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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)**CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL WEB BASED ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING TOOL AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENT**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby consult on the intention to adopt the National Web Based Environmental Screening Tool in terms of regulation 4(1) and 7 of the Regulations Laying Down the Procedures to be Followed for the Adoption of Spatial Tools or Environmental Management Instruments, 2019.

The National Web Based Environmental Screening Tool is a spatially enabled tool which has been developed to, among others, identify areas of “very high”, “high”, “medium” and “low” environmental sensitivities on a particular site. Environmental sensitivity ratings are intended to be used to exclude activities identified in terms of section 24(2)(a) and (b) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) from the requirement to obtain environmental authorisation prior to commencement, as contemplated in terms of sections 24(2)(c) and (e) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), when identified by the Minister in a Government Notice.

The National Web Based Environmental Screening Tool can be accessed at <https://screening.environment.gov.za>.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or input, within 30 days from the date of the publication of this Notice in the *Government Gazette*, to any of the following addresses:

By post to: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
The Director-General
Attention: Dr Dee Fischer
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By hand at: Reception, Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria.

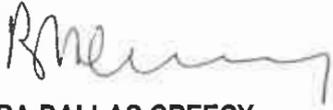
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Any inquiries in connection with the Notice can be directed to Dr Dee Fischer by phone at 012 399 8843 or by mail at dfischer@dffe.gov.za.

Comments or input received after the closing date may not be considered.

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013). Comments received and responses thereto are collated into a

comments and response report which will be made available to the public as part of the consultation process. If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company/ organisation, being made publicly available in the comments and responses report, such objection should be highlighted in bold as part of the comments submitted in response to this Government Notice.



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