



Local Government Brief: 05/2013

Municipal Boundary Demarcation process

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this brief is to draw attention to the requirements of the Municipal Demarcation Board Circular 2/2013.

2. Discussion

The Municipal Demarcation Board issued Circular 2/2013 on 7 August 2013 Circular. The circular contains the final proposals of the MDB with regard to the municipal boundary determination process. Objections can be lodged until 16 September 2013. The final determinations of the MDB with regard to municipal boundaries will be published on 30 September 2013 with the formal hand-over to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) taking place on 1 October 2013. The only new metro proposed is the current Sedibeng district.

3. Implications

Municipalities affected by the determinations must ensure that residents are consulted on the proposals before objections are lodged. Public protest such as Metsimaholo should be avoided through a dedicated consultation process. The mandate and independent processes of MDB should be respected.