

Press Statement

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The MEC for Economic Development, Environment & Tourism Limpopo Mr. O. C Chabane whose Department is responsible for Liquor Affairs in the Province is concerned about non-compliance to the provisions of Liquor licenses by those who own liquor outlets.

We would like to commend all who by all means stick to the conditions of their licenses, however we are still confronted with the following challenges:

- Learners visiting Liquor outlets to consume liquor during school hours
- Environmental issues which are not being taken care of.
- Establishment of outlets next to schools and churches.

The MEC is highly concerned and has therefore directed the Liquor Board to create a platform for all the stakeholders to address these issues. The Liquor Board as a competent body in the issuing of licenses in partnership with the departments of Education, Safety, Security and Liaison as well as the SAPS, will in the next 3 months hold consultative meetings with all the stakeholders in all our Districts & recommend to the MEC appropriate actions to address these issues.

MEC Chabane therefore invites all the liquor outlets owners, municipalities, school principals, taxi Associations, NGO's, youth and women formations, church leaders, organized business, other organizations of civil society including all interested individuals to consultative meetings taking place as follows:

- Vhembe 23/02/07 Thohoyandou Town Hall
 24/02/07 Makhado Showground
- Mopani 20/03/07 Giyani Community Hall

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| | 21/03/07 | Phalaborwa, Lulekani
Municipality Hall |
| • Waterberg | 16/03/07
17/03/07 | Ellisras, Mogul Club Hall
Modimolle/Nylstroom, Peter
Nchabeleng Hall |
| • Sekhukhune | 23/03/07

24/03/07 | Jane Furse Comprehensive
School Hall
Groblersdal, Marble Hall
Municipality |
| • Capricorn | 06/04/07
07/04/07 | Botlokwa, Festus Mothudi Hall
Seshego, Honeymoon Lodge |

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