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Co-ordinator of technical committees
multi-party forum [39]

To Ms. Melody Emmett

From J. Minnie **F39**

Re Draft JBA Bill

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Message Urgent!

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Campaign for
**Independent
 Broadcasting**

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Melody Emmett

Coordinator of technical committees
 Multi-Party Forum
 World Trade Centre

Ms Emmett

I am writing on behalf of the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB) with regard to the draft bill on the proposed Independent Broadcasting Authority.

As you are aware, the draft bill was tabled made available for public comment on June 22. The deadline set by the MPF for such comment was set on July 5, next Monday.

As the bill envisages substantial and highly contentious changes to South Africa's broadcasting dispensation we believe it is essential that those drafting it do only so after taking account of as wide a range of opinion as possible.

This has not been the case: the MPF has given the public just two weeks to get a copy of the draft bill (no mean task in itself), study it, and formulate a meaningful and considered response.

We believe this is impractical. The draft bill is 84 pages long and is incomplete.

We therefore request that the MPF extend the period allowed for public comment by at least three weeks - that is, to July 26.

We also request that, once written submissions have been received, the MPF hold public hearings on the draft bill, or instruct the technical committee responsible to do so.

We are concerned that the inadequate time set aside and mechanisms established for public submissions will result in only a token and wholly inadequate contribution by the public on the issue of the IBA.

We believe this is not in keeping with the commitment by the MPF to an open process on all issues, and to a substantial public role on the issue of broadcasting in particular.

We would appreciate your making known our concerns and our request to the appropriate MPF structures as soon as possible, and to all participating parties.

Your sincerely



Jeanette Minnie

pp Raymond Louw, joint chairperson, CIB

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To .. Ms. Melody Emmett - MPF
From .. Jeannette Minnie 13/07/95
Re .. C.I.B. Submission on draft IBA Bill
No of pages .. 3 incl. cover
Message .. I forgot to include a
list of C.I.B. members in
our submission handed to
you yesterday.

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SIGNATORIES TO THE DECLARATION OF THE CIB

Anglican Diocese of Johannesburg
Film and Allied Workers Organisation
Free Filmmakers
Viewpoint Films
"The Gatehouse" Film Production Company
Green Channel Productions
Congress of South African Trade Unions
National Council of Trade Unions
Union of Democratic University Staff Associations
South African Union of Journalists
Media Workers Association of South Africa
Performing Artists' Workers Equity
South African Democratic Teachers' Unions
Campaign for Open Media
Anti-Censorship Action Group
Black Television and Film Foundation
Women in Broadcasting
African National Congress
Democratic Party
South African Communist Party
South African Film and Television Institute
National Television and Video Association
South African Students Press Union
Black Sash
Lawyers for Human Rights
Human Rights Commission
The Editor of City Press newspaper
Institute for the Advancement of Journalism
Media Institute of Southern Africa
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