communities that otherwise would not have had the opportunity to make written or verbal inputs and also to see to it that ordinary people on the ground understand what this piece of legislation entails. The public hearing is intended to empower and inform communities about the bill and its possible bearings on their lives. Inputs submitted by community members will be taken into cognisance. Government intends not to privatise information but to regulate the sourcing of information so as to enable a free society that is curious of what is to be made public and what is to be made private.

Kind regards

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