

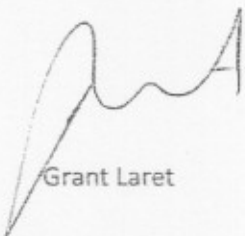
South African Weather Service Amendment Bill [B22-2011] – OBJECTION

My Objection to this amendment of the Weather Service Bill is as follows:

- 1) The draconian penalties for a public or private person (Other than SAWS) issuing a Weather Warning
- 2) The ability of SAWS to issue appropriate weather warnings for the whole country without the support of public and / or private persons
- 3) SAWS information / maps / charts / warnings are not free to the general public
- 4) SAWS does not have the ability to transmit a severe weather warning quickly
- 5) With the advent of Twitter, It is much easier for a warning to come from someone on the ground, to give an accurate report of weather in the immediate vicinity – SAWS does not have this reach around the country
- 6) The penalties SAWS proposes are unconstitutional and against free speech

People's lives are at stake, and to not be able to issue a weather warning without the authorization of SAWS is a deadly mistake.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Laret', with a stylized, flowing script.

Grant Laret