

MINISTER EXTENDS COMMENTS DEADLINE FOR DRAFT POLICY DIRECTION TO ICASA ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

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The Minister of the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (“**DCDT**”) has extended the comments deadline for the draft policy direction to ICASA on electronic communications networks in South Africa.

The Minister [published a draft policy](#) on the rapid deployment of electronic communications networks and facilities on 12 March 2026 (“**the Draft Rapid Deployment Implementation Policy**”). Its objectives include giving “*effect to existing national and sector policy pertaining to access required to and use of land, both public and private, to facilitate the rollout of nationwide affordable high-speed broadband networks.*” The Minister afforded stakeholders 30 days from the publication date, to submit comments.

The Minister, earlier today, issued a notice extending the due date for submission to 25 April 2026. You can access a copy of the draft policy on the rapid deployment of electronic communications networks and facilities extension notice [here](#).

Reach out to any of your usual contacts at PPM Attorneys if you need any assistance with submissions or understanding the Draft Rapid Deployment Implementation Policy’s implications.