

Making Effective Comments

How to make effective comments on the proposed regulations.

ACCEPTABLE COMMENTS:

1. Relevant – Address specific clauses in the regulations.
2. Specific – Identify the section and explain your concern or support.
3. Evidence-based – Use facts, laws, or personal experiences to support your points.
4. Respectful – Focus on the regulation, not individuals.
5. Solutions – Suggest changes or improvements.

NOT ACCEPTABLE COMMENTS:

1. Irrelevant – Off-topic or unrelated to the regulations.
2. Vague – “I disagree” without explanation.
3. Offensive – Insults or discriminatory remarks.
4. Unsupported claims – Conspiracy theories with no evidence.
5. Unfocused – Long unrelated text without structure.

STRUCTURE YOUR COMMENT:

1. Identify yourself (optional) – Your role (parent, teacher, etc.).
2. Quote the clause – State the part you're responding to.
3. State your concern – Why it matters.
4. Explain your reasoning – Legal, practical, cultural, or medical points.
5. Suggest a solution – Propose alternative wording or changes.

TIP: Keep a copy of your submission and proof of sending. If you are sending a hard copy, you can either send it by registered post or hand deliver. If you hand deliver, please make sure that you have proof of service by getting them to stamp your copy

Prepared by: Advocate Sabelo Sibanda (The People's Lawctivist)

International Alliance of Lawctivists