



Proposed urban edge expansions and exclusions

outlined in SPLUMA and related national, provincial, and local policy). Inclusion in the urban edge has become a “guarantee” to development rights. The MSDF process has primarily become a discussion of urban edges – what is in and what not – as opposed to organising activities in space in a manner which serves the public good.

An urban edge is a planning instrument employed to direct and manage the growth of an urban area towards achieving stated objectives. It should not be seen as giving rise to development rights, or as a means to circumvent or underplay appropriate environmental, infrastructural, and planning investigations. Urban edges could be adjusted, if it is proved that this would result in benefit to the overall settlement and community in multi-dimensional ways. If a developer or project initiator believes – and can prove – that a development proposal will be aligned to or benefit stated and agreed national, provincial, and local settlement development and management objectives, it should matter little whether the proposal is located outside the urban edge.

Urban edges are also employed to ensure development in a planned manner for the settlement as a whole. Both the Municipality and private land owners and developers are provided with some certainty as to the preferred focus of development for a planning period. In the case of SM, this focus is to compact settlements as far as possible.

Klapmuts

The MSDF, aligned with higher level settlement development policy, identifies Klapmuts as a place with significant development opportunity. A previous