

## **APPENDIX K - Need and Desirability**

According to the DEA&DP's Guideline on Need and Desirability, EIA Guideline and Information Document Series (March 2013):

“What is needed and desired for a specific area should firstly be strategically and democratically determined beyond the spatial extent of individual EIAs. The strategic context for informing need and desirability must therefore firstly be addressed and determined during the formulation of the sustainable development vision, goals, objectives, strategies and plans of Municipal Integrated Development Plans (“IDPs”) and Spatial Development Frameworks (“SDFs”) during which collaborative and participative processes play an integral part, and are given effect to, in the democratic processes at local government level.”

The need and desirability of the proposed Citrusdal Public Cemetery align on a national (NEMA), provincial (PSDF) and local (IDP and SDF) level in that it:

- supports the principles of the NEMA (as detailed below)
- is supported by the Cederberg Spatial Development Framework (SDF) that guides sustainable future development in region
- facilitates the more spatially sustainable use of the property
- creates various local employment and skills transfer opportunities of a temporary and limited long-term basis during the different phases of the proposed development (labour for excavations , plant search and rescue during construction and operation)
- is accessible to the town of Citrusdal and rural communities since it is located within 2km of the town and is outside the urban edge in the rural landscape adjacent to an activity corridor
- fulfils an essential need within the Citrusdal region (there are no other public cemeteries in the area)

- promotes spatial justice for an historically disadvantaged/rural communities

The specific alignment of the proposed development to the NEMA is that it recognises that the principles of sustainable development as set out in Section 2 (S2) of the NEMA, apply to the actions of all organs of state that may significantly affect the environment. NEMA S2 (1) and (2) specifically stipulate that:

- (1) it is (a) “the State’s responsibility to respect, protect, promote and fulfil the social and economic rights in Chapter 2 of the Constitution and in particular the basic needs of categories of persons disadvantaged by unfair discrimination” and that these principles (b) “serve as the general framework within which environmental management and implementation plans must be formulated”, and
- (2) “Environmental management must place people and their needs at the forefront of its concern, and serve their physical, psychological, developmental, cultural and social interests equitably”.

The necessity to extend of the current, small public cemetery serving the Citrusdal community, and the development of a larger cemetery facility on Portions 103 and 104 (portions of Portion 60) of the Farm Groot Valley No.451, is a critical requirement for provision of longer term interment space in the region.

The need for an easily accessible amenity in which public burials may take place, speaks to the cultural, social, religious, physical, psychological and developmental interests of the greater Citrusdal community.

**Note:** Above is a duplication of information included in BAR.