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1. The Estuarine Impact Assessment report of August 2025 has identified potential risk to the water resource emanating from the proposed project. Water pollution must be prevented by implementing the proposed mitigation measures. This office does not have objections to the proposed Bulk Sewage Line upgrade.	Mr Jan van Staden Chief Executive Officer (Acting) Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA)	Water pollution will be prevented, and the aquatic specialist mitigation measures will be implemented. All of the aquatic specialists' proposed mitigation measures have been included in the EMPr.	1
2. Please ensure that no water is taken from a water resource for any purpose without authorisation from the Responsible Authority.		No water will be taken from a water resource for any purpose without authorisation from the Responsible Authority.	2
3. Please ensure that no waste or water containing waste is disposed in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource without authorisation from the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) and other related legislations.	29 January 2026	No waste or water containing waste will be disposed in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource without authorisation from the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) and other related legislations. Waste and water containing waste will be disposed of in an appropriate manner and adhere to the management conditions of the EMPr.	3
4. No pollution of surface water or groundwater resources may occur due to any activity.		No pollution of surface water or ground water resource will occur due to activities on site. The mitigation measures of the aquatic specialist has been included in the EMPr. Construction will also abide by the General Authorisation; the application is currently in process with BOCMA.	4
The BOCMA reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information received.		Thank you for your comments on the proposal.	5
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1. Your notice of 27 November 2025 in above respect, refers.	Peter Crawford		6
2. Groot Brak Bowling Club is the current lessee of Erf 4809 in terms of a Notarial Lease Agreement with the	President	An email was sent to Stef Botha , vice president of the Great Brak River Bowls Club, in response to their comments on the 16 th of	7

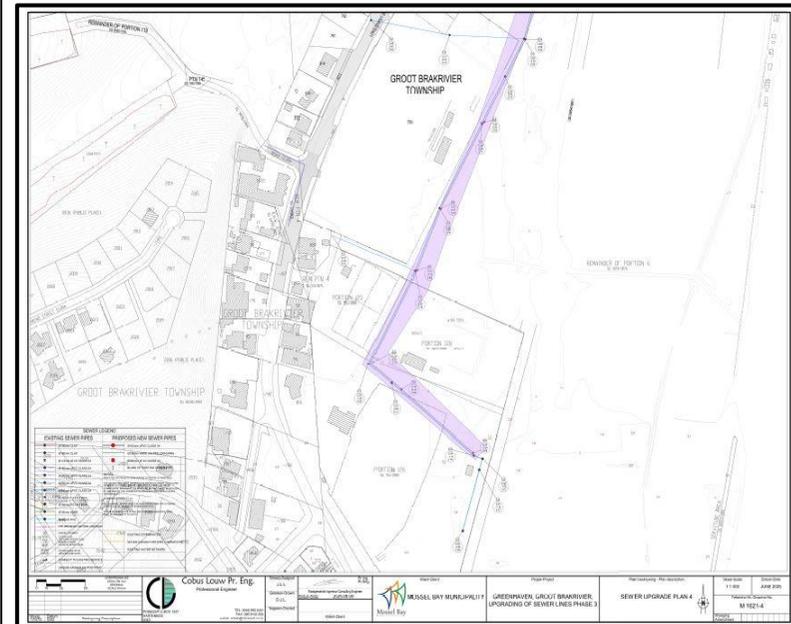


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<p>Municipality of Mossel Bay. The construction phase of the proposed sewerage line will have a significant effect on both the Bowling and Jukskei Club's activities that will have to be carefully managed and coordinated.</p>	<p>Great Brak River Bowling Club</p>	<p>January 2026 by SES. Which outlined the impact that construction would have on the bowls club. See comment below for the contents of the email.</p>	
<p>3. Could you please provide a suitably sized plan of the precise location of the pipeline and ancillary structures over Erf 4809 and in the proximity thereof, as well as the widths that will be taken up during construction. If possible, please also indicate the expected duration of works and when (year and which months) it is likely to take place.</p>	<p>13 January 2026</p>	<p>Email sent to Great Brak River Bowls Club on 16 January 2026:</p> <p>Dear Mr. Botha,</p> <p>Thank you for your comments.</p> <p>The layout plans showing the precise location of the pipeline across the entire pipeline route is included in the Draft BAR, for ease of reference please find attached the Site Development Plan for the section of the pipeline project that crosses over Erf 4809, as well as a Google Earth Screenshot. We anticipate no more than a 10m disturbance corridor for the pipeline route, however in certain areas such as along Erf 4809 we believe this corridor will be reduced. Please note that the 10m corridor is a general guide through vegetated areas, it will be ensured that this will be reduced at Erf 4809 and that the Bowls Club lawns and club house will not be affected by the proposed pipeline route. We do not anticipate causing any damage to the tennis or bowling club facilities. We will try our outmost best to ensure that any disruptions will be limited as far as possible. Although parking to the bowling club will be undermined for a period of max 3 weeks.</p>	<p>8</p>

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The total estimated project duration will be 20 weeks. Start of construction will only be at the earliest July 2026.



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Following this email from SES on the 16th of January 2026, no further comments from the Great Brak River Bowls Club were received.



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<p>4. On receipt of this information, we will be able to submit comments which will mainly revolve around access by vehicles, effect on handicapped persons, parking on and off Erf 4809, repair of affected surfaces, timing and duration of works, etc.</p>		<p>Following the email from SES on the 16th of January 2026, no further comments from the Great Brak River Bowls Club were received.</p>	9
<p>The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) :Aviation Environmental Protection (AEP) Department has no comments regarding the proposed upgrade of the bulk sewerage line from Amy searle street / greenhaven to the cricket field sewerage pumpstation.</p>	<p>Vhukhudo Chaka Aviation Environmental Compliance</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>	10
<p>However, please note that should the project include any temporary or permanent structures of height such as cranes , a formal obstacle assessment may be required for the proposed development.</p> <p>To lodge an application, kindly refer to the list and contact details of the approved obstacle assessment service providers available on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/.</p> <p>Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me</p>	<p>South African Civil Aviation Authority</p> <p>19 December 2025</p>	<p>No temporary or permanent structures of height such as cranes will be used on site, as the proposal is for the installation of a pipeline.</p>	11
<p>Thank you for giving HWC the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Please included HWC reference number in the initial email to prevent delay in responding to your emails.</p>	<p>Stephanie-Anne Barnardt-Delpont</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>	12



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<p>Please note that our previous comment still stands, no further action is required from heritage.</p> <p>Please let me know if you need a digital copy of the record of the decision.</p>	<p>Heritage Officer (Archaeologist)</p> <p>Heritage Western Cape</p> <p>1 December 2025</p>	<p>The original Record of Decision is attached to the Final BAR as Appendix E1.</p>	13
<p>1. The abovementioned submission by your appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Sharples Environmental Services cc represented by Mr. Micheal Bennett with EAPASA Registration Number: EAPASA No. 2021/3163 and assisted by Mr Christiaan Smit (Candidate EAP) with EAPASA No. 2024/3163, received by the Directorate: Development Management (Region 3) hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate" on 02 December 2025 refers.</p>	<p>Francois Naude</p> <p>Head of Department</p> <p>Environmental Impact Management Services: Region 3</p> <p>Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>	14
<p>2. This Directorate has reviewed the undated Draft Basic Assessment Report and provided the following comment:</p> <p>2.1. The DBAR does not contain all the information outlined in Appendix 1 of GN No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014 (as amended) including the information requested in the previous correspondence/ processes in respect of this matter. The previous correspondence (Ref: 16/3/3/1/D6/17/0029/25 dated 19 November 2025).</p>	<p>18 February 2026</p>	<p>Please note that the Draft BAR was dated 18 November 2025 (found on the front page). The April 2024 DEADP BAR Template was used to compile the BAR and therefore we believe it contains all the information outlined in Appendix 1 of the GN No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014 (as amended). Please refer to Appendix L for a table that links Appendix of the GN No. R982 of 4 December 2014 (as amended) to the content of the BAR.</p>	15
<p>2.2. Description of the Site / Site-Coordinates</p>		<p>A KMZ file for the Site Development Plan is included with the Revised Draft BAR. Coordinates for the site camp, stockpile areas and access roads have been included in the Revised Draft BAR.</p>	16



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<p>It is noted from the information provided in the undated Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) that coordinates were provided for the bulk sewage line. However, only coordinates relating to the bulk sewage line was provided and not the associated sites (e.g. the site camp, laydown areas, coordinates to which access roads will be used for access to the development proposal, stockpile areas, etc). According to Appendix 1 of the National Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, coordinates of the boundary of the property must be provided; or on land where the property has not been defined (i.e., will be utilised in its entirety) the coordinates within which the activity is to be undertaken. Furthermore, a KMZ / KML file must be provided for the site development plan (SDP), please include the site coordinates in the Basic Assessment Report.</p>			
<p>2.3. Synchronisation of EIA process with other regulated application processes:</p> <p>Please be reminded again of Sub-section 24C(11) to the National Environmental Management Act, (Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended) ('NEMA') which requires that "a person who requires an environmental authorisation which also involves an activity that requires a licence or permit in terms of any of the specific environmental management Acts (i.e., NWA), must simultaneously submit those applications to the relevant competent authority or licensing authority,</p>		<p>No water use license is required for this application. Correspondence from BOCMA regarding the Draft BAR has been included in the Comments and Response Report. BOCMA's comment has also been included under Appendix F3. The section of the pipeline for which we are applying for does not require a Water Use Licence, and was confirmed by BOCMA. The section of pipeline being applied for under this application will function independent of Manhole D1 and therefore the GA is not linked to this application.</p>	17



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<p>as the case may be, indicating in each application all other licences, authorisations and permits applied for".</p> <p>This Directorate does take note that in the DBAR, no correspondence from the Breede-Olifants River Catchment management agency was provided. Furthermore, no evidence was provided that an application for Water Use License was submitted even though in the DBAR it was clearly indicated that the upper section of the pipeline (Manhole D1) will require a Water Use Licence Application and indicated that the process is underway.</p> <p>However, no formal correspondence is attached from BOCMA which determined that a Water Use License Application (WULA) is required. In the absence of such a correspondence, you (the appointed EAP) must ensure the synchronization requirement contemplated in terms of Section 24C (11) of NEMA is complied with, failing which this may prejudice the success of this application.</p> <p>It is strongly advised that the applicability of the National Water Act, 1998 to the proposal must urgently be confirmed by Breede Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) in writing and the appropriate processes followed to ensure the correct information is included in the BAR.</p>		
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<p>Please be reminded that all specialist reports submitted for consideration and which also may form part of the WULA, must be included in the BAR and such reports must comply with the requirements of Appendix 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014.</p>			
<p>2.4. Public Participation Process This Directorate does note that the public participation process is still in process, however there is limited information available in the Draft Basic Assessment report ensuring the Competent Authority that the Public Participation process ("PPP") was done in accordance with Regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended.</p> <p>The Competent Authority requires that a detailed public participation plan be submitted, as well as proof of consultation to demonstrate that Regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, has been complied with.</p> <p>Comments from Organs of State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Fisheries Forestry & the Environment: Oceans and Coasts This Directorate takes note that in the list of state Departments of State provided in Appendix F; however the DFFE: Oceans and Coasts was not included in the said list. This Department is fundamentally important and should have been 		<p>Comments from the DFFE: Oceans and Coasts, DEA&DP: Coastal Management will be requested during the second round of Public Participation. Comments from BOCMA have been received and have been included in the Comments and Response Report, and are included under Appendix F3 of the Revised Draft BAR.</p> <p>An agreement regarding the proposed actions to conduct the public participation process is no longer a requirement. This request for a public participation plan is impossible to comply with at this stage as public participation concluded on the 27th of January 2026. Instead please refer to Appendix F1 for the proof of public participation already undertaken.</p>	18



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<p>included as the development proposal does fall within an estuary and the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act 2008 (Act 24 of 2008) ("NEM:ICMA") is applicable to this proposal. Therefore, comment from Oceans and Coasts must be obtained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEA&&DP: Coastal Management It is unclear if the Coastal Management unit within this Department was consulted during the public participation process. Similarly, this unit should be consulted regarding the NEM:ICMA, specifically Section 63. • Breede Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) As detailed above, proof that the BOCMA has been consulted must be provided. 			
<p>2.5. Environmental Management Programme The Draft Environmental Management Programme which was submitted with the Draft Basic Assessment report appears to comply with Appendix 4 of Government Notice No. R. 982 of 4 December 2024; however, please ensure than any additional impacts noted in this undated draft basic assessment report, public participation process, must be included and mitigated in the Final Environmental Management Programme.</p>		<p>Please note an Alien Management Plan has been added to the EMPr as Appendix J.</p>	19
<p>3. The Department awaits the submission of the BAR as prescribed by Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. In accordance with Regulation 19, the Department stipulates</p>		<p>Significant changes have been made to the Draft BAR and EMPr particularly with regards to the inclusion of an Alien Management Plan as an Appendix to the EMPr, therefore a regulation 19(b) of</p>	20



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<p>that the BAR must be submitted to this Department for decision within 90 days from the date of receipt of the application by the Department, to be reckoned from 19 November 2025.</p> <p>If, however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the BAR, the applicant/ EAP must notify this Department that an additional 50 days (i.e., 140 days from receipt of the Application Form for Environmental Authorisation) will be required for the submission of the final BAR for decision-making. The additional 50 days must include a minimum commenting period of thirty (30) days to allow registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") to comment on the revised report/additional information.</p> <p>If the BAR is not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted, and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid again (if applicable).</p>		<p>the NEMA EIA Regulations, as amended, has been submitted to allow for another round of public participation to be undertaken.</p>	
<p>General: 4. Please note that the proposed development may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>		<p>The proposed development will not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>	21



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Also note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A(1)(a) of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for undertaking it. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F of the NEMA shall result in the matter being referred to the Directorate Environmental Law Enforcement of this Department.			
5. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this matter.			22
6. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by this Department.		The activity will not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by this department.	23
7. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw initial comments or request further information from you based on any information received.			24