

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES
(DEFF) - MPUMALANGA

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What's happening at DEFF Mpumalanga?

The PSA received complaints from Tradesman Aid members at the Kruger National Park that they do not have protective clothing and cannot work under such conditions. Tradesman Aid work around the fencing of the Park to maintain it in preventing wildlife from other provinces in entering the Park and *vice versa*.

An urgent meeting was arranged with members for 18 January 2021. It was confirmed that members do not have overalls, boots, gloves, and hats and the working conditions are not compliant in terms of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

On 20 January 2021, the PSA engaged management by writing a letter requesting a meeting to resolve the challenges faced by members. The PSA's plea was not heeded. The PSA thus approached the Department of Employment and Labour (DEL) requesting it to conduct inspection. The DEL committed to render such services on 11 February 2021.

The PSA is hopeful that the report that will be produced by Labour Inspectors will deem the Department of Environment Forestry and Fisheries in contravention of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER