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# God's Window Skywalk

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#### ProposalDescription:

Mapulana Canyon (Pty) Ltd, in partnership with the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) via a Public Private Partnership Agreement intends to develop a new state of the art tourist facility at God's Window. The development will include (but is not limited to) a skywalk, a sky bridge, restaurants and dining areas, an auditorium, administrative offices and the upgrading of existing walkways. The project is proposed at God's Window on the Remainder of the farm De Houtbosch 503 KT and Portion 2 of the Farm Lisbon 531 KT. This is in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality in the Ehlanzeni District Municipality of the Mpumalanga Province.

#### **Expanded Motivation:**

The project entails the development of a tourism facility at God's Window. The project will comprise an area of approximately 25 000 m2, consisting of a lower and upper level. The tourism facility includes the following main attractions, spaces and infrastructure: a visitor's centre including: restaurants, dining areas, cafes and cocktail bars, museum area, reception lobbies, courtyards, foyers, auditorium and conference facilities, lecture rooms, formalised craft market area, ablution facilities for staff and guests, administrative offices; skywalk viewing area; skybridge; "zero gravity" room; stormwater attenuation pond (to manage stormwater run-off and to prevent erosion); onsite Wastewater Treatment Package Plant; formalised parking area (to accommodate light vehicles, buses and taxi shuttles); and upgrading of the existing pathways. The facility will also include technical spaces such as IT server rooms, electrical rooms, as well as fire and wet services. God's Window is in the Blyde River Canyon Nature Reserve, which is managed by the MTPA since it is a Protected Area. The land of the entire Reserve has been claimed by four communities. The claimant communities are represented by four Communal Property Associations (CPAs) who, together, form the Blyde Valley 04 CPAs. The four claimant communities are represented by the Maorabjang, Moletele, Setlhare, and Mahubahuba a Bokone CPAs. It is proposed that the God's Window Skywalk Project is managed by a Special Purpose Vehicle involving the CPAs in partnership with the MTPA and other project developers. Thus, the abovementioned Public Private Partnership Agreement has been entered into with Motsamayi Tourism Group (Pty) Ltd for the design, finance, build, operation and transfer of the God's Window Skywalk.

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Applicants: Mapulana Canyon (Pty) Ltd Consultants/Experts: Natanya Whitehorn

OtherReferences:

Dept	CaseReference	DueDate	FinalDecision
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### **Heritage Reports:**

Phase 1 Archaeological / Heritage Impact Assessment for the God's Window Skywalk Project

Phase 1 Desktop PIA for the proposed God's Window Skywalk

### ReferenceList:

Citation	Туре	Date Retrieved
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#### AdditionalDocuments

Gods Window Skywalk DBAR for public comment.pdf

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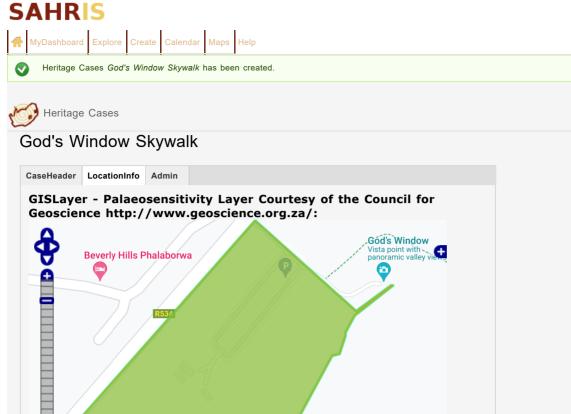




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