

Some comments/objections to scoping report and mining application:

Paragraph 3

No mention of roads to mining sites

4.3 Department of Land Affairs have a vested interest in Glenretha farm which is adjacent to the farm to be mined. No contact has been made with the occupants of this land. They know nothing about it.

4.8 Fail to see how any mining here is going to impact the lives of anyone in the Bathurst township . Need to explain this point!

4.11 Only meetings held have been with the affected landowners. No other surrounding landowners where notified. The I & A group of Southwell were notified by Colin Stirk. This prompted us to register in early Dec. Ad's placed were in newspapers not read in this area. Clearly and underhanded tactic veiling transparency.

5.4 Mining has previously only affected a small area adjacent to pt A on map. The scoping document makes it sound as the whole 607 ha's has previously been mined

5.5 No research has obviously been done on fauna or flora in the area. Bushbuck and many other species are abundant in this area.

5.6 Abundant water ? Rivers mentioned only flow 3-4months of the year. The Kasouga river (which has its source in the vicinity of the proposed area to be mined) is not even mentioned. How convenient!!

5.8 What studies have been done to determine there are no fossils? This is a gross presumption.

5.10 They fail to mention two of the biggest agricultural activities in the area – beef and dairy farming. Clearly no study done.

6.1 They fail to mention that crushing of lime will have to take place to make it usable for agricultural purposes. Dust and noise from this will affect all surrounding properties and inhabitants

7 What studies have been done to determine deposits of lime, sand and gravel. The figures they quote can only be a pure thumb suck. The “no-go” option: lime is available from other mines/ do not have to have a mine here

8.1 They mention lime having to come from the Western Cape. Agric lime is available from Paradise beach. Sand and gravel availabilities are already abundant in this area. Another mine is not necessary.

8.2 Peter Keeton supported mining the old lime mine. This is an absolute fabrication.

8.3 Lime from the existing old mine was more expensive to use than lime from Paradise beach. Don't expect local lime will be cheaper to use. All rhetoric to get the licence then charge what they want. Creation of 3 jobs is not going to change anything for anyone in this area. More jobs could be lost due to affecting agriculture on Colin's land.

9.1 Ads placed , communication to locals etc definitely aimed to be secretive and thus not transparent.

Regards
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