

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTH COAST

(Mossel Bay, Plettenberg Bay, Knysna, St. Francis Bay and Gqeberha)

**Main Street plans to conduct offshore surveys in Blocks 9 & 11B/12B: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment phase underway.**

Main Street 1549 (Pty) Ltd (Applicant) plans to conduct offshore surveys in Blocks 9 & 11B/12B (65–190 km off the South Coast). These surveys could lead to future oil/gas drilling and may affect sea life, people's livelihoods and cultural heritage.

The law requires Main Street to consult local communities at every stage of their application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to undertake various survey activities for Blocks 9 & 11B/12B.

## WHERE ARE WE AT NOW?

This stage of Main Street's EA application is known as the **Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)** Phase. The law requires Main Street to ensure affected communities are consulted to ensure accountability and transparency by:



- Ensuring meaningful participation: consulting affected communities in clear and understandable language, in a timely and honest manner.
- Impact assessments: doing and sharing research on impacts like possible environmental harms, how local fishers and jobs may be impacted, cultural impacts, both short and long-term.
- Full disclosure of risks and how they plan to manage these risks to protect livelihoods and the environment.

## ADD YOUR VOICE

Read the Draft ESIA Report, available from **14 July to 14 August 2025**.

Use these online links to access the Report: **SLR Website** or the **Data-free site**: <https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co>.

**Hard copies** should be available at libraries in Mossel Bay, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay, St. Francis Bay.

## ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS IN PERSON OR ONLINE ON THE DRAFT ESIA REPORT

### In person at the following venues and times:

14 July: Mossel Bay (D'Almeida Hall)

15 July: George (Rosemoore Hall)

16 July: Knysna (Homlee Hall)

17 July: Plettenberg Bay (New Horizons Hall)

18 July: Tsitsikamma  
(Clarence Anthony Draai Centre)

19 July: Kareedouw  
(Kagiso Heights Hall, 10:00–13:00)

21 July: Jeffreys Bay  
(Pelisrus Hall)

22 July: St Francis Bay  
(Sea Vista Hall)

Or attend the **Online Meeting** on **24 July (14:00 – 17:00)**

Click [here](#) to register for a link to join.



## Submit your comments by 14 August 2025.

There are no templates or requirements for how you should structure your comment. **What should you think about** when writing your comments?

- **Who are you?** Why is the project important/relevant to you? Who are you acting on behalf of?
- **What are the flaws with the draft Environmental & Social Impact Report?** What is not clear or missing? What requires further investigation?
- **Group your concerns.** One issue per paragraph! Give a heading to each paragraph! Put your strongest argument/main concern first.
- **Be specific and don't generalise.** Use facts as much as possible. Reference the sources you are using. Be honest, emotions are okay!

**Conclude by saying what you want!**

# The Environmental Impact Assessment

The **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)** process ensures that potential impacts of the project are thoroughly evaluated before any exploration begins. Below is an overview of the key steps involved and where we are in this process.



**You have the right to participate in this process.**