



REFERENCE: 3/6/2 (2019/52)

The Executive Mayor
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Dear Councillor Booysen

**INTENTION TO RECRUIT PROPOSALS, LONG TERM LEASING AND/ OR DEVELOPMENT,
FARM 185 PORTIONS 0, 1 + 2 SWARTVLEI, KNYSNA (SWARTVLEI PENINSULA)**

Notice 3/2018 by the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) regarding the above matter refers.

On 19 March 2019, a meeting was convened with the GRDM at the South African National Parks (SANP) offices in Wilderness to discuss the intent of Notice 3/2018. This meeting was attended by representatives from the South African National Parks (SANP); CapeNature (CN); Knysna Municipality; Garden Route Biosphere Reserve (GRBR); Nelson Mandela University, as well as my Department, the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP).

In accordance with the feedback provided by the DEA&DP to my office, it is evident that some or all of these properties are of great conservation importance in terms of biodiversity, landscape and ecosystem services it provides.

The Swartvlei site consists largely of sensitive, vulnerable, highly dynamic coastal shore and unconsolidated dune system, which requires specific attention in management and planning. Kleinkrans Erf 1247 is mostly a Critical Biodiversity area and one of the few natural

corridors that links the lakes system with the coast. Farm 215 Portions 1, 2 & 3, Walkers Point Buffalo Bay, is largely a Critical Biodiversity Area.

It is consequently submitted that there is broad consensus amongst the leading environmental authorities and bodies that these properties are high value local, national and international conservation, landscape and palaeoscience assets that should be managed accordingly and for the greater public benefit.

Accordingly, your Council are kindly requested to undertake proper consultation with the relevant authorities as well as undertake due diligence processes to ascertain the environmental significance and value of these properties to the Garden Route and its communities, and accordingly review your intentions to safeguard these environmental assets against any detrimental impacts. It would consequently also be advisable that the GRDM transfer ownership of any such environmental sensitive properties to appropriate authorities where the integrity of these environmental assets can best be protected and managed to the benefit of the Garden Route and its communities.

As this matter is of such importance my Department will assist the GRDM in any matters necessary to ensure the long-term integrity of these environmental assets. Accordingly, the GRDM are requested to keep my Department informed on any future intentions and decisions that may affect these properties, and your urgent feedback on your continued intentions of these properties in accordance with Notice 3/2018 are awaited in good time.

Yours sincerely

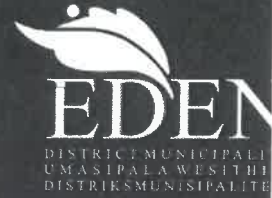


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MINISTER

DATE: 29/4/2019

NOTICE

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Notice 3/2018

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, read with the Asset Transfer Regulations, R878 of 2008, the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act as well as the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act that the Council of Eden District Municipality in terms of Resolution DC 177/05/17 intends to call for proposals to lease certain properties on a long-term basis

Eden District Municipality intends partnering with developers in Farm 185 Portions 0, 1 + 2 Swartvlei Knysna by means of a tender process as prescribed in terms of the Supply Chain Management Regulations and Policy, subject to the following terms and conditions.

Any objections, comments or representations with full reasons against Council's intention should be lodged in writing to the Municipal Manager, P O Box 12, George, 6530 on or before 30 August 2018, quoting the above legislation and erf number.

Any objections, comments or representations, which are received after the abovementioned closing date, may possibly not be taken into consideration. Enquiries may be directed to Mr W. Fourie, Property Management, at telephone number 083 629 0154 and/or email willie@edendm.gov.za or mario@edendm.gov.za.

This notice is also available on the website of the Eden District Municipality www.edendm.gov.za

In terms of Section 21(4) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, notice is hereby given that people who cannot write may approach the Property Management Department during office hours, where a staff member will assist them in putting their comments or objections in writing.

The property is, in terms of the provisions of Section 14 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003), not needed for the purposes of providing minimum basic municipal services.

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