

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NOTICE 123 OF 2019

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****CONSULTATION ON INTENTION TO WITHDRAW PORTIONS OF LAND DECLARED AS PART OF
THE KAROO NATIONAL PARK**

I, Derek Andre Hanekom, Minister of Environmental Affairs (Acting), hereby in terms of section 21(2), read with section 33, of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), consult on my intention to withdraw the portions of land declared as part of the Karoo National Park as set out in the Schedule hereto.

The reason for the withdrawal of the above-mentioned portions of land is as follows: South African National Parks (SANParks) acquired land parcels through an agreement with National Parks Trust of South Africa (NPTSA) for inclusion into Karoo National Park. It was specified in the Agreement that, should the Agreement be terminated for whatever reason, the acquired land parcels must be return to the sole control of the NPTSA. The identified land parcels were then declared as part of the Karoo National Park in terms of a Government Notice No. 26615 dated 30 July 2004. Subsequent to the declaration, the NPTSA entered into land exchange agreement with MM Scholtz Family Trust (the Trust) on 18 April 2006 to further consolidate the southern boundary of Karoo National Park on the Beaufort West-Fraserburg Road to facilitate SANParks' fencing and general management of the national park.

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

By post: The Director-General: Department of Environmental Affairs
Attention: Ms T Ntloko
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By hand at: Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083.

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Any inquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Ms Ntloko at 012 399 9531.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.



**DEREK ANDRE HANEKOM
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (ACTING)**

21 November 2018