

6 June 2014

The Chief Executive Officer: Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA)

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Dear Mr Modipane,

**CONSULTATION PROCESS IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT:
PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003) (AS AMENDED): INTENTION TO DECLARE
THE GREATER LAKENVLEI PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT**

I refer to the Mpumalanga Provincial Gazette Notice Vol. 21, No. 2303 (22 May 2014):

I fully support the intention to declare the Greater Lakenvlei Protected Environment in terms of section 28 (1)(a)(i) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (2003).

I also commend the MTPA, Endangered Wildlife Trust, BirdLife South Africa and landowners for the commitment shown in securing this area of irreplaceable biodiversity value, picturesque natural landscape and water security.

This declaration will meaningfully contribute towards the conservation of our country's grassland biome through Protected Area expansion, whilst simultaneously ensuring that livelihoods from livestock farming and tourism are maintained. This is loudly applauded.

Yours sincerely,

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