

APPENDIX 1: ADVERTS FOR THE RELEASE OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

Copies of Advertisements for the Public Review

KNYSNA N2 TOLL HIGHWAY PUBLIC REVIEW OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT



All interested and affected parties are hereby notified of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for public review and comment. The review period is from 24th April to 08 June 2009. Copies of the draft report are available at the following locations: Plettenberg Bay, Kwa Nokuthula, New Horizons, Knysna, Masifunde, Hornlee, Rheenendal, Sedgefield, and Thembalethu Libraries. Cornvill, Kranshoek and Khayaletu Municipal offices as well as on the CES website at www.cesnet.co.za (click on the public documents link)

All comments on the report are to be submitted to Ms Lauren van der Merwe at the contact details below.

As part of the review process a series of public meetings and open houses will be held for all Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs). The meetings will include presentations of the key findings of the specialist studies and provide IAPs an opportunity to raise additional issues, concerns and comments.

The meetings are as follows;

Date	Type	Venue	Time
3.5.09	Public Meeting	Chris Nissen Primary School	14:30- 15:30
3.5.09	Open Day	Chris Nissen Primary School	15:30- 17:00
3.5.09	Public Meeting	Khayaletu (Chris hani Hall)	17:30
4.5.09	Open Day	Sedgefield Town Hall	12:00- 18:00
4.5.09	Public Meeting	Sizamile Community Hall	18:30
5.5.09	Open Day	NG Kerk Hall (Knysna)	12:00- 18:00
5.5.09	Public Meeting	Rhenendaal Community Hall	18:30

For further information and submission of comments contact Ms Lauren van der Merwe, Coastal and Environmental Services, P.O. Box 934, Grahamstown. Tel: 046-622 2364; Fax: 046-622 6564

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ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT**

All interested and affected parties are hereby notified that the **public review period has been extended** from the 8th June to the 26th June, 2009. An Executive Summary of the Environmental Impact Report is available on the CES website under the public documents link, (www.cesnet.co.za)

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APPENDIX 2: ATTENDANCE REGISTERS

APPENDIX 3: MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

MUNICIPALITY OF KNYSNA

MINUTES

of a
**EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING – PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION
KNYSNA BYPASS**

meeting which took place in the Council Chamber on

Wednesday, 3 June 2009

at 11:00

COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Loliwe, S
Cllr Matungana A
Cllr Dawson R
Cllr Nayler D

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

JB Douglas - Municipal Manager
MV Molosi - Speaker
E Bouw-Spies - Executive Mayor
GS Easton - Director – Financial Services
L Richardson - Electrotechnical Engineer
N Perring - Director Technical Services
M Maughan-Brown - Manager – Town Planning
R Smit - Director – Corporate Services

NRA OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

C Brink	NRA
JC v/d Walt	NRA
N Alli	NRA

CES OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

L Bosman

CES

M Andrew

CES

WELCOME

The Speaker welcomed Councilors and Officials to the meeting.

* **PRESENTATION – KNYSNA TOLL HIGHWAY EIR**

Ms M Andrew from Coastal and Environmental Services did the presentation regarding the Knysna Toll Highway EIR.
(copies of presentation, herewith attached)

* **QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS/ COMMENTS**

* Cllr Nayler from Sedgefield, wanted to know, why SANRAL decided to put the Toll Plaza at Groenvlei and not at the White Bridge on the Swartvlei side of Sedgefield, or at Buffelsvermaak plaza. This is due to the fact that a lot of Sedgefield's residence's work in Knysna and travel on a daily basis back and forth.

She suggested that Transnet should be used again instead of all the trucks.

The closing of the existing road was raised as another problem. Sedgefield residence can not be tolled on that road. We saw what happened during the floods. Sedgefield residence would want easy access to the hospitals the doctors and retail outlets.

Groenvlei is a fresh water lake. With all that trucks coming and going there, it is going to pollute that lake.

* Cllr Loliwe commented that the N2 Bypass will be bringing big problems for Knysna Municipality. Business in town will be badly affected.

He commented that the Government did not consider the growth of Knysna when they started planning the Bypass.

Part of CES's presentation involved relocation some of the residents from White Location, Gobololo, Flenter ect. to elsewhere. That is a big concern for the citizens and nobody is really prepared to listen to the concerns of those people.

* The Speaker mentioned that this subject will also be discussed at the Section 80 Committee Meeting.

* Mr C Brink, NRA, mentioned that the Toll issue is not part of the discussions. Only the toll position is under discussions now.

* Mr R Smit, Director Corporate Services, recommended that the Toll issues be completely removed from the agenda for now.

Mr JB Douglas, The Municipal Manager, agreed with Mr Smit regarding the issue about the toll gate issue. The EIA is running a separate process tollgates, which is causing a financial concern. The EIA already indicated where they intend to erect the tollgates.

* Mr C Brink, NRA, stated that according to the National Road Act, Act 7 of 1998, it provides for tolling. If they receive the ROD, then they will proceed with the intended toll process.

* Mrs Eleanor Bouw Spies, The Executive Mayor, commented that she agrees that the issue of the tollgate be kept on the plan for the EIA. When the presentation is made, the people be told that this is what is going to happen in terms of the toll plazas etc.

* Mr Neale Perring, Director Technical Services - SANRAL can only consider the road if it is a toll road. There is a council decision which supports the toll road and the bypass. The EIA presentation needs to help council to make a decision on which option they support. We need that decision by the 25th of June 2009.

* Mr M Maughan – Brown, Chief Town Planner – wants clarification on the process on the decision making and how various options are eliminated in order to get a decision on what is ultimately going to be the cheapest and most effective route.

* Mr C Brink, NRA, Option A is their choice because it is the cheapest option.

* Mr M Maughan – Brown, Chief Town Planner, wants to know if deeds could authorise both routes.

* Mr JC vd Walt, NRA, the deeds discussion will purely be based on environmental issues.

* Ms M Andrews, CES, - regarding the resettlement – Even if the proposed road is not going to be build at the moment, the land in question, will still be set aside for the intended use.


* Mr Brink, NRA addressed Mr N Perring, Director Technical Services, and wanted to know if the relocation was part of a council decision.

* Mr N Perring, Director Technical Services, – There was an indication that the people would be relocated to Heidevallei.

* Mr C Brink, NRA, – We need clarity cause according to the minutes that they have Knysna Municipality is responsible for the relocation of those people.

* Mr JB Douglas, Municipal Manager, – The issues will be discussed at the next Council meeting from 17 – 25 June 2009. Feedback will be given to CES and SANRAL by 26 June 2009.


The Speaker thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

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	CLIENT	SANRAL
	DATE	05 – 05 -2009
	VENUE	Rheenendaal Community Hall
	TIME OF MEETING	19:00
	MINUTES BY	Lungisa
	CIRCULATION DATE	

ATTENDED BY		
NAME	ASSOCIATION	EMAIL ADDRESS
See Attendance Register		
APOLOGIES:		

ISSUE	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
Where will the new road start from? Is it going to start from Sedgefield?	Resident	There are two alternatives that are being considered. The Long Route will start around Buffelsvermak to Brackenhill. The Short Route will start at the White Bridge to Springfield.
Where will it cross Rheenendal Road?	Resident	It will cross the Rheenendal Road close to the existing turn-off to Knysna town if Long Route is approved but it will not cross the Rheenendal Road if the Short Route is approved.
How does the Toll Road affect Rheenendal?	Resident	It will affect Rheenendal only if the Short Route is approved.
Is there going to be a toll at or around Eastford?	Resident	The location of toll gates is still under consideration. It depends on the route that will be approved, if any.
Are we going to be able to use the existing roads?	Resident	The existing road will be closed if the Short Route is approved but if the Long Route is approved there will be no changes to the Rheenendal Community.
What kind of species is this Fynbos you say is endangered?	Resident	It is plant species.
How will the erosion affect the environment? We have a serious problem of erosion at present and if erosion is not properly managed during construction we will have a serious problem here at Rheenendal.	Resident	Erosion results in sedimentation of rivers and notably the Knysna estuary. This is erosion is regarded as serious impact in our report.

The proposed road will benefit us at Rheenendal in the long run as we will have an alternative road and not get stuck in Knysna traffic congestion all the time. For example, if there is an accident on the TR2 we get stuck and can not get home in time.	Resident	Noted
We want to know when construction is going to start as we want to see our people getting employment opportunities.	Resident	You will be informed via community leaders when construction starts.
How long is the EIA process going to take from now on?	Resident	We hope to complete the by November this year.
We want to be kept informed about the process as there is always no continuity in these processes?	Resident	We as CES will inform you when the final report has been submitted and when the decision has been made on the Bypass.
We have kids in our community who are trained in different skills and will need to get opportunities during construction of the road. Are you going to be able to give them opportunities in the road construction?	Resident	Yes there will be opportunities for local people when construction starts.

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	CLIENT	SANRAL
	DATE	03 – 06 -2009
	VENUE	Chris Nissan primary School
	TIME OF MEETING	19:00
	MINUTES BY	Lungisa
	CIRCULATION DATE	


ATTENDED BY		
NAME	ASSOCIATION	EMAIL ADDRESS
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APOLOGIES:		

ISSUE	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
Which areas are going to be affected by the Bypass?	Resident	The areas around Concordia and Robololo.
I do not understand these routes. Can you explain if the Proposed Route is the one going north of Knysna or not? Is the Short Route the one indicated on the map?	Resident	No the Northern Route is not shown in the map but the Proposed Route (PR) and the Short Route (SR) are shown. The only difference between the PR

Appendix 3: Minutes of public meetings– Oct 2009

		and the SR is that the one is shorter and the other is longer but they go along the same alignment.
Are fynbos plants you mention more important than us (people)?	Resident	No but they are important in terms ecological sensitivity.
It is totally unfair to bring the Bypass to where people are staying.	Resident	Noted but the road has been expropriated in a long time.
Where and who gave you the mandate to put the bypass where it is?	Resident	No one but road follows the expropriated alignment.
Since you started this EIA in 2006 we have been saying there is no land in Knysna why is SANRAL saying there are no houses that are going to be built on the road reserve.	Resident	Because the land can not be used for other purposes even if the road is not built.
It seems as if plants are more important than us.	Resident	No
We question the legality of proclaiming the road reserve where it is as this decision was made in apartheid government that did not care about us. We want this process to start afresh so that everybody can be involved and a decision be made democratically. Currently, only white people who happen to benefit from the existing alignment made the call to put the bypass where it is. We want to be involved from the start.		Noted
Why do you have to move people away from jobs because there is no land in Knysna and for sure you are going to relocate us to where it will be far from jobs?	Resident	We are not moving people away from jobs but Hedevallei has been earmarked by the municipality as a place where houses are going to be built.
We are in recession and this will affect jobs have you thought about this?	Resident	Yes, because recession is hitting everybody.
You need to consider all aspects of our lives for example you only mention about 110 jobs but we expecting more than a 1000 jobs.	Resident	Yes these are being considered.
This is unbelievable because it seems we are still living in the apartheid era. For example, the road is brought closer to us which means that there will be more noise in our areas and is moved away from white areas. Is it because you do not care about us as blacks?	Resident	No as mentioned previously the bypass follows the existing road alignment.
The Knysna municipality never informed people when they moved from other areas such as "Soutana" that the area is a road	Resident	Noted

reserve and the land belongs to SANRAL.		
In the 1970's people were forcefully removed from areas close to town and now you want to move us again.	Resident	These are not forced removals as was in the apartheid era. There will be a negotiation process with those affected by the resettlement.
We are saying "NO" to the bypass. We are not moving let SNARAL come and move us.	Resident	Noted
We need SANRAL to come and negotiate with us.	Resident	This will be done at a later stage if the road is approved.
When Allan was here it was said that road will take the Northern Route when did this change?	Resident	The studies done showed that the Northern Route is not feasible.
We also need the Department of Land Affairs to come to the people so that a negotiation process can start. We also need to know from DLE from whom did SANRAL buy the land?	Resident	This will be done if the road is approved.
I am shocked to hear that Hedevallei is targeted for us to move there because the place is a wetland and a dump site.	Resident	This will be looked at when the resettlement process begins.
I am shocked when you say the fynbos is important because there was fynbos even where we are staying today. Why is it important now that you want to build the road and move us?	Resident	The fynbos is a negative impact for the road and therefore means that it's presence can result in the road not being built.
The toll gates should not affect municipal residents. For example, people from Sedgfield and Rheenendaal should not pay tolls as they are part of this municipality.	Resident	A number of strategies will be developed to ensure that local residents are highly impacted upon by the bypass.
I have no problem with the bypass as we know the traffic problems in Knysna but we do not agree is when it has to affect us.	Resident	Noted
Presently most people walk to work which is not possible if we move to Heidelberg, there will be more transport costs.	Resident	Noted
We can not agree with the existing proposal especially moving us away from jobs. Most people will loose jobs if we relocate as we will be far from work and will get to work late. Alternatively the bypass is not promising any meaningful amount of jobs.	Resident	Noted
Hedevallei is small and there are jobs there why move us away from jobs?	Resident	As mentioned the municipality has earmarked Hedevallei for housing development.

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	DATE	24 – 06 -2009
	VENUE	Thembelihle Primary School
	TIME OF MEETING	19:00
	MINUTES BY	Lungisa
	CIRCULATION DATE	

ATTENDED BY		
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APOLOGIES:		

ISSUE	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
Can you tell us exactly where does the route goes so that we know exactly who is affected or not?	Resident	We do not know the exact alignment of the road but SANRAL can be called to place pegs on the road alignment so that everybody is sure where the road goes.
The people who bought the land for the road never thought about us. The bypass means that we have to pay to visit our families in Sedgefield and this is really madness.	Resident	It is not because they do not think about you but the money to build the road has to be repayed and toll gates are the only method SANRAL can get money to pay back the loan.
We have a problem in Knysna as more people come to Knysna looking for work and now we have to move while there is no land.	Resident	Noted but land has been identified at Heidevallei for relocating people living on the road reserve.
We want the alignment of the road to be pegged so that we know who is on the road reserve.	Resident	
What will happen to our animals that have drinking places on other side of the bypass?	Resident	
The government says there is no money for important basic services now they want to spend the money building a bypass that is going to affect us badly.	Resident	SANRAL is going to borrow the money for building the road.
Why was the roads not built in the 1970's when there were fewer people living on the road reserve?	Resident	There was not pressure in terms of traffic congestion as it is today.
We are going to be moved away from town and jobs just like what	Resident	Noted

was happening in the apartheid government.		
We have a problem of people who are already on the waiting list for houses and now you want to add more people. The housing waiting list is about 6000 and there is no land in Knysna. Are you going to give preference to people on the road reserve than people who have waiting for houses for more than six years?	Resident	Noted
What forces SANRAL to build the bypass where it is while there are people living in the land? Is it because they do not care about us?	Resident	There are a number of reasons for this but mainly it is because the land has been expropriated and can not be used for other purposes even if the road is not build.
Firstly, SANRAL and municipality should stop people from coming to Knysna as this is a problem. People coming from other areas start building shacks and at a later stage they can not be moved.	Resident	This is not possible as people have a right to free movement according to the constitution.
The bypass is here to undermine us it tells us that we mean nothing as we have been saying all along that the bypass should go away from our areas.	Resident	No the reason for the bypass is to alleviate traffic problems in Knysna.
How is the road going to be made safe?	Resident	The road is going to be fenced so that people can not just get into the road.
The municipality is not able to meet the current housing demand and SANRAL should help the municipality in the resettlement process.	Resident	This is going be difficult as the responsibility of SANRAL is roads and does not get involved in building houses. Other departments e.g. Department of Housing can be involved and help the municipality.

**Minutes of meeting held with Mr Peter Rhode
Headmaster of Brackenhill Primary School, Knysna
5 May 2009**

Present: Peter Rhode (Brackenhill Primary), Maura Andrew (CES), Lauren van der Merwe (CES), Brian Colloty (CES), Lungisa Bosman (CES), Andrew Hartnack (WFA).

Issues discussed:

1) History of the school and settlement:

- The settlement in this area of Brackenhill is an old forestry workers' compound. The main settlement is on the Plettenberg Bay side of the existing N2 as it runs northwards from Knysna. About 54 households live there. A smaller settlement, consisting of about seven households, exists near the primary school on the western side of the N2 (before it curves eastwards towards Plettenberg Bay).
- Apparently many of the households have been living here for a long time, having been original workers at the forestry estate. Most adults now work either in Knysna or Plettenberg Bay. No new 'outside' households have reportedly moved in for some time.
- The land is owned by PG Bison, who have recently joined the Stienhof International group.
- It appears that while this community is reportedly no longer sourcing employment from the land-owners, they have been allowed to stay and are being provided with services by PG Bison.
- The owners reportedly want to move the seven households near the school to the other side of the road, where the main settlement is located. These seven households are reluctant to move and the owners are apparently not providing them with services at the moment in an effort to encourage them to move. The reluctance to move appears to be as a result of their strong historical connection to the place, and their desire not to live at the main settlement.
- The Primary School is the property of St James Anglican Church (Hornlee). It has 68 pupils currently, who are the children of the two settlements.
- The building is over 60 years old and has restrictions to alteration under the Heritage Act reasons.

2) Other buildings and the interchange alignment:

- It appears that the proposed Brackenhill interchange will run close to the school, but will not disturb. While noise and safety will be issues, there is potential for an improvement of the current situation since most heavy traffic will no longer use the road in to Knysna, and an underpass could provide a safer crossing place for children.
- A crèche and some other forestry estate buildings are in the alignment of the interchange north of the school. It does not appear that any of these buildings house any of the households of former workers (in other words, any of the seven households apparently living near the school) but this would need to be verified by a more detailed. Those closer to the school certainly do not appear to be in the road alignment.

3) Contact details of people at Brackenhill:

- Peter Rhode – 044 375 9066; admin@brackenhillprim.wcape.school.za
- Raymond Boesak and Peter Borcherts (St James Church) – 044 385 0053
- Theresa Janklaas (Brackenhill residents association) – 044 375 9004