

Basic Assessment for the Diversification of the Agricultural Business on Swartboskraal.

The proposed agricultural development entailed the clearing of 7 new centre pivots (each approx. 8 hectares in extent) in an area that is currently under strip cultivation for Rooibos Tea. This entailed the clearance of the natural vegetation which served as a windbreak for the Rooibos tea plants. The total size of the agricultural development would be 56ha. Some of the production area resided on a wetland, the landowner wished to relocate the existing cultivation of 50ha's from this very important wetland to the identified production area on the old Rooibos tea lands that were located outside the important wetland, all production within the wetland would cease and the area will be allowed to rehabilitate.

It was envisioned that an eco-tourism development would be located on the eastern side of a rocky outcrop covering approximately 11 hectares. 10 Accommodation units are envisaged with a footprint of 65-120m² each, thus a total area of 1200m². There were various existing roads in the proposed eco-tourism site and no new roads will be constructed.