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Dear Sirs,

I am currently busy with a proposal on demurcation and dellmitation of vegivus fur
submission to the Democratic Party and noted that your commission was requesting
submissions by 6 July 1993.

In creating regions or federal stutes I believe & bottom up approach is the best. Each
region will be made up of a number of metropolitan urban and rural councils each of
which will be mmude up of 1 or more municipalities and surrounding rural/farming areas.

â\200\234Fhe factors [belleve that should be taken Into account in determining regions in
the new

constitution are :-

The existing provinces.

Developtent, planning and statistical regions.

Existing Magisterial, Census and other adininistrative structures.

Existing municipalities, current local governnent negotiating forums such
as the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, local government
inter-dependence and other local government bodies.

Recognised reglous within business, sporting and cultural organisations.

Physical bounduries such as rivers, mountain ranges, major roads etc.

Language and cultural similaritles between sub-reglons.

Economic viability and political stability.

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PROPOSED REGIONS.

The regions I would propose with the statistical regions which fall in each of these regions are :-

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL REGIONS

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WESTERN CAPE
EASTERN CAPE
NORTHERN CAPE
BORDER / KEI

OFS / KIMBERLEY
WESTERN TRANSVAAL
NORTHERN TRANSVAAL

WITWATERSRAND / VAAL
EASTERN TRANSVAAL
NATAL

STATISTICAL REGIONS
01-03; 07-10; 13-15

04-06; 12-16; 39-47

17-19; 22-23

35-38 Plus Ciskei and Transkei
20-21; 27-34; 95

24-26; 79 Plus Bophuthatswana

68-71; 76; 80; 93; 94; 96; 97
Plus Venda

72-75; 77-78
64-67
48-63; 90-92

The sub regions above which might be questionable in determining the regions above are :-

WESTERN CAPE / EASTERN CAPE.

Statistical Regions 04 (Southern Cape - George, Knysna, Plettenburg Bay, Mossel Bay and Riversdale), 05 (Uniondale), 06 (Calitzdorp, Ladismith and Oudtshoorn - Little Karoo); and 12 (Central Karoo - Beaufort West, Lingsburg, etc) could wholly or partially have fallen into the Western Cape but I believe they have more in common with the Eastern Cape. '

NORTHERN CAPE,

The economic viability of the Northern Cape Is questionable especlally with my proposal that Kimberley be included with the Orange Free State. The Northern Cape could be included In the same region as the Western Cape, Orange Free State or Western Trausvaal bearing in mind culturul differences and distances involved.,

BORDER / KEI.

It Is my opinion that this is a logical region but it could be argued that the Western Cape should be statistical regions 1 - 19 plus 22 and 23 and the balance of the Cape other than Kimberley would fall into an Eastern Cape region,

FRETORIA / PWYV.

The most popular option Is for Pretorla (Statistical Region 71) and Brits / Bronkhorstspuit (Statistical Region 76) to be included In a PWV reglon. There are compelling reasons however for also considering the inclusion of Pretoria â\200\230n either Northern Transvaal (as I have dune) to make this reglon more economically viable or the Eastern Transvaal for the same reason. The Brits area could fall into the Northern Transvaal or the Western Transvaal.

SASOLBURG / YAAL TRIANGLE / PWYV.

Sasolburg despite being in the Orange Free State is economically part of the Vaal Triangle and hence the Witwatersiund / Vaul orr PWV reglon,

KIMBERLEY.

Kimberley Is a difficult statistical region to allocate as it could logically fall into the Orange Free State or Northern Cape. I believe It is economically and geographically wmore closely linked (0 the Orange Free State.

MAJOR TOWNS / CITIES IN EACH REGION.

1. Western Cape - Cape Town, Bellville, Purow, Nyangq, Grassy Park, Guguletu, Elsles River, Paarl, Goodwood, Stellenbosch, Strand, Somerset West, Wellington, Milnerton, Belhar,

Kraaifontein, Constantia, Worcester, Atlantis,

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Eastern Cape

Northern Cape

Border / Kci

OFS / Kimberley

Western Transvaal

Northern Transvaal

Witwatersrond / Vaal

Eastern Transvaal

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George, Knysna, Mossel Bay, Oudtshoorn,
Beaufort West, Grahamstown, Rhini,
Cradock, Lingelihle, Middelburg, Graaff
Reinet, Port Elizabeth, Kayamandi,
Uitenhage, Kwanobuhle.

Upington.

I{mtam, Butterworth, Bisho, Mdautsane,
Queenstown, East London, King William's
Town,

Kimberley / Galeshewe, Qdendaalsrus,
Virginia, Welkom, Kroonstad, Parys,
Bethlehem, Bohlokong, Harrismith,
Botshabelo, Bloemfonteln, Mangaung,
Phuthaditjhaba.

Potchefstroom, Ikageng, Rustenburg,
Merludurp, Orkney, Jouberton, Stilfontein,
Mabopane, Garankuwa, Temba, Mafikeng.

Pretoria, Pietersburg, Atteridgeville,
Verwoerburg, SoshangWe, Mamalodi, Brits,
Mokerong, Namakgale, Seshego,
Kanyamozane, Siyabuswa.

Johannesburg, Soweto, Diepmeadow,
Alexandra, Sandton, Randburg, Midrand,
Kathlehong, Alberton, Tokoza, Daveyton,
Wattville, Benunl, Reiger Park, Vosloorus,
Boksburg, Germiston, Edenvale, Kempton
Park, Tembisa, Brakpan, Tsakane, Nigel,
Duduza, Springs, Kwa Thema, Krugersdorp,
Kagiso, Carletonville, Khutsong,
Randfontein, Mohlakeng, Roodepoort,
Dobsonville, Westonaria, Vanderbijlpark,

Evaton, Lekoa, Vereeniging, Sasolburg.

Standerton, Sakhile, Secunda, Middelburg,
Mhluzi, Kwaguqua, Witbank, Nelspruit.

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10. Natal - Durban, Isipingo, Lamont, Tonga, Pinetown,
Westville, Port Elizabeth, Imbali,
Ladysmith, Newcastle, Richards Bay,
Mpumalanga, Kwa Makuta, Ntuzuma, Kwa
Mashu, Clermont, Umhlati, Ezakheni,
Madadeni, Osigweni, Umlundl, Mondlo,
Edendale, Phambani and Chatsworth.

As I am still busy analysing the alternatives my thinking may change once I have more detailed information and I believe this would apply to many people making submissions.

I believe Regional boundaries decided for the Constituent Assembly elections should be flexible and final regional boundaries under a new constitution should be finalised once the demarcation of local government boundaries and magisterial districts have been finalised. Final regional boundaries should be subject to negotiation with all affected communities and be approved by referendum in each region.

Hereby wishing you every success with your deliberations.

Yours faithfully

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