



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Undersecretaries**
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All Regional Executive Directors

FROM : **The Undersecretary**
Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT POSITION PAPER ON HOUSE BILL NO. 9608 OR "AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE ANCESTRAL LANDS ADMINISTRATION AND ADJUDICATION PROCESS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS ACT OF 1997'" FROM THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : **11 MAR 2024**

The Legislative Liaison Office (LLO) conducted a Consultative Meeting to consolidate and uniform the Department's position on **House Bill 9608** or "An Act Rationalizing The Ancestral Lands Administration And Adjudication Process Amending For The Purpose Of Republic Act No. 8371, Otherwise Known As 'The Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act Of 1997'" on 26 February 2024.

As agreed in the said Consultative Meeting, the draft position paper will be circulated again to the concerned DENR offices for review, before submission to the

Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples of the House of Representatives.

In this regard, we respectfully submit the Final Draft Position Paper for review and additional comments, if any. Kindly send them on or before **08 March 2024 (Friday) at 5 PM** via email at denrilo@denr.gov.ph. In the event that no submission is received by the stipulated deadline, it is deemed agreed that the Final Draft Position Paper is accepted.

Attached herewith is the Final Draft Position Paper for your reference.


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