Tyhileka madubela - Re: "Strengthening of the work of the Weather Service through the South African Weather Service Amendment Bill, 2011'

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"Strengthening of the work of the Weather Service through the South African Weather Service Amendment Bill, 2011" Comments

"Insertion of section 30A in Act 8 of 2011"

No 30.A-

" no person may issue severe weather or air-related warning without......"

This portion is completely rejected. This will be a severe mistake to include in the bill. Extremely usefull inputs by various role players like the papers, TV, radio, radio hams and especially by Hamnet, private weather websites are regularly made to warn people about severe weather in real time. Even Eumetsat will be excuded with this portion. Please delete this portion from the proposed bill. These and many other role players play an enormous important role during disasters, etc.

The motivation of the World Meteorological Organization is not true: They publish daily information of severe weather wordwide on their website. With the following-"The media may use information". What about Eumetsat- are you really ging to stop them to publish their weather photos. They will really laugh for you.

My request: please remove this portion of "no person may issue severe weather or air-related.....".

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