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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3291



Introduced by
HON. NELSON R. DAYANGHIRANG, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Cateel Diversion Road, located in the Municipality of Cateel, Province of Davao Oriental, plays a vital role in linking the town proper to several remote barangays and serves as an alternate route to the Surigao–Davao Coastal Road. It has proven essential for emergency response, evacuation, and the delivery of critical services during natural calamities such as typhoons and landslides, which frequently affect the area.

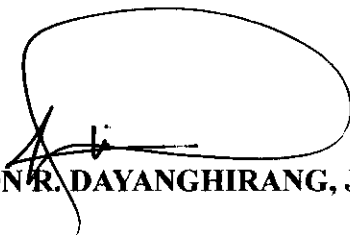
Cateel is home to the Aliwagwag Falls, the highest waterfall in the Philippines, located within the Aliwagwag Protected Landscape—a declared ecotourism and conservation site. The municipality has significant potential for eco-tourism and agricultural development, but this is hindered by limited access roads and infrastructure gaps.

The Cateel Diversion Road contributes significantly to the faster mobility of goods and people, resulting in savings in travel time and vehicle operating costs. In addition, it helps decongest the town proper during peak hours, easing the flow of traffic and improving public access.

Despite its economic and strategic importance, the road remains under local jurisdiction, limiting the availability of resources for its regular maintenance and long-term improvement. Converting it into a national road would allow the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to assume responsibility for its development, ensuring proper funding, upgrading, and climate-resilient infrastructure—particularly in landslide-prone areas near Aliwagwag Falls.

This legislative measure aligns with the national goals of strengthening regional connectivity, enhancing local economic growth, and improving access to essential services in geographically isolated and disadvantaged communities.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE CATEEL DIVERSION ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CATEEL, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AS A NATIONAL ROAD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS CONVERSION, MAINTENANCE, AND DEVELOPMENT**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title* — This Act shall be known as the "Cateel National Road Act."

SEC. 2. *Establishment* — The Cateel Diversion Road in the Municipality of Cateel, Province of Davao Oriental is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SEC. 3. *Appropriations* — The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair, and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause* - If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation and remain in full force and effect,

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, rules, regulations, decrees, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby revoked, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,