



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Climate Change Service

The Bureau Director
Environmental Management Bureau

The Executive Director
National Water Resources Board

The Regional Executive Directors
DENR NCR, Regions I to XIII, and CAR

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS REGARDING
WATER SUSTAINABILITY BILLS FROM THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS,
INNOVATION, AND FUTURES THINKING**


DATE : 25 April 2023

The Senate Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking (SDGIFT) chaired by Senator Pia Cayetano will be conducting a hearing on 27 April 2023, (Thursday) 2:00 PM at the Sen. Tañada Room, 2nd Floor Senate of the Philippines to discuss the proposed measures which seek to provide wider access to safe and potable water to every barangay and promote sustainable use of water resources. Specifically, the following will be tackled during the said hearing:

1. Privilege Speech of Sen. Pia Cayetano entitled "World Water Day" delivered on 22 March 2023;
2. Senate Bill No. 16 - AN ACT PROVIDING FRAMEWORK ON WATER SUSTAINABILITY, by Senator Pia S. Cayetano;
3. Senate Bill No. 310 - AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY WITHIN THREE YEARS, by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri; and
4. Senate Bill No. 1048 - AN ACT ENSURING SAFE DRINKING WATER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, by Senator Joel Villanueva

In this regard, may we respectfully request your comments/recommendations on the above-mentioned bills, in preparation for the upcoming public hearing, as requested by the Committee. Further, may we also request a presentation to discuss the plans and priorities of the newly created Water Resource Management Office amid the challenges of water shortage, for the information of the Committee.

Kindly submit your comments on or before 26 April 2023, 5:00 PM via email at denrilo@denr.gov.ph. The copies of the bills may be accessed through this link: <https://bit.ly/3HbxXJi>.


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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs
Undersecretary for Integrated Environmental Science



Republic of the Philippines

SENATE

Pasay City

**COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS,
INNOVATION AND FUTURES THINKING**

April 24, 2023

SEC. MARIA ANTONIO YULO LOYZAGA

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear **Secretary Loyzaga**:

The Senate Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking (SDGIFT) will conduct a public hearing on **April 27, 2023, 2:00 PM at the Sen. Tañada Room, 2nd Floor Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City** to discuss various proposed measures that seek to provide wider access to safe and potable water to every barangay and promote sustainable use of water resources.

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In this regard, we would like to request you or your representative to be one of our resource persons on the said hearing.

The Committee would like to request your good office to discuss the plans and priorities of the newly created Water Resource Management Office amid the challenges of water shortage.

We would also appreciate receiving a copy of your presentation/position paper **on or before April 27, 2023.**

Attached are the copies of the abovementioned bills and privilege speech for your reference.

For confirmation and inquiries, your good office may contact the Secretariat through this email - **committeonsdg@gmail.com** or through our office telephone number 8-5526750.

Your agency's participation in this Committee hearing will be highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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Committee Secretary