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The Role of EPR in Environmental Protection

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The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on 5 November 2020 published under the National Environmental Management Waste Act # 59 of 2008, an EPR regulatory notice for identified waste streams of paper and packaging, electrical & electronic equipment (EEE) and lighting which ultimately came into effect 5 May 2021 under Section 18 of the Act.

EPR will force Brand Owners & Retailers to look at their packaging holistically, most importantly, the end of life.

The Take, Make, and Waste Linear Ideology must be replaced with circular thinking.

EPR for a Coastal Country like South Africa is a massive shift in the right direction.

HOW EPR will work in SA

SA Governments DFFE – The Legislator (Targets, Oversight & Monitoring)

Registered PRO's who have EPR Schemes (Implementation & Meeting the targets)

Brand Owners & Retailers, Manufacturers, Agents, etc. the identified Producer (Pay fees, collaborate & Support)

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILTY

Will Work because we will MAKE IT WORK !

- Huge volumes of criticism for the SA Governments EPR regulatory legislation.

- Ambitious Targets, that won't be met.

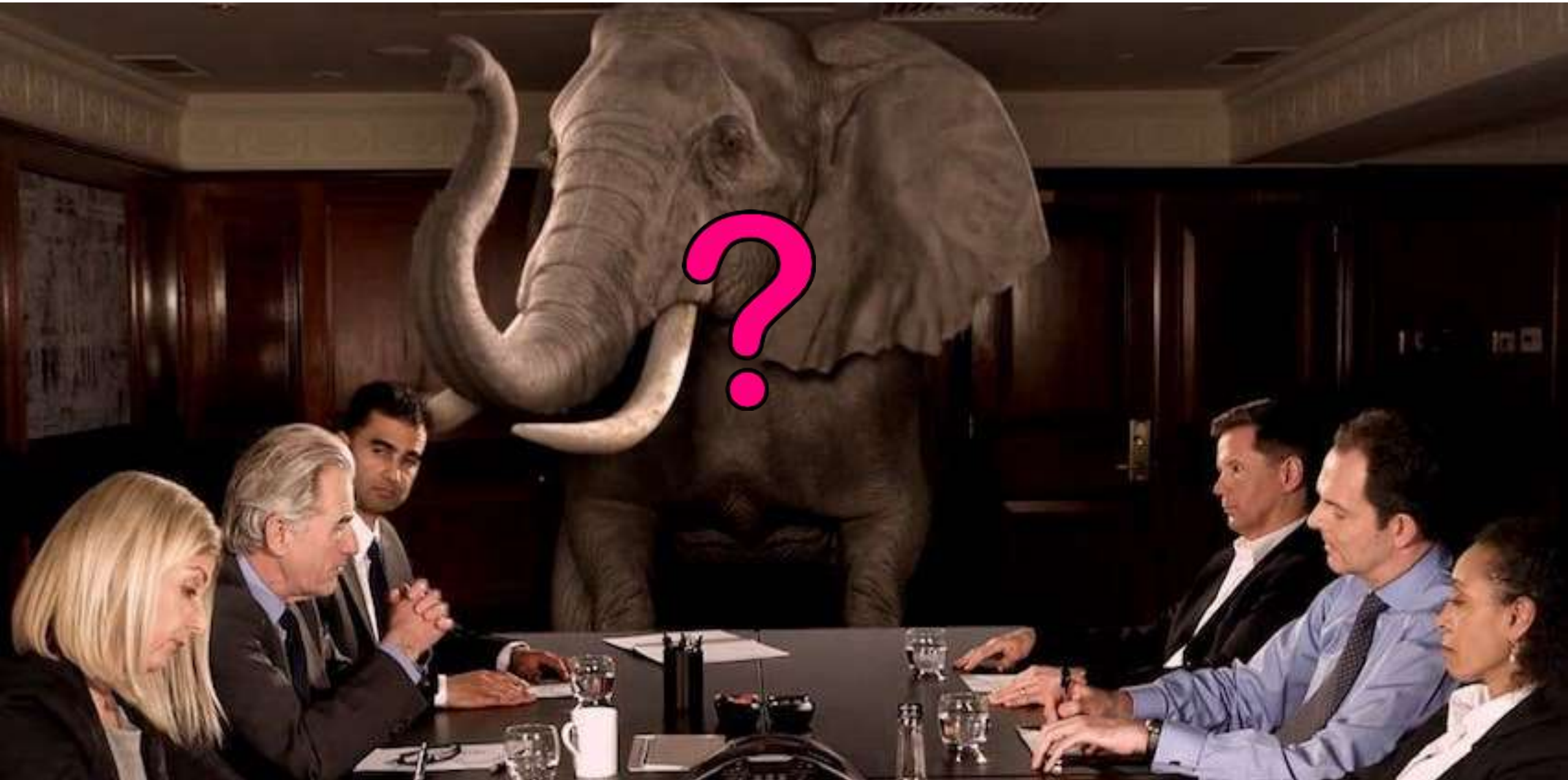- Set up for failure and in disarray.

- Many more questions than answers.

- Delay in getting EPR fees approved by DFFE

- Who do we pay ?

- How will be invoiced, etc.

- Extended Responsibility works best when all stakeholders collaborate and contribute.

- Wise are those who offer support and contribute to finding solutions.

- This is NOT a pay and forget exercise.

MORE RECYCLABLE PACKAGING

QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF RECYCLING INCREASES

REDUCES MATERIAL USE

Benefits of Packaging **EPR**

REUSE + REFILL INCREASES

LESS LITTER

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILTY
Environmental Impact / Climate Change via LCA's

LCA is defined in NEMWA as "…a process where the potential environmental effects or impacts of a product or service throughout the life of that product or service is being evaluated".

WOOLWORTHS FOOD

In memory of
SIMON MBATA
Founding Member & National Co-ordinator
The South African Waste Pickers Association (SAWPA)
09 August 1971 – 19 February 2022

THANK YOU