



BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVERMOND

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Department of Environmental Affairs
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Re Developments on the Bushman's River western bank in the region of the Ghio Bridge

Dear Sir,

We are the representatives of the ratepayers in ward 3, Ndlambe Municipality and our attention has been drawn to what is perceived to be illegal activities in terms of NEMA, 1998.

The most recent activity is the bulldozing of a road proximal to the river on the western bank. The road is within a meter of the river and is well within the flood height of the river and is approximately at the height of the high water mark. The activity has left a scar on the river bank where there was pristine Valley Bushveld vegetation, prior to a game fence being constructed. The subsequent road construction has dug into the steep bank and could result in landslide. It is clearly in contravention of NEMA, 1998. We do not believe that any notice, EIA, scoping report or ROD has been issued informing the public about this activity.

Attention has also been brought to the buildings at Kariega River Lodge (previously Kwe-Kwe and Lalo). Numerous buildings have been erected on the river bank and building activity appear to go on in an open-ended fashion. To the best of our knowledge an ROD is issued for a specific activity via a scoping report and EIA. We are not aware of the ROD or the scope of the work which was permitted or if an ROD was issued for building activity in this area. The most recent building activity was reported to be less than 12 months ago.

Could you please investigate both of these observations and please send us a copy of the ROD issued for any activity applied for in terms of NEMA, 1998 for the farms Spadona 227 and Gelukfontein 340 1:50,000 Topographical sheet 3326DA.

Yours faithfully,

Bushmans River Ratepayers ASSOCIATION

Yours faithfully,

Johann Smuts
Chairman Bushman's River Mouth Ratepayers Association.