

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE INTENTION OF THE MINISTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO RE-ALIGN AND AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE AREA OF JURISDICTION OF THE DEEDS REGISTRIES IN KING WILLIAM'S TOWN AND MTHATHA

The general public and all interested parties are hereby invited to comment on the intention of the Minister of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development to re-align and amend the area of jurisdiction of the deeds registries situated in King William's Town and Mthatha, as detailed below.

In terms of section 1 of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937 (Act No. 47 of 1937), the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development may, from time to time, subject to the laws governing the public service, by notice in the Gazette—

- Establish or disestablish deeds registries;
- Establish or disestablish sub-deeds registries within the area of deeds registries; and
- Determine the names and situation of such offices, define the respective areas thereof, or amend any such determination or definition.

The purpose of re-alignment of the areas of jurisdiction of the deeds registries in the Eastern Cape Province is to ensure improved access to deeds registration services to all citizens of the province. The current service delivery model is of such a nature that clients have to travel long distances in order to access deeds registration services. Re-aligning the areas of jurisdiction of the King William's Town and Mthatha deeds registries will ensure that the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development implements constitutional reforms in the current service delivery landscape.

Invitation to make written submissions / comments:

The public and all interested parties are hereby invited to make written submissions / comments in connection with the proposed amendments of the areas of jurisdiction of the King William's Town and Mthatha deeds registries to:

- Amend the definition of the area of jurisdiction of the deeds registry in King William's Town to include Ezibeleni and Ilinge Townships of Queenstown, as from a date yet to be determined and published in the Government Gazette;
- Amend the definition of the area of jurisdiction of the deeds registry in Mthatha, to include Lady Grey, Indwe, Barkley East, Elliot, Rhodes, Ugie and Maclear, as from a date yet to be determined and published in the Government Gazette; and
- To keep the Aliwal North, Dordrecht and Jamestown areas which have one (1) kilometre difference between the two deeds registries, to be serviced by the Deeds Registry King William's Town.

Written submissions / comments shall be addressed to:

For attention of:

The Chief Registrar of Deeds

Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development

Private Bag X918

Pretoria

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E-mail to: deeds.alignment@dalrrd.gov.za or contact Mr Calvin Ranwedi Neluvhola (012 338 7124)

Written submissions / comments must reach the Chief Registrar of Deeds within 30 days of publication of this notice and submissions / comments received after the closing date may be disregarded.

Kindly also take note of the following:

1. Further information about the proposed amendment of the areas of jurisdiction of the King William's Town and Mthatha deeds registries will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10h00 and 13h00 only, from the date of publication of this Notice in the Government Gazette as well print and electronic communication platforms, until the closing date for submissions / comments with the exclusion of public holidays from the officials listed below:

King William's Town Deeds Registry:

Mr Thabo Phali, 113 Alexander Road, King William's Town, Office No 7, ground floor, office telephone: 043 642 2741 / cellular telephone: 060 582 1973, Email address: Thabo.Phali@dalrrd.gov.za

Mthatha Deeds Registry:

Mr Waterson Mketshane, corner Leeds and Durham Street, Office 13, Ground floor, Botha Sigcawu Building, office telephone: 047 5322 869 / cellular telephone: 071 600 0892, Email address: Waterson.Mketshane@dalrrd.gov.za

2. Written submissions / comments may be in any South African official language.
3. In instances where submissions / comments are received after the closing date and rejected on the ground that it was received late, requests for condonation for late submission may be granted, which requests for condonation may be granted on good cause shown by the person who submitted the comments, provided that such condonation would not lead to unnecessary delays or otherwise prejudice the public interest. Grounds for condonation must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) working days after the closing date for submissions / comments.
4. After all submissions received from interested and affected parties have been considered by an Internal Review Panel, the Minister's decision regarding the re-alignment of the King William's Town and Mthatha deeds registries will be published in the same Government Gazette as well as print and electronic communication platforms.
5. Interested and affected parties may thereafter appeal against the decision and the appeal process will be clearly outlined in the afore-mentioned publications.

For the detailed notice visit: www.dalrrd.gov.za

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