



Notice of Decision and Appeals Process

PROPOSED MEDIUM TO HIGH DENSITY AFFORDABLE INCOME RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON REMAINDER OF ERF 7614, KNYSNA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

DFFE REFERENCE: 14/12/16/3/3/1/3078

DATE OF DECISION: 10 JUNE 2025

DATE OF RECEIPT OF DECISION: 10 JUNE 2025

DATE OF NOTICE OF DECISION: 17 JUNE 2025

Dear Interested and Affected Party and Organ of State

Notice is hereby given that on 10 June 2025; the National Department of Forestry, fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) granted an Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed residential development.

The decision (including the reasons for the decision and conditions of the EA) are attached to this notice. A copy of the decision is also provided at: www.ecoroute.co.za

Details of the applicant

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Details of competent authority

National Department of Forestry, fisheries and the Environment
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Details of appeal process:

An appeal may be lodged against the decision as described in the National Appeal Regulations (GN R 5985 of 13 March 2025)

Timeframes for Submitting an Appeal

You must submit your appeal:

- Within 20 calendar days from the date the decision is sent to you by the decision-maker or, if you're a registered interested or affected party, by the applicant.

Applicant - submit appeal no later than **1 July 2025** (Received decision 10 June 2025)

Interested and affected parties - submit no later than **7 July 2025** (Received decision 17 June 2025)

Who Must Receive the Appeal

- **The appeal administrator**

An Appeal Submission must be made in writing to Appeal Administrator in accordance with Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations 2025.

The appeal must be submitted by one of the following methods:

By email: appeals@dffe.gov.za

By post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001

By hand: Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

- **A copy of the appeal must be submitted to the applicant, registered interested and affected parties and organs of state**
- **A copy of the appeal is requested to be sent to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Ecoroute – admin@ecoroute.co.za**

What to Include in Your Appeal

- **The appeal must:**

Be in writing.

Completed on official appeal form available from the appeal authority's website

https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations

Or request a copy of the appeals documents at appeals@dffe.gov.za

Include any documents you refer to in your appeal

Obligations of the Applicant

Within 5 calendar days after the 20-day appeal submission window ends, the applicant must:

- Notify registered interested and affected parties and affected organs of state about the appeal, and
- Make a copy of the appeal available to them.
- Within 5 calendar days of sending the final notification, the applicant must submit proof of this notification to the appeal administrator.

Responding Statements

The applicant, where applicable, the decision-maker and any other person contemplated in Regulation 4 of the Appeal Regulations, 2025, may, **within 20 calendar days from the date of receipt of the appeal**, submit (in the form obtainable from the website of the relevant appeal authority) a statement responding to an appeal, to the appeal administrator and to the appellant.

The appeal authority must decide an appeal, and notify the appellant, applicant, and, where applicable, any registered interested and affected party and affected organs of state of the decision within 50 calendar days of receipt of all responding statements.

The National Appeal Regulations (2025) are attached to this notice.

Thank you for your participation in this process.

Kind Regards

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