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**HON. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA**

Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

**Re: Homestead Application No. 214245 (E-116019) - DENR-MIMAROPA**

Madame Secretary:

On 09 November 2023, I wrote the incumbent DENR-MIMAROPA Regional Executive Director, copy furnished your office and the Office of the Ombudsman, to request action upon captioned homestead application.

For your information, that application was approved by the Bureau of Lands as early as 1953. *Carpeta* was forwarded by the Bureau of Land to DENR-MIMAROPA ten (10) years ago but the matter has languished since without any perceptible progress.

The Regional Executive Director has yet to respond to my letter but, upon my follow-up, I was told by his Records Section staff that my correspondence was "*immediately forwarded to the Legal Division for review and appropriate action.*"

The irony is, the matter was previously referred by a past Regional Executive Director to the Legal Division years ago and nothing came of it. You will then understand why this new referral does not inspire in me much confidence or hope.

As DENR-MIMAROPA's administrative superior, may I respectfully request you to ensure that said office takes prompt and positive action toward the ministerial task of title issuance relative the already approved application.

Any further unexplained or unjustified delay and inaction by your concerned subordinates will compel me to reluctantly resort to appropriate legal remedies.

Very truly yours,

  
**LESTER ALVARADO FLORES**

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