



**SAGA INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE  
FIREARM FREEDOM RUN PROTEST AT PARLIAMENT**

Saturday 19 June 2021

On Saturday, SAGA Chairperson, Damian Enslin, was asked to speak at a peaceful march to parliament that was organised by Ride to Freedom to protest against the Draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill, 2021. The protest was at full capacity in terms of the current Covid restrictions on public events. People attended from different parts of Cape Town and the numbers would have been much greater had more people been permitted.

"The biggest issue with this Bill is that government has not spoken to the stakeholders, the role players, they have not spoken to us about this Bill. They said they have, but they haven't spoken to organisations such as SAGA and GOSA, they have not consulted with any of us. Under a democracy you are meant to consult with the people and not just push a Bill through." Damian Enslin said on Saturday.

The City of Cape Town's mayoral committee member for safety and security, JP Smith, also spoke and gave his support to the fight against this Bill.

"We cannot consider supporting this legislation ... if you are a Member of Parliament and are considering supporting this legislation, you must never again expect government to protect you, don't expect armed protection when you expect the citizens to be without that same protection afforded to you ... let's see how confident you will do your job without armed protection," he said.

SAGA would like to thank the organisers of this protest for inviting us to speak and make it known that SAGA is happy to work with any organisation that is willing to fight this Bill in a lawful manner.

SAGA encourages all firearms owners to make a factual submission against this Bill and to make use of platforms such as DearSA to make their voices heard. All SAGA members are encouraged to recruit at least one member and to keep their memberships up to date so SAGA can continue to serve and fight for members' rights as they have done since 1985.

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