



## **BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVERMOND**

Ratepayers' Association / Belastingbetalersvereniging Ward 3 / Wyk 3  
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Mr. M.T. Keyser  
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### **re- District and Provincial Roads Ndlambe Ward 3**

Dear Mr. Keyser,

We are pleased to see the results of upgrade of the R72 in our area and that it is nearing completion. There are, however, some problems involving the district roads and safety on the R72.

The first problem is the district road from the R72, between Alexandria and Bushman's River Mouth, and the 343 between Kenton on Sea and Grahamstown. The road the MN50743 has been fenced by game farm owners right over the Ghio Bridge and to close to the road in term of safety. In addition access to the Bushman's River has been denied to the public by this fence. The area between the high water mark and the low water mark is Admiralty Land (now State Presidents Land) in terms of the law and is public.

The second problem is that further along this road after it crosses the 343 in an easterly direction the DR1950 is also problematic. The owners have put gates across the road which to our assessment is illegal. A similar situation exists at Amakala Game Reserve but the owners have placed guards at both entrance and exit points. This is acceptable because it does not deny anyone free access to make use of the road. In addition Amakala will radio for a vehicle if there is a pedestrian would wishes to use the access to get to of from the N2. This is not the case on the DR 51950.

Fencing off public access and denying public free passage along these roads and access to rivers is not acceptable and is contrary to the law in our opinion. Could you please attend to the matter and let us know if there is some aspect of the law which we do not understand.

The other problems are on the R72 where we have had several complaints from our constituents regarding the bridge across the Bushman's River where excessive speed by motorists is observed. Last week there were two deaths by drowning where the vehicle plunged into the Bushman's River. This tragedy could be assigned to excessive speed. The area is zoned 80 kph but vehicles are traveling in excess of 120 kph in this area. It is only a matter of time before another accident happens. We would like to suggest that a permanent camera be set on the bridge so as to deter speeding in this zone.

The final problems are:- 1) that it has been drawn to our attention that there is a permanent discharge of water "waste water?" into the gutter of the R72 as you approach the Bushman's Bridge traveling in an easterly direction. This is a possible pollutant for the river. 2) there are many signs along the road which are possibly illegal. What is the legal distance from the R72 for advertising boards

We thank you for your consideration of these matters and look forward to hearing from you. If you need any assistance in locating the areas mentioned please do contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Johann Smuts  
Chairman BRM Ratepayers Association.

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