



## Communities to Have Input on Renewable Energy and Strategic Minerals Bills

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Members of the National Assembly's Energy and Petroleum Commission reported that there is expected to be a first draft of the Renewable Energy and Strategic Minerals bills available by the end of this month. The purpose of completing the project drafts is to discuss them with the different communities throughout the territory to present later what would be the definitive text for the consideration and subsequent approval of the full National Assembly.

Deputy Ángel Rodríguez said that it is of utmost importance to discuss with the communities the content of the bills, given their relevance, and to get input regarding the different opinions, positions or objections that each community has in the formulation of its content and scope.

It is important to highlight that the reform related to Renewable Energy tends to diversify the energy matrix, including solar, wind, hydraulic, biomass energy and other nonconventional renewable energy sources. Similarly, the reform to the Mining Law seeks to include a new chapter in which aspects related to the so-called strategic minerals are regulated in conjunction with advancing further industrialization and development processes in Venezuela.

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