

# FOREWORD

Mogale is one of the most unique areas in Gauteng and is the tourism focus of the West Rand. The Mogale area has a rich natural, cultural and international heritage, which is worth conserving for future generations and allows great opportunities for tourism in the area. In order to develop this area to its fullest potential, the information in this report will be of vital importance.



The Mogale Integrated Development Plan (IDP), June 2002, identified environmental stability as one of its key strategic priorities, addressing environmental awareness, preserving heritage and cultural sites, promoting parks, conserving fauna and flora, effectively managing waste and pollution and developing relevant legislation and regulations to protect the environment. It is the aim of this report to assist in achieving these strategic priorities.

The Mogale State of the Environment Report (SoER) is an attempt to create an awareness of the environmental challenges facing Mogale City Local Municipality (MCLM) and how the causes for environmental change can be addressed in an ecologically sensitive, economically viable and socially beneficial way. We hope that this report will be one of the first steps in Mogale's future path towards sustainable development.

The Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development states the following: "We assume collective responsibility to advance and strengthen sustainable development at local, national, regional and global levels" (para 5). It is, therefore, important to realise that the responsible management of the environment lies with each and every business, resident and visitor of Mogale City.

We, therefore, encourage your active participation to contribute additional information for the subsequent reports. In this way we can achieve our vision that *"Mogale City will be a desirable place to live, invest and visit, where all people may enjoy a sustainable quality of life."*

We are, therefore, proud to present Mogale's first State of the Environment Report.

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Advocate Lentswe Mokgatle

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF MOGALE CITY:  
MAYORAL MESSAGE FOR THE STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT, 2002**

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