



BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVERMOND

Ratepayers' Association / Belastingbetalersvereniging Ward 3 / Wyk 3
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4th September, 2006

Mr. Anton Gouws
Ndlambe Municipality
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Re- Garbage Disposal Site and Cemetery in Ward 3 BRM

Dear Mr. Gouws,

We went to inspect the garbage disposal site at Bushman's River Mouth last week after complaints from some of our constituents and were dismayed at the deterioration and complete lack of control of the site. The following are some of the observations:-

- 1) There is no enclosure of the site
- 2) Building rubble is being dumped at an alarming rate at the site and en route to the site.
- 3) There are no designated areas for domestic waste, garden refuse and building rubble.
- 4) The domestic waste, building rubble and garden refuse are dumped in a haphazard manner
- 5) Plastic bags are strewn over the veldt for 300 metres down wind of the site.
- 6) The buildings at the site are now completely vandalized.
- 7) The road to the site is in a very poor state of repair.
- 8) Most of the trenches are full.
- 9) Potential Fire hazard.

We are certain that the site does not comply with the National, Provincial or local government legislation governing waste disposal sites. Remedial steps to rectify the situation need to be taken immediately in terms of health, safety and environmental regulations.

A second problem is a potential health problem. The area around the Marselle cemetery has become waterlogged and the water is draining from the cemetery area through the eastern part of the residential part of Marselle Township and through the school. The water continues to run two weeks after the main rainfall. The situation cannot be allowed to continue in terms of possible health risks.

We suggest a six point plan of action:-

- 1) Level the site with a bulldozer
- 2) Dig new trenches and assign each for a specific purpose with signs.
- 3) Employ a guard/caretaker on contract for a period of a month or so to see that the site is used correctly and not abused.
- 4) Fence/enclose the site correctly with non combustible materials.
- 5) Clean up the surrounding veldt and ensure fire precautions in place.
- 6) Rehabilitate the recycling bins and guard house.

We trust that you will take steps to rectify the situation. We are willing to help in any way that we can to resolve the issues.

Yours faithfully,

Johann Smuts
Chairman Bushman's River Ratepayers Association.

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