

ECO-ROUTE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY EIA PROCESS



Notification of Public Participation: Draft Basic Assessment Report

The Proposed Construction of a Boardwalk to connect Granny's Pool to Main Beach, St Francis Bay, Eastern Cape

Notice is hereby provided in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1996) (as amended by the National Environmental Management Act, Act 62 of 2008 and the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act, Act 25 of 2014), the National Environmental Management Act: Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017, and the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (Act 24 of 2008); of a Public Participation Process to be undertaken from 09/02/2018 – 09/03/2018 under the authority of the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism / DEDEAT.

The following EIA Listed Activities are applicable:

Government Notice No. R327: (Listing Notice 1 of 2017)	Activity 12 (ii) (c)
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	Activity 19 A (i) (ii)
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The Draft Basic Assessment Report may be reviewed for comment from 09/02/2018 – 09/03/2018 at the Kouga Municipality: Town Planning office, St Francis Bay. Should you wish to gain further information regarding the project or wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (details below). Please provide written comments with your name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the development.

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White Cape Town, PE and Gomoos residents are experiencing water shedding and stringent water restrictions as Day Zero approaches in these areas, it is distressing to hear many adverse reports that residents in some Kouga towns, namely Jeffreys Bay and St Francis Bay are not practising water restrictions.

These towns get their water from the Nelson Mandela Municipality in Port Elizabeth (though Jeffreys Bay also has access to a borehole). Now PE residents, even the well-heeled, like their Cape Town counterparts, are no longer taking baths or showers. They are using buckets to flush toilets and to wash in. Each PE household has been limited to 50 litres a day. So since Jeffreys Bay and St Francis use PE water, which comes from the Church Dam (fast dwindling in the current drought), one would think that these residents would also all be practising exactly the same restrictions as PE people do.

However, though there are many locals here in St Francis and in JBay, who have heeded calls from Kouga Municipality to conserve water, it is discouraging and alarming as a newspaper to frequently receive reports of several residents in these two Kouga areas using hoses/pipes to fill swimming pools, wash cars and water gardens. Plus most people are still bathing or using showers or both. Water sprinklers are also still being used on several properties in these two towns. Kouga Municipality said punitive water bills would be the result for those who use too much water. But this apparently has not been a deterrent among many residents, who continue to use higher water quotas, critics maintain.

Some PE residents, who were on holiday in St Francis over season, claim that while Port Elizabeth Metro put out dire warnings of water shortages long before the festive season and this kept many visitors away, leading to lack of tourism in PE as is the case in Cape Town, there were only 'played down' warnings of water restrictions made by Kouga Municipality, so in consequence Kouga towns

Editorial Column



still had plenty of visitors here at the end of 2017.

The PE critics have accused St Francis Bay and JBay people of squandering water and 'water scare stories' have been withheld or played down intentionally as these areas did not wish to lose tourists ahead of season. And now, just before another big holiday period ahead, no one wants huge broadcasts of a severe water crisis in these two areas as otherwise there will be a big drop in visitors.

The critics further accuse the water squanders in these Kouga towns of being highly irresponsible. 'They are draining the water from the PE Metro and from residents there who are scrupling and saving.'

Sarah Swanepoel for SF-Tourism says from a tourism perspective people need to be made aware of the dire situation. People visiting the area need to bring 5L bottles of water when they come to visit. 'Notices are up everywhere in town but I think that needs to be addressed with the mayor as 50% of people understand the situation and the other 50% are still oblivious,' Swanepoel says.

St Francis Chronicle asked Kouga Municipality for comment with adequate time given, but no statement was received before publication of this edition.

Till next time,
Keep happy and well.
Bev, The Editor

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Nine steps to a beautiful life

1. To live always in the Secret Place of the Most High,
 2. To think only those thoughts that are inspired from above,
 3. To do all things in the conviction that God is with you,
 4. To do your best at all times with no thought of reward,
 5. To love everybody as God loves you, and be kind as God is kind,
 6. To ask God for everything and in faith expect everything.
 7. To live in perpetual gratitude to The One who gives everything,
 8. To love God so much that you can inwardly always feel the Presence
 9. To pray without ceasing, the true worship of the soul
- Christian Larson,

QUOTATIONS - To Live By

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

"Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude."

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Please call 083-411-8126 or 079-402-6845 for details

With the increase of drug and alcohol abuse in Kouga, we hope that these meetings will offer hope to those who are suffering from the disease of addiction and their loved ones too.

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