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Re Coast Care Projects Ndlambe Municipality, Eastern Cape

Dear Mr. Dyantyi,

We are most concerned about the way in which the current Coast Care project was planned, assigned and implemented. We do realize that the Coast Care Projects are part of poverty alleviation and that they embrace five basic spheres, including tourism. What we are most concerned about are the following:-

- 1) There was absolutely no consultation with the Ward committee in our area or with the local environmental NGO Bushman's Kariega Estuary Care Management Forum, with respect to the "business plan".
- 2) That there was a complete imbalance in the distribution of projects on a regional basis.
- 3) That most of the project funding is channeled into municipal infrastructure i.e. road building, parking and slurry sealing rather than direct tourism and environmental issues i.e. conservation.
- 4) The business plan that was presented at the meeting at the Kenton Town Hall was a non issue as there were no costs, time frames or details provided.
- 5) The projects need to be transparent, consultative and embrace the principle of being of the greatest value to the community with consideration of the underlying constraints placed on the funding.

We would like the following suggestions, within the constraints of Coast Care mandate, to be considered in any further Coast Care Projects in the area.

- 1) The people concerned be made aware in advance of the constraints, principles and goals of Coast Care Projects and be encouraged to give positive input.
- 2) That the Ward committees be contacted and requested to make a list, possibly with estimates of costs attached, of projects.
- 3) That the environmental NGO's in the area be consulted as to pressing environmental issues.
- 4) Tourism operators and offices be consulted and requested to make suggestions for projects.

We hope that our criticism and suggestions are taken in a positive light so that Coast Care Projects can be an example of caring and community support.

Yours faithfully,

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