

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)**CONSULTATION ON INTENTION TO WITHDRAW THE NATIONAL PARK STATUS OF GROENKLOOF NATIONAL PARK IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)**

I, Barbara Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby in terms of section 31 and 33 of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No 57 of 2003), consult on my intention to withdraw the national park status of Groenkloof National Park and its properties listed in the Schedule.

The withdrawal of the national park status of Groenkloof National Park is informed by a request for the withdrawal from the South African National parks (SANParks). SANParks as the assigned management authority, considered the factors listed below and concluded that Groenkloof National Park does not have any of the prescribed characteristics of a national park under section 20(2), read in conjunction with sections 40(1)(a) and 40(1)(b)(1), of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003. Groenkloof National Park does not:

- (a) contribute to the national Biodiversity estate in any meaningful way;
- (b) have any cultural heritage assets of national and international value;
- (c) have any tourism-related products or activities, and
- (d) protect any landscape feature.

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister, within 60 days from the date of the publication of the notice in the *Gazette*, written representations on or objections to the notice of intention to the following address:

By post to:

The Director-General
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Attention: Mr Sydney Nkosi
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By hand to:

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Any enquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Mr Sydney Nkosi at 012 399 9065

Comments received after the closing may be disregarded.



MS BARBARA CREECY
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE

1. Portion 90 of the farm Groenkloof No 358, Registration Division J.R., in extent 6, 8116 hectares (S.G. Diagram No. 222/77), as part of Groenkloof National Park (T37351/1978).