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Dear Sir,

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014, FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A BULK SEWERAGE PIPELINE, SEWERAGE BY-PASS PIPELINE AND STORMWATER OUTLETS ON RE/8662, STREET PARCEL RE/8581, RE/464, RE/8596, ERF 3645 AND STREET PARCEL RE/23074 IN ROSEMOOR, GEORGE, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. The application form (Ref: BS/RM/GM/03/26) dated 27 March 2026 compiled by your appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP"), Mr. Michael Bennett (EAPASA No: 2021/3163) and assisted by Candidate EAP, Mr. Christiaan Smit (EAPASA No: 2024/8297) of *Sharples Environmental Services cc* ("SES") and received by the Directorate: Development Management (Region 3) ("this Directorate") on 31 March 2026, refers.
2. The application form appears to be in order in accordance with regulation 16. This letter serves as an acknowledgment of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Directorate on **31 March 2026**.
3. Please remind your EAP that the requirements in terms of the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 ("EIA Regulations, 2014") must be complied with in respect of the application for Environmental Authorisation.
4. *BAR Requirements*
The BAR must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 1 of GN No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014 (as amended) and must also include and address any information requested in any previous correspondence / processes in respect of this matter. The previous correspondence in respect of this matter (Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/D2/47/0443/25) refers in this regard.

In accordance with Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, the Department hereby stipulates that the BAR (which has been subjected to public participation) must be submitted to this Department for decision within **90 days** from the date of receipt of the application by the Department.

If however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the BAR, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 140 days from

receipt of the application) would be required for the submission of the BAR. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report/additional information.

If the BAR is not submitted within 90 days or 140 days, where an extension is applicable, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of Government Notice Regulation No. 982 of 4 December 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.

5. *Government Policies and Plans, Guidelines, Environmental Management Instruments:*

You are advised that when undertaking the EIA process, it is the responsibility of the EAP and Specialists to take into account all the government policies and plans, guidelines, environmental management instruments and other decision making instruments in respect of the application process or the kind of activity which will be the subject of the application, including the guidelines, information documents or circulars developed by this Department.

6. *Applicable listed activities*

Please be reminded that the onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for and assessed as part of the Basic Assessment process.

7. *Public Participation Process*

The EAP is reminded to ensure that Regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment, 2014 (Government Notice No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended) is complied with simultaneously during the application phase.

8. Synchronising applications in terms of other applicable legislation with the EIA process:

(a) *National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 ("NWA")*

Subsection 24C (11) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (as amended) indicates that if both an environmental authorisation as well as a licence or permit in terms of any of the specific environmental management Acts (i.e., NWA) is required, those applications must simultaneously be submitted to the relevant competent authority or licensing authority, as the case may be, indicating in each application all other licences, authorisations and permits applied for.

Please be advised of the required synchronisation between the EIA process and the Water Use License Application ("WULA") process (if the latter is required). You are reminded that if these processes are not properly aligned, the lack of synchronisation; omission of any reports/information; or delay as a result thereof, may prejudice the success of this application for environmental authorisation.

It is understood that a water use license has been applied for in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 ("NWA"). Please ensure that the two application processes are synchronised and that all specialist reports submitted as part of the BAR (including those submitted for consideration and which also may form part of the WULA) must comply with the requirements of the relevant Protocols or Appendix 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 (whichever applicable).

9. Please note that it is prohibited in terms of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") for a person to commence with a Listed Activity unless the

Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Offences in terms of the NEMA and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, will render the offender liable for criminal prosecution.

10. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this matter.
11. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw initial comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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REVISED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS PLAN

FOR THE

THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A BULK
SEWERAGE PIPELINE, SEWERAGE BY-PASS
PIPELINE AND STORMWATER OUTLETS ON
RE/8662, STREET PARCEL RE/8581, RE/464,
RE/8596, ERF 3645, AND STREET PARCEL
RE/23074 IN ROSEMOOR, GEORGE, WESTERN
CAPE PROVINCE

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1. INTRODUCTION

Sharples Environmental Services cc (SES) have been appointed by Lyners Engineers on behalf of the George Municipality to compile the Basic Assessment Report of the proposed installation of a sewerage pipeline, sewerage by pass line, and additional stormwater outlet structures in Rosemoor, George, Western Cape.

The purpose of this Public Participation Process Plan (PPP) is to get confirmation on the neighbours who must be included as I&APs at the start of the PPP. Since the development will stretch over numerous remainder properties and street parcels, a large number of adjacent properties were identified.

It is therefore proposed to only include the neighbours directly adjacent to the proposed developmental site as part of our commitment to going above and beyond the normal Public Participation. It is also proposed to erect 4 site notices across the site, one at the starting point of the bulk sewerage pipeline route towards the west of the pipeline route, this area occurs adjacent to a public road. The second site notice will be erected towards the eastern side of the project route. The third and fourth site notice will be placed towards the north where the sewerage by-pass line will occur. The properties are discussed in more detail in sections 3 and 4.

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

As indicated in the NOI (Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/D2/47/0443/25), the original scope was just for the installation of the bulk sewerage pipeline however, there has since been a change of scope and an additional sewerage by pass line and stormwater outlet structures have been added to the proposal.

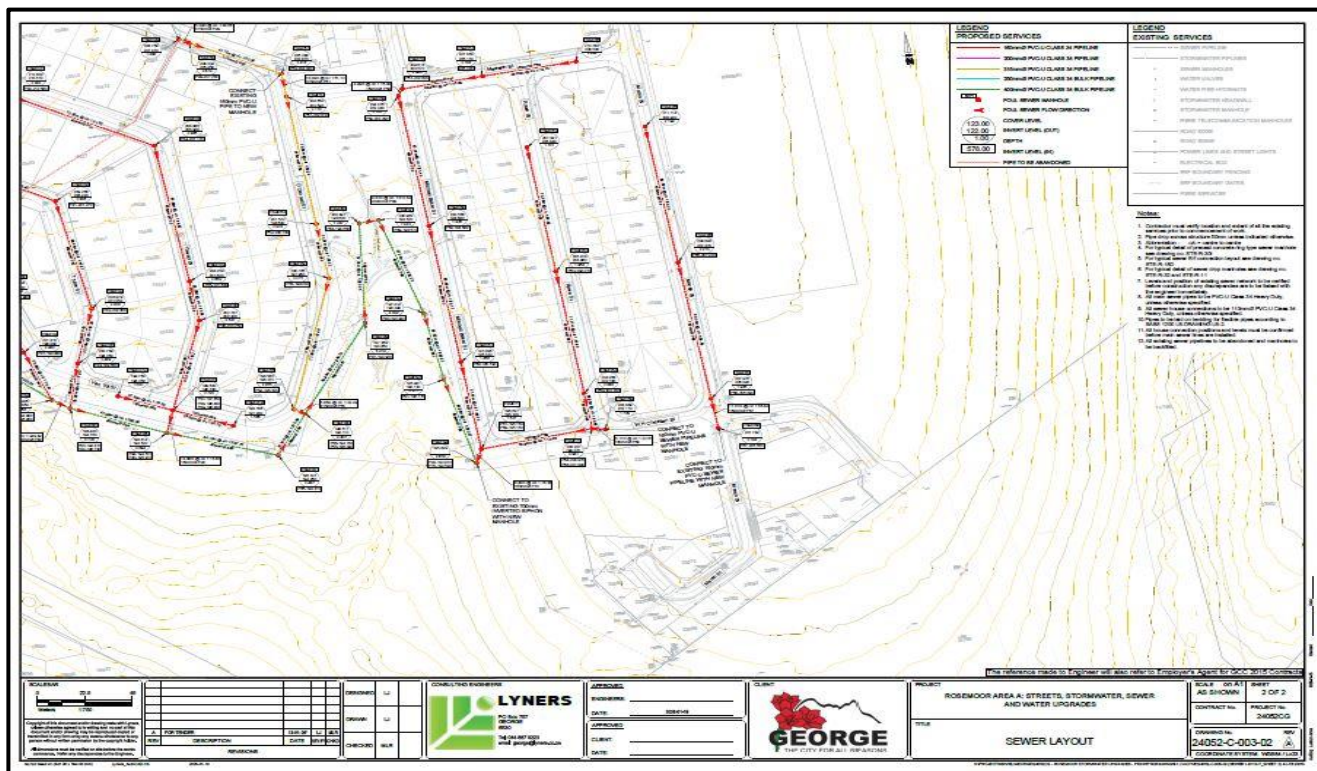
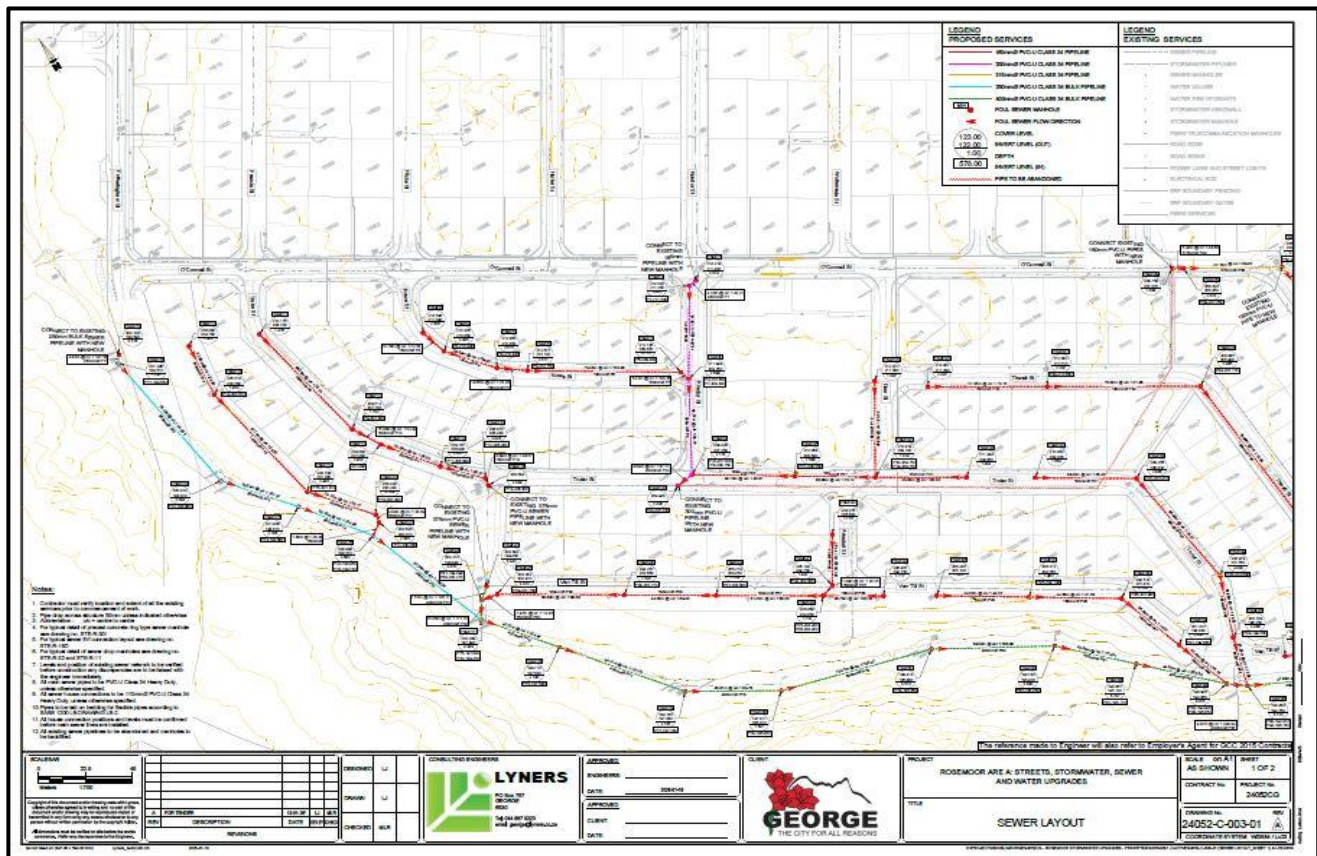


Figure 1: Locality map.



Figure 2: Close-up locality map of bulk sewerage pipeline.

The pipeline will be approximately 1038m in length with varying diameters (250mm and 400mm). Approximately 230m of the pipeline will have a diameter of 250mm and approximately 808m of the pipeline will have a diameter of 400mm. The pipeline will also connect to adjoining manholes which are part of the sewerage upgrades for Rosemoor (these will occur within existing roads). Please refer to the Figures below for the layout plans of the Rosemoor Sewer Upgrades and Sewerage Pipeline.





[Figure 5: Proposed sewerage by-pass line.](#)

The proposed sewerage by-pass pipeline will be approximately 142m in length with a diameter of 500mm.



[Figure 6: Proposed stormwater outlet structures.](#)

Nine stormwater outlet structures are proposed to be constructed, as illustrated in Figure 6 above. The stormwater outlet structures will each have a development footprint of approximately 36m², which will equal a total development footprint of 324m².

3. LOCALITY AND PROPERTIES

As seen from Figure 5, the blue polygons indicate the proposed sites, and the green areas indicate the extent of the properties on which the proposed upgrades will take place. Figure 5 does not include the adjacent landowners for each site.

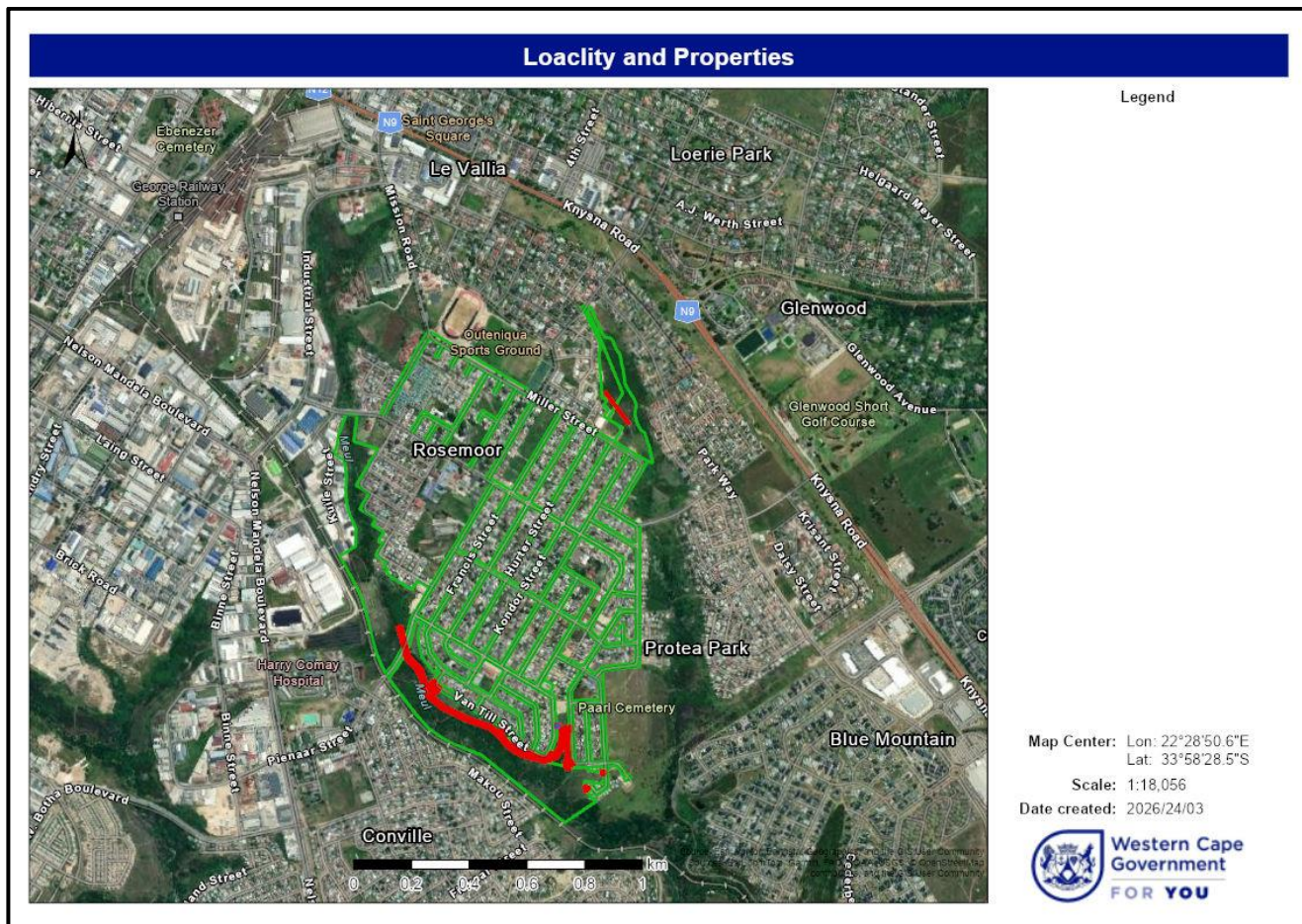


Figure 7: Extent of properties.

4. PROPOSED PROPERTIES TO INCLUDE IN THE PPP

The proposed properties to be included for this proposal will be broken up below for each property that the bulk sewerage pipeline route, sewerage by-pass pipeline route and storm water outlet structures crosses.

Erf 3645

For this application it is proposed that only the properties that occur on the eastern side of Erf 3645 (as outlined below) where the sewerage by-pass pipeline is proposed are included in the adjacent landowner notification process. The other properties further north that are adjacent to Erf 3645 are situated a significant distance away from the actual construction footprint.

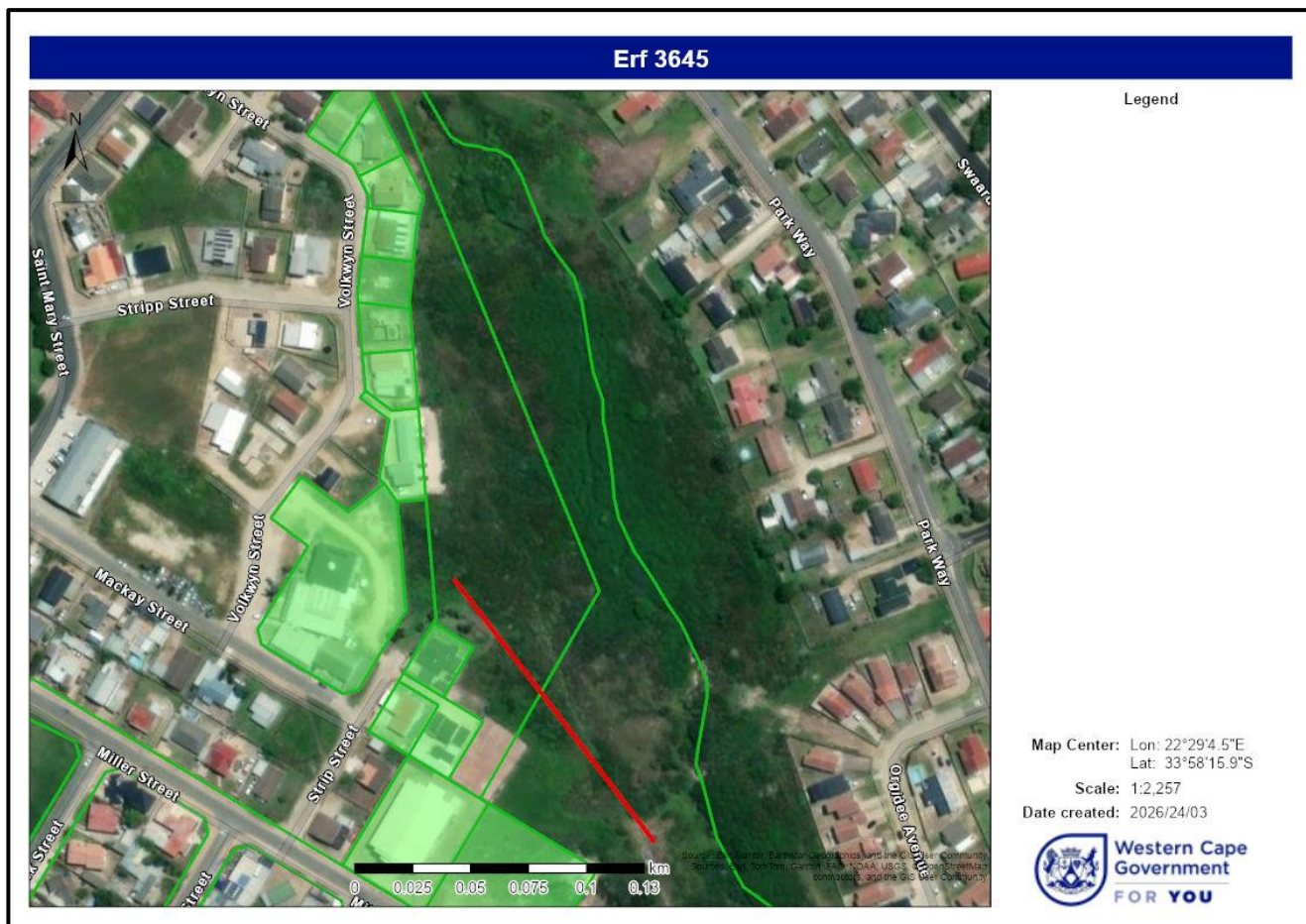


Figure 8: Erf 3645 landowners identified.

RE/464 Sewerage By-Pass Pipeline

For this application it is proposed that only the properties that occur on the southern side of RE/464 (as outlined below) where the sewerage by-pass pipeline is proposed are included in the adjacent landowner notification process. The other properties further east are not classified as adjacent to Erf 3645 instead Erf 13614 and Erf 14019 are adjacent and will be included in the landowner notification process.



Figure 9: RE/464 landowners identified.

RE/464 Bulk Sewerage Pipeline

For this application, it is proposed that only the properties located adjacent to the starting point of the proposed sewerage pipeline route be included in the adjacent-landowner notification process. Although Portion RE/464 extends across several cadastral units further north, these properties are situated a significant distance away from the actual construction footprint.

The pipeline construction will be confined to the southern section of RE/464 along the river corridor, and no activity will occur near the northern or remote areas of this farm portion. Notifying all landowners associated with the full extent of RE/464 would therefore be disproportionate and not aligned with the purpose of meaningful public participation, as many of these landowners are located kilometres away and will not be affected in any direct, indirect, or cumulative sense.



Figure 10: RE/464 landowners identified.

RE/8596, Street Parcel RE/8581, RE/8662, Erf 23068 and Erf 23069

For the properties RE/8596, Street Parcel RE/8581, and RE/8662, it is proposed that adjacent-landowner notification be limited to those landowners whose residential dwellings are situated directly opposite the proposed pipeline alignment and stormwater outlet structures, on the road frontage where construction activities will occur.

Although these cadastral portions extend further beyond the immediate road reserve, the areas located deeper within these properties will not be exposed to any construction-related impacts. The pipeline installation will take place along the river and along the edge of these parcels, meaning that only the households directly facing the construction footprint have a reasonable likelihood of being affected (e.g., through temporary noise, dust, access limitations or visual disturbance).

Notifying all landowners associated with the full extent of these cadastral units would therefore be disproportionate and inconsistent with a reasonable interpretation of “adjacent” under the EIA Regulations, as many of the owners or internal land portions have no spatial connection to the work area and will not experience impacts.



Figure 11: RE/8596 landowners identified.

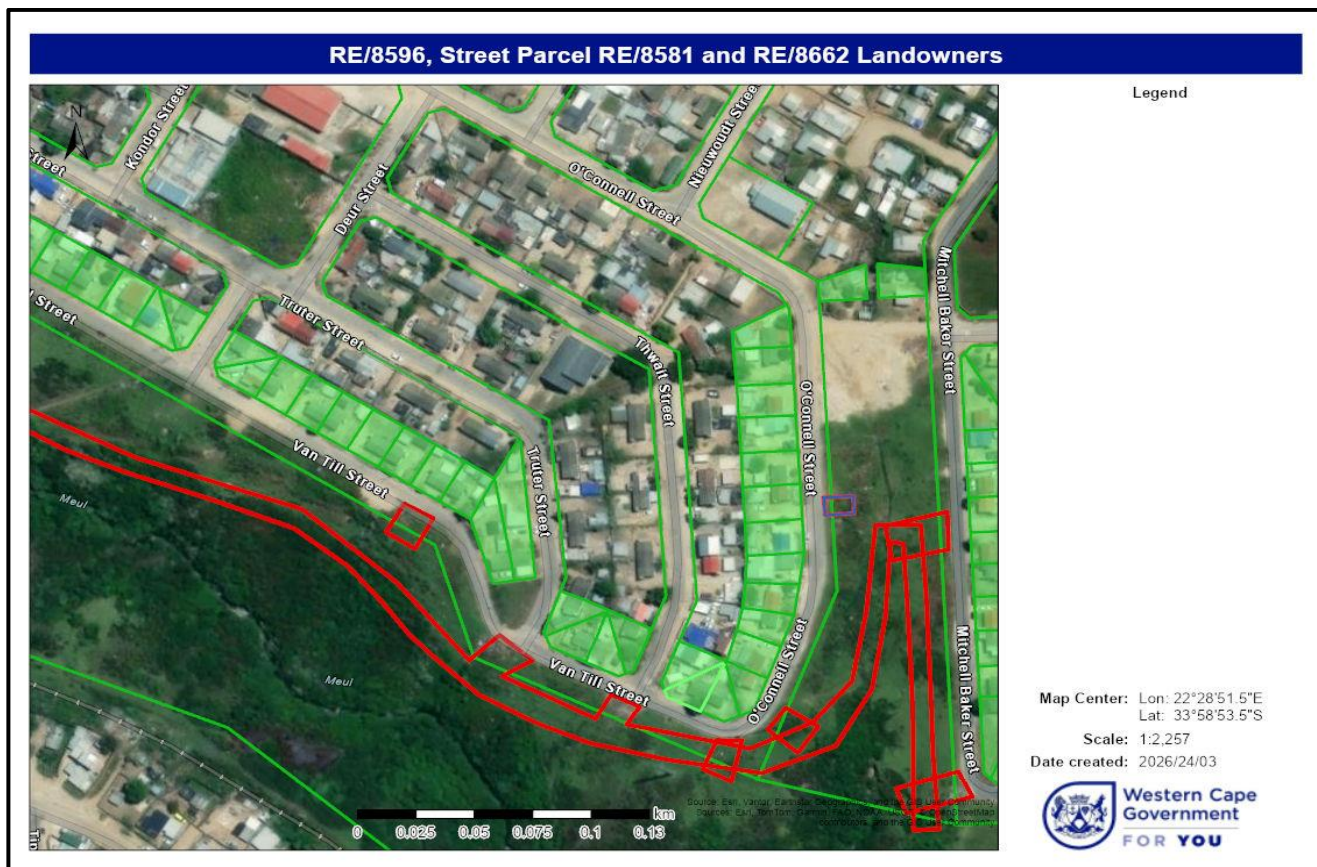


Figure 12: RE/8596, Street Parcel RE/8581 and RE/8662 landowners identified.



Figure 13: RE/8596, Street Parcel RE/8581 and RE/8662 landowners identified.

For the properties RE/8596 and Street Parcel RE/23074, it is proposed that adjacent-landowner notification be limited to those landowners whose residential dwellings are situated directly opposite the proposed pipeline alignment and stormwater outlet structures, on the road frontage where construction activities will occur.



Figure 14: RE/8596 and Street Parcel RE/23074 landowners identified.

Table 1: Proposed I&AP list relative to each property.

Located on Erf #	Erf #to notify
RE/464	Erf 23840
	Erf 23839
	Erf 23838
	Erf 23836
	Erf 23837
	Erf 23835
	Erf 23834
	Erf 23832
	Erf 23833
	Erf 23831
	Erf 23830
	Erf 13614
	Erf 14019
	Erf 10153
	Erf 10152
	Erf 10114
	Erf 10113
	Erf 10112
	Erf 25312
	Erf 19591
	Erf 25312
Erf 3645	Erf 19587

	Erf 19588 Erf 19586 Erf 20601 Erf 23117 Erf 23118 Erf 23119 Erf 23120 Erf 23121 Erf 23122 Erf 23123 Erf 23124
RE/8596 and Street Parcel RE/23074	RE/8651 Erf 9442 Erf 9443 Erf 9444 Erf 9445 Erf 9446 Erf 9447 Erf 9448 Erf 9449 Erf 9450 Erf 9451 Erf 9452 Erf 23049 Erf 23050 Erf 23051 Erf 23052 Erf 23053 Erf 23053 Erf 23055 Erf 23056 Erf 23057 Erf 23058 Erf 23059 Erf 23060 Erf 23061 Erf 23062 Erf 23063 Erf 23064 Erf 23065 Erf 23066 Erf 23067 Erf 23068 Erf 23069 Erf 23070 Erf 23071 Erf 23072 Erf 23073
Street Parcel RE/8581 and RE/8662	Erf 10489 Erf 10488 Erf 10487 Erf 10486 Erf 10485 Erf 10484 Erf 10483

Erf 10482
Erf 10481
Erf 10480
Erf 10469
Erf10468
Erf 10467
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Erf 10369
Erf 10368
Erf 10367
Erf 10366

Site Notices:

It is proposed to erect 4 site notices across the site, one at the starting point of the bulk sewerage pipeline route towards the west of the pipeline route, this area occurs adjacent to a public road. The second site notice will be erected towards the eastern side of the project route (bulk sewerage pipeline and stormwater outlets). The third and fourth site notice will be placed towards the north where the sewerage by-pass line will occur.



Figure 15: Site notice locations.

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5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Section 41 of NEMA was complied with during the Public Participation Process (dates to be confirmed)

Activity in accordance with regulation 41(2)(a) to (d) of the EIA Regulations	Requirements	Proposed
(a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of— (i) the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and (ii) any alternative site;	Proponents/ applicants, EAPs, specialists and professionals, where relevant, must: - ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to identify potential I&APs for purposes of conducting public participation on the application; and - ensure that, as far as is reasonably possible, taking into account the specific aspects of the application-	We propose to place 4 site notices across the project area.
(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to— (i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken; (ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken; (iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area; (iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area; (v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and	(a) information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application or proposed application is made available to potential I&APs; and (b) participation by potential or registered I&APs has been facilitated in such a manner that all potential or registered I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the application or proposed application. In ensuring the above, applicants and EAPs, in addition to the methods contained in Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, or as part of reasonable alternative methods proposed in terms of regulation 41(2)(e) of the EIA Regulations, may make use of the following non-exhaustive list of methods, emails, websites, Zero Data Portals, Cloud Based Services, or similar platforms, direct telephone calls, virtual meetings, newspaper notices, radio advertisements, community representatives, distribution of notices at places that are accessible to potential I&APs.	An I&AP database has been compiled, which identifies affected adjacent landowners, authorities, organs of state and other affected parties. Adjacent landowner I&APs will be notified via physical letter drops. As such all notifications for the availability of the Draft BAR for commenting will be sent via letter drops. All authorities will be notified via email.

(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;		
(c) placing an advertisement in— (i) one local newspaper; or (ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;		An advertisement will be placed in the George Herald, a newspaper which has both print and online readership.
(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken: Provided that this paragraph need not be complied with if an advertisement has been placed in an official Gazette referred to in paragraph (c)(ii)		
(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to— (i) illiteracy; (ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage		• I&AP's will be notified via letter drops. Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application or proposed application will also be circulated in this way. • If we are made aware of any I&AP with illiteracy, disability or other disadvantage we will engage with such I&AP to ensure their issues are noted.

6. AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS FOR REVIEW & COMMENT

All documents / reports with annexures will be uploaded onto the SES website for download, review and comment. The SEScc website is designed to be mobile friendly, allowing those with only mobile internet the availability to view the relevant reports. On request, reports will also be shared via bulk online sharing sites such as WeTransfer.

Any person(s) wishing to register as an I&AP, who may not be able to obtain documents via WeTransfer or the SES website, are encouraged to contact us within the allotted public participation period, and we will make alternative arrangements where necessary.

7. CONCLUSION

SES confirms that all reasonable measures will be taken to identify potential I&APs for purposes of conducting the public participation on this application.

As far as is reasonably possible all information containing relevant facts in respect of this application will be made available to potential I&APs and participation by potential or registered I&APs will be facilitated in such a manner that all potential or registered I&APs will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment.

This public participation plan, once agreed with the competent authority, will be strictly adhered to and any deviations, where relevant, will be identified and submitted to the authority.

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Dear Sir

NOTICE OF INTENT - PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A BULK SEWER PIPELINE ON RE/8662, STREET PRACEL RE/8581, RE/464 AND PORTION 2 OF FARM HURR NO. 196, ROSEMOOR, GEORGE.

1. The abovementioned Notice of Intent ("NOI") (Ref: BS/RM/GM/11/25) dated 18 November 2025 compiled on your behalf by your appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP"), Mr. Michael Bennett (EAPASA No: 2021/3163) and Candidate EAP, Mr. Christiaan Smit (EAPASA No: 2024/8297) of *Sharples Environmental Services cc* ("SES"), and received by this Department on 19 November 2025, refers.
2. This letter serves as acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned report on 19 November 2025.
3. The Directorate: Development Management (Region 3) ("this Directorate") has reviewed the information in the NOI and provides the following comment:

3.1 The Proposal

SES have been appointed by Lyners Engineering on behalf of the George Municipality to compile the Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") of the proposed installation of a sewerage pipeline in Rosemore, George, Western Cape. The pipeline will be approximately 1370m in length with varying diameters. Approximately 750m of the pipeline will have a diameter of +/- 400mm, approximately 323m of the pipeline will have a diameter of +/- 500mm and approximately 230m of the pipeline will have a diameter of +/- 250mm.

The pipeline will also connect to adjoining manholes which are part of the sewerage upgrades for Rosemore (these will occur within existing roads) the length of two of these joining points is approximately 10m each and the diameter of the pipe they will be connecting to is +/- 250mm. The other joining point is approximately 12m and the diameter of the pipe it will be joining to +/- 160mm.

3.2 *Interim urban edge / urban area*

Please be advised that the urban edge in terms of Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, Act No. 16 of 2013 ("SPLUMA"), and the Municipal Systems Act, Act No. 32 of 2000 ("MSA"); and the urban area in terms of the NEMA and the Regulations in terms of NEMA are two different concepts. The urban area serves as a geographical area in terms of the EIA Regulation Listing Notices and may be defined and adopted by a competent authority responsible for environmental affairs, whereas an urban edge determined in terms of the MSA may only be defined by municipalities. In this regard, the Western Cape Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning has not adopted any urban edge (as identified in the Spatial Development Framework) for George.

Based on this Department's NEMA EIA Circular 1 of 2012, and the information received, the portion of land does not conform to the requirements of the "interim urban edge" as adopted on 5 March 2012 and is therefore not deemed to be an urban area for the purpose of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014.

3.3 *Process to obtain environmental authorisation*

Based on the information submitted to this Directorate a Basic Assessment process must be followed in order to apply for Environmental Authorisation. Only those activities applied for shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the proponent / appointed consultant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for and assessed as part of the Basic Assessment process.

3.4 *Pre-Application Consultation*

It is noted that the consultant does not intend to have a pre-application consultation meeting. This Directorate avails itself for a pre-application meeting should it be requested.

No information provided, views expressed and /or comments made by officials during the pre-application consultation should in any way be seen as an indication or confirmation:

- that additional information or documents will not be requested;
- of the outcome of the application

3.5 *Public Participation Process*

According to the NOI the appointed EAP does not intend to follow a pre-application assessment process. Therefore, your EAP is reminded to ensure that all the requirements of Regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment, 2014 (Government Notice No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended) is complied with simultaneously during the application phase.

NOTE: The EAP must ensure that the correct representatives of all organs of state / state department are notified of the proposal.

3.6 *Alternatives*

In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 the investigation of alternatives is mandatory. This includes the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (the "no-go" option). All alternatives identified must be determined to be feasible and reasonable. In this regard it must be noted that the Department may grant authorisation for an alternative as if it had been applied for or may grant authorisation in respect of the whole or part of the proposed project in the application. Alternatives are not limited to activity alternatives, but include layout alternatives, design, operational and technology alternatives. Since watercourses are dynamic systems, you are strongly advised to consider an alignment furthest away from the watercourse, to limit risk to the infrastructure and to avoid negative impacts on the watercourse/wetland ecosystem.

3.7 Needs & Desirability

In terms of the EIA Regulations, when considering an application, the Department must take into account a number of specific considerations including inter alia the need for and desirability of any proposed development. As such, the need for and desirability of the proposed activities must be considered and reported on in the BAR. The BAR must reflect how the strategic context of the site in relation to the broader surrounding area, has been considered in addressing need and desirability.

3.8 NEMA Principles

In addition to the above, you must clearly show how the proposed development complies with the principles contained in Section 2 of the NEMA and must also show how the proposed development meets the requirements of sustainable development.

3.9 Screening Tool Report and Site Sensitivity Verification Reports

In accordance with the applicable protocols or minimum information requirements, which have been published in the Government Gazette (i.e. Government Gazette No. 43110 of 20 March 2020 and Government Gazette No. 43855 of 30 October 2020) a site sensitivity verification report(s) ("SSVR") which confirms or disputes the site sensitivities for each of the themes identified in the Screening Tool Report, must be submitted. Furthermore, the report(s) must include a motivation for the confirmed or disputed sensitivity rating in the SSVR.

This Directorate has reviewed the Site Sensitivity Verification Report ("SSVR") dated 10 November 2025, compiled by the EAP. Please be reminded that where a protocol has been published for an identified theme, the respective specialist reports must adhere to the requirements of the protocol. Where a specific protocol has not been identified for a specialist study, such specialist study must comply with the requirements of Appendix 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

● **Agricultural Theme**

The Screening Tool Report ("STR") rated the agricultural theme as a **High Sensitivity**. A site inspection for the Site Sensitivity Verification Report ("SSVR") was undertaken on 6th of November 2025 by Michael Bennett (EAP) and Christiaan Smit (Candidate EAP) of SES. The EAP disputes the sensitivity rating, based on the reasoning that the relevant site is zoned for Public Open Space Zone I and that Agricultural activity would not be deemed as appropriate land use. Furthermore, the site is not currently used for agricultural purposes, and it is for the abovementioned reasons that the EAP believes the site to fact, have a **Low Sensitivity Rating**.

In light of the above, this Directorate agrees with the recommendation of the EAP.

Furthermore, the EAP/specialist must consult the Western Cape Government: Department of Agriculture (DoA) - Land Use Management and the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) specifically obtain written confirmation from said organs of state regarding any requirements in respect of the agricultural aspects.

● **Animal Species Theme**

The STR rated the Animal Species Theme as a **High Sensitivity Rating**. The STR identified six (6) animal species of conservation concern ("SCC") which could potentially be found on the development site. The SSVR indicates that the EAP does not foresee that the relevant animal species mentioned in the STR will occur on the site, however a terrestrial biodiversity and faunal specialist has been appointed to undertake a site visit and compile a report.

Considering the above, it is strongly advised that the Animal Species Specialist Assessment be undertaken by a specialist registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) with a field of practice relevant to the taxonomic group ("taxa") for which the assessment is being undertaken, and that Species Specialist Assessment Report be submitted to the competent authority for consideration.

Furthermore, the EAP/specialist must consult CapeNature in the public participation process and specifically obtain written confirmation from said organ of state regarding the delineation of the theme, and necessity for any further studies regarding the Animal Species Theme.

● **Aquatic Biodiversity Theme**

The STR rated the Aquatic Biodiversity Theme as a **VERY High Sensitivity Rating**. The STR attributes the sensitivity rating due to the site being located within a wetland as well as a Critical Biodiversity Area 2. The SSVR indicates that a specialist has been appointed to compile an Aquatic Biodiversity Report.

Therefore, in this regard, this Directorate acknowledges that an Aquatic Biodiversity specialist Assessment will be undertaken to inform the BAR. It must be ensured that Aquatic Biodiversity Specialist Assessment report adheres to the requirements of the protocol.

Furthermore, the EAP/specialist must consult the Breede Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) during the public participation process and specifically obtain written confirmation from said organ of state regarding the delineation of the theme, and necessity for any further studies regarding the Animal Species Theme.

● **Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme**

The STR rated the Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme as a **VERY High Sensitivity Rating**. The STR identified a Grade II Heritage site, within a 2km distance of the proposed site, which in turn motivates the STR site rating. According to the SSVR, a specialist has been appointed and a Notice of Intent to Develop ("NID") is being compiled which will be submitted to Heritage Western Cape.

Section 38 of the NHRA sets out the requirements regarding the integration of the decision-making process with that of the EIA Regulations 2014, however, under the proviso that the necessary information is submitted and any comments and recommendations of the relevant heritage resources authority (HWC) with regard to such development have been provided and taken into account prior to the granting of the authorisation. Further to the above:

- An application for Environmental Authorisation, must include, where applicable, the investigation, assessment and evaluation of the impact of any proposed listed or specified activity on any national estate referred to in section 3(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999), excluding the national estate contemplated in section 3(2)(i)(vi) and (vii) of that Act.
- Where Section 38 of the NHRA is triggered, the Standard Operating Procedure between Heritage Western Cape and this Department must be followed. If Section 38 is applicable to the proposed development, then the proponent/applicant is required to submit a Notice of Intent to Develop ("NID") to Heritage Western Cape and attach a copy to thereof to the EIA application form. If Heritage Western Cape requires a Heritage Impact Assessment, the Heritage Impact Assessment must be undertaken as one of the specialist studies of the EIA process to be undertaken in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.

Final comments from Heritage Western Cape must be provided in the Basic Assessment report.

● **Civil Aviation Theme**

The STR rated the Civil Aviation Theme as a **High Sensitivity Rating**. The STR attributed the following three factors to the High Sensitivity Rating:

- Within 15km of a civil aviation radar
- Between 8 and 15 km from a major civil aviation aerodrome
- Within 5 km of an air traffic control or navigation site

The SSVR compiled and submitted by the relevant EAP, disputes the High Sensitivity Rating and indicated that a Civil Aviation Compliance Statement will be compiled.

This Directorate acknowledges the disputed rating in the SSVR.

● **Plant Species Theme**

The STR rated the Plant Species theme as a **Medium Sensitivity Rating**. The STR identified seven (7) plant species which has a sensitivity rating of medium, which contributed to the overall rating stated in the STR. The SSVR indicates that a botanist has been appointed to undertake a site visit and compile a report.

This Directorate acknowledges that a specialist will be appointed to undertake a site visit and compile a report. Due to concerns about the ambiguity of "report" in the SSVR, this Directorate would like to remind the EAP of Chapter 4 of the Protocol for The Specialist Assessment and Minimum Report Content Requirements for Environmental Impact on Terrestrial Plant Species. Emphasis is placed on paragraph 4.4 to 4.6 which states that a site inspection by a Specialist must be conducted in order to determine the presence or likely presence of Species of Conservation Concern ("SCC"). Where SCC are found on site or have been confirmed to be likely present, a *Terrestrial Plant Species Specialist Assessment* must be submitted in accordance with the requirements specified for "very high" and "high" sensitivity in this protocol.

Furthermore, the EAP/specialist must consult CapeNature in the public participation process and specifically obtain written confirmation from said organ of state regarding the delineation of the theme, and necessity for any further studies regarding the Animal Species Theme.

● **Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme**

The STR rated the Plant Species theme as a **Very High Sensitivity Rating**. The STR attributes this rating due to the natural vegetation identified as *Garden Route Granite Fynbos*, which has an ecological threat status of *Critically Endangered*, as well as the area being located within CBA areas. In the SSVR, the EAP notes that the site has been disturbed and the natural vegetation does not consist of the site's natural vegetation, however a specialist has been appointed to conduct a study. This Directorate acknowledges that an appointed specialist will conduct a site visit and will adhere to the *Protocol for the Specialist Assessment and Minimum Report Content Requirements for Environmental Impact on Terrestrial Biodiversity*.

Furthermore, the EAP/specialist must consult CapeNature in the public participation process and specifically obtain written confirmation from said organ of state regarding the delineation of the theme, and necessity for any further studies regarding the Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme.

3.10 Other relevant considerations

- **National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998**

Please be advised that the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act, 2 of 2022 (NEMLAA), came into effect on 30 June 2023. This Act added sub-section 24C(11) to the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998, as amended (NEMA) which states 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, as the case may be, indicating in each application all other licences, authorisations and permits applied for".

According to the SSVR a wetland is present within the proposed development footprint. Therefore, you are advised to consult BOCMA to determine whether authorisation in terms of the National Water Act, Act No. 36 of 1998 ("NWA") is required. The applicability of the NWA must be confirmed by BOCMA in writing.

In light of the above, please advise your appointed consultant responsible for the Water Use Authorisation ("WUA") process to liaise; and consult with the relevant authority, the BOCMA urgently.

Please be advised that the EIA process and the Water Use Application process must be synchronised. You are reminded that if these processes are not properly aligned, the lack of synchronisation; omission of any reports/information; or delay as a result thereof, may prejudice the success of the application for environmental authorisation.

4. Please note that a listed activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.
5. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this matter.
6. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.

Yours faithfully

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS PLAN

FOR THE

THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A BULK
SEWERAGE PIPELINE ON RE/8662, STREET
PARCEL RE/8581, RE/464 AND PORTION 2 OF
FARM HURR NO. 196 IN ROSEMOOR, GEORGE,
WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

APPLICANT:	George Municipality
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT:	Sharples Environmental Services cc Michael Bennett
DEADP REFERENCE NUMBER:	TBD
DATE:	November 2025

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Sharples Environmental Services cc (SES) have been appointed by Lyners Engineers on behalf of the George Municipality to compile the Basic Assessment Report of the proposed installation of a sewerage pipeline in Rosemoor, George, Western Cape.

It is therefore proposed to only include the neighbours directly adjacent to the proposed developmental site as part of our commitment to going above and beyond the normal Public Participation. It is also proposed to erect 2 site notices across the site, one at the starting point of the route towards the west of the pipeline route, this area occurs adjacent to a public road. The second site notice will be erected towards the eastern side of the project route. The properties are discussed in more detail in sections 3 and 4.

The pipeline will be approximately 1370m in length with varying diameters. Approximately 750m of the pipeline will have a diameter of +/- 400mm, approximately 323m of the pipeline will have a diameter of +/- 500mm and approximately 230m of the pipeline will have a diameter of +/- 250mm. The pipeline will also connect to adjoining manholes which are part of the sewerage upgrades for Rosemoor (these will occur within existing roads) the length of two of these joining points is approximately 10m each and the diameter of the pipe they will be connecting to is +/- 250mm. The other joining point is approximately 12m and the diameter of the pipe it will be joining to +/- 160mm. Please refer to the layout below, showing the proposed pipeline route and additional upgrades to Rosemoor sewerage infrastructure.



3. LOCALITY AND PROPERTIES

As seen from Figure 5, the blue polygons indicate the proposed sites, and the green areas indicate the extent of the properties on which the proposed upgrades will take place. Figure 5 does not include the adjacent landowners for each site.

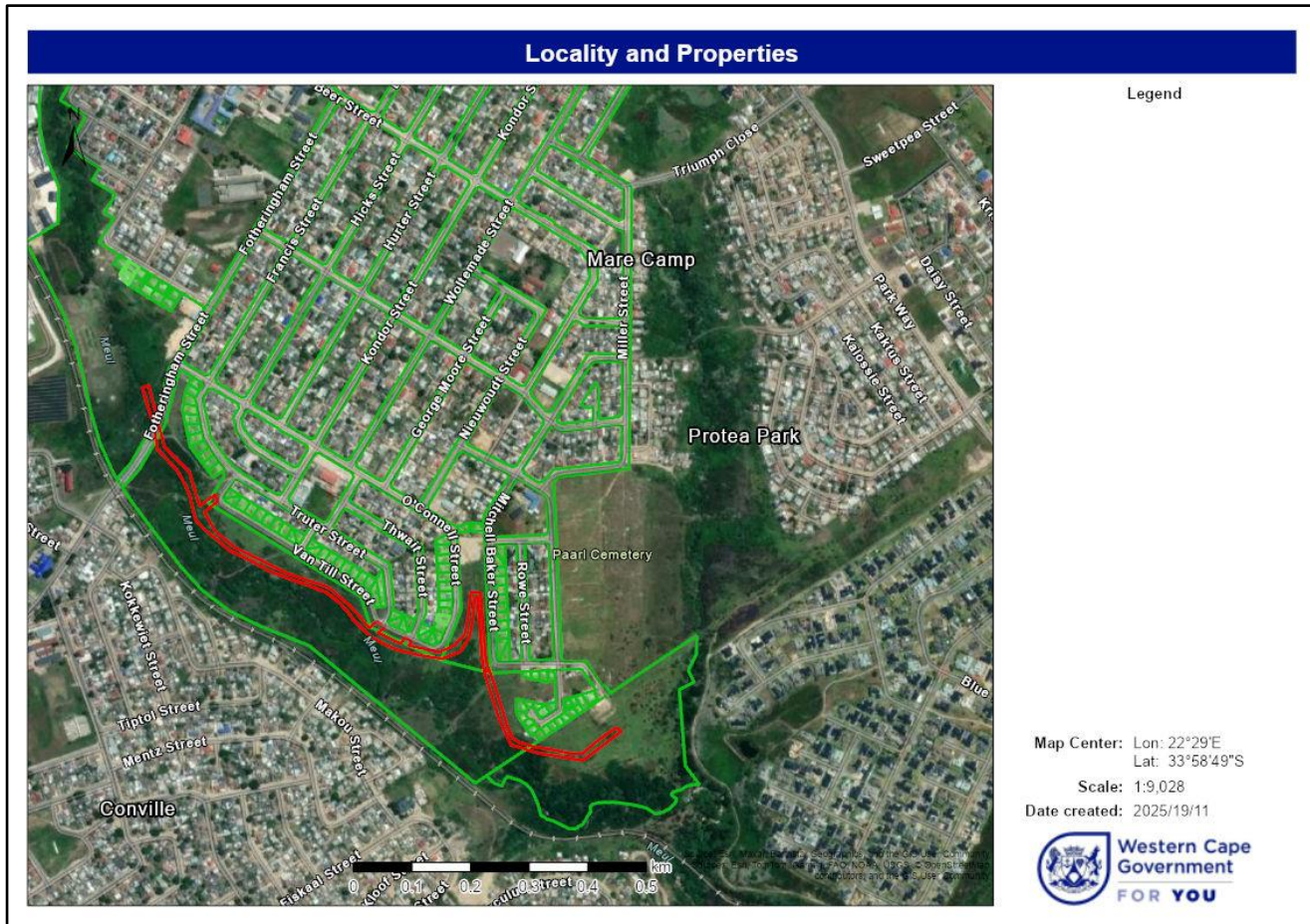


Figure 1: Extent of properties.

4. PROPOSED PROPERTIES TO INCLUDE IN THE PPP

The proposed properties to be included for this proposal will be broken up below for each property that the pipeline route crosses.

RE/464

For this application, it is proposed that only the properties located adjacent to the starting point of the proposed sewerage pipeline route be included in the adjacent-landowner notification process. Although Portion RE/464 extends across several cadastral units further north, these properties are situated a significant distance away from the actual construction footprint.

The pipeline construction will be confined to the southern section of RE/464 along the river corridor, and no activity will occur near the northern or remote areas of this farm portion. Notifying all landowners associated with the full extent of RE/464 would therefore be disproportionate and not aligned with the purpose of meaningful public participation, as many of these landowners are located kilometres away and will not be affected in any direct, indirect, or cumulative sense.



Figure 2: Adjacent Landowners to RE/464

RE/8596, Street Parcel RE/8581, RE/8662

For the properties RE/8596, Street Parcel RE/8581, and RE/8662, it is proposed that adjacent-landowner notification be limited to those landowners whose residential dwellings are situated directly opposite the proposed pipeline alignment, on the road frontage where construction activities will occur.

Although these cadastral portions extend further beyond the immediate road reserve, the areas located deeper within these properties will not be exposed to any construction-related impacts. The pipeline installation will take place along the river and along the edge of these parcels, meaning that only the households directly facing the construction footprint have a reasonable likelihood of being affected (e.g., through temporary noise, dust, access limitations or visual disturbance).

Notifying all landowners associated with the full extent of these cadastral units would therefore be disproportionate and inconsistent with a reasonable interpretation of “adjacent” under the EIA Regulations, as many of the owners or internal land portions have no spatial connection to the work area and will not experience impacts.



Figure 3 :Adjacent Landowners to RE/8596.

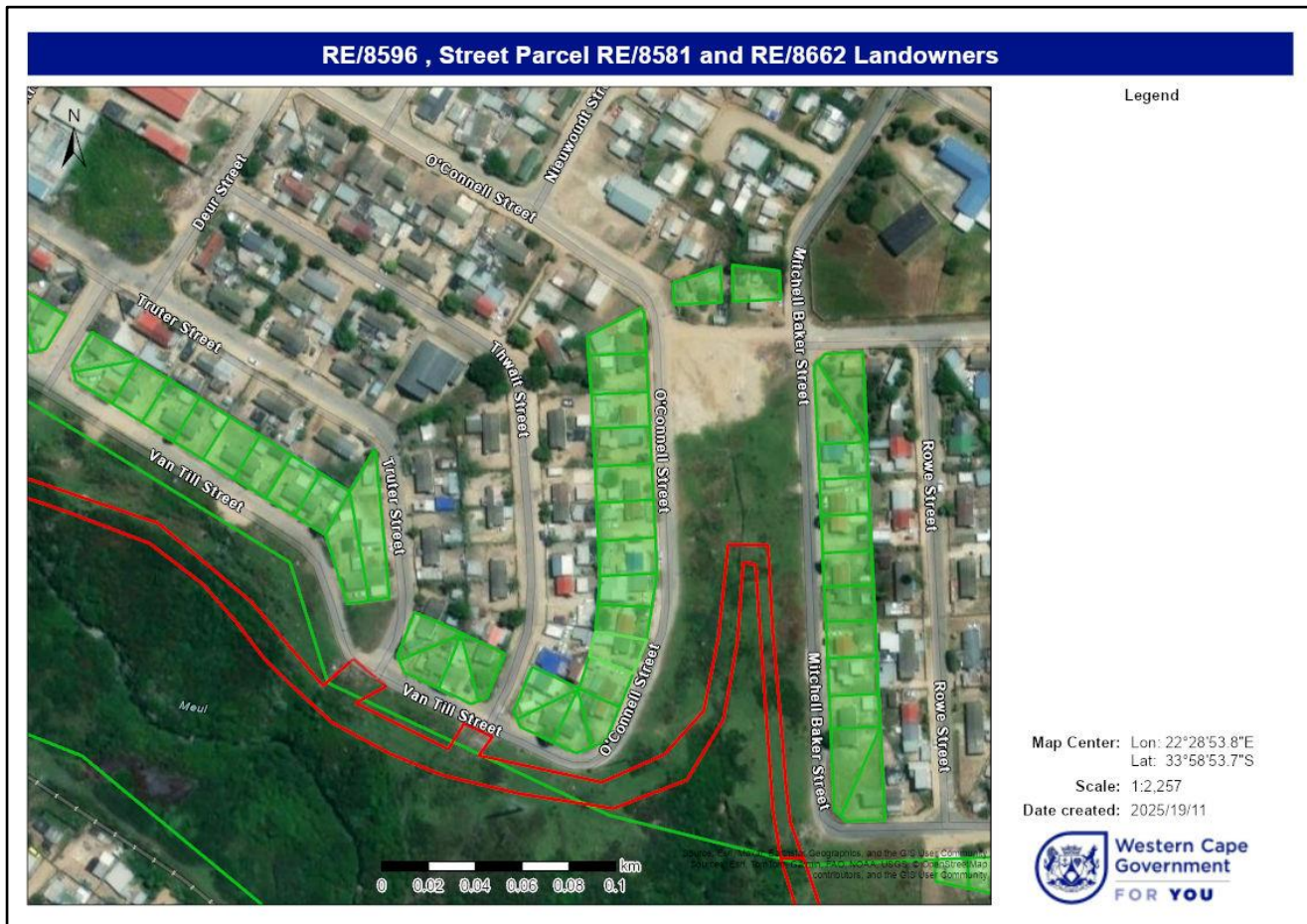


Figure 4: Adjacent landowners to RE/8596, Street Parcel RE/8581 and RE/8662.

Portion 2 of the Farm HURR

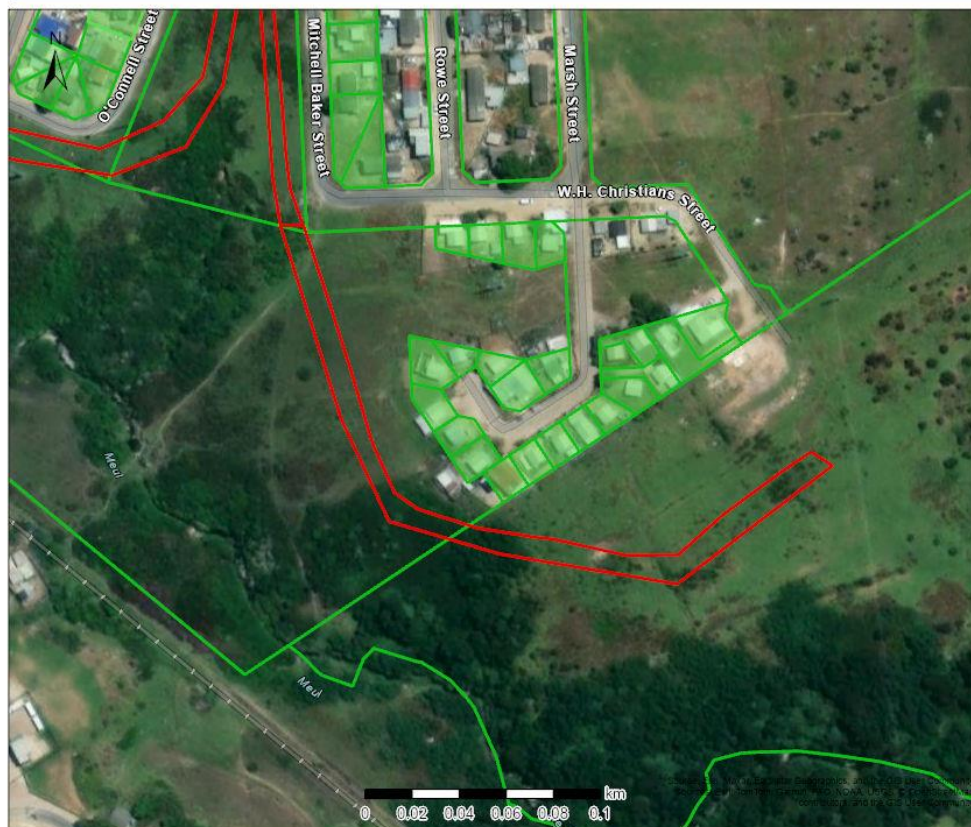
For Portion 2 of the Farm 196 HURR, adjacent-landowner notification is proposed to be limited to those landowners whose residential properties are located immediately opposite the section of the pipeline route where construction will occur along the farm's road-facing boundary.

Although Portion 2/196 is a large agricultural landholding, only a very small section of its southern boundary interfaces with the proposed pipeline alignment. The remainder of the farm lies significantly inland and far removed from the area of influence. Landowners or occupants associated with the internal or northern areas of this farm portion will therefore not be exposed to any construction-related impacts or disturbances.

Given this spatial context, notifying all owners linked to the entirety of Portion 2/196 would be unreasonable and not aligned with the intent of the EIA Regulations, as those distant areas have no functional or perceptual connection to the development footprint.

RE/8596 and Portion 2 of the Farm 196 HURR Landowners

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Figure 5: Adjacent Landowners to RE/8596 and Portion 2 of the Farm 196 HURR.

Table 1: Proposed I&AP list relative to each structure

Located on Erf #	Erf #to notify
RE/464	Erf 23840
	Erf 23839
	Erf 23838
	Erf 23836
	Erf 23837
	Erf 23835
	Erf 23834
	Erf 23832
	Erf 23833
	Erf 23831
	Erf 23830
RE/8596	Erf 9442
	Erf 9443
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	Erf 9449

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Street Parcel RE/8581 and RE/8662	Erf 10489 Erf 10488 Erf 10487 Erf 10486 Erf 10485 Erf 10484 Erf 10483 Erf 10482 Erf 10481 Erf 10480 Erf 10469 Erf10468 Erf 10467 Erf 10466 Erf 10465 Erf 10464 Erf 10463 Erf 10462 Erf 10461 Erf 10460 Erf 10459 Erf 10437 Erf 10436 Erf 10435 Erf 10434 Erf 10401 Erf 10400 Erf 10399 Erf 10398 Erf 10397 Erf 10396 Erf 10395 Erf 10394 Erf 10393 Erf 10392 Erf 10391 Erf 10390 Erf 10389 Erf 10388

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Portion 2 of the Farm HURR	Erf 23064 Erf 23063 Erf 23062 Erf 23061 Erf 23060 Erf 23059 Erf 23058 Erf 23057 Erf 23056 Erf 23055

Site Notices:

It is proposed to erect 2 site notices across the site, one at the starting point of the route towards the west of the pipeline route, this area occurs adjacent to a public road. The second site notice will be erected towards the eastern side of the project route.



Figure 6: Site notice locations.

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5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Section 41 of NEMA was complied with during the Pre-Application Public Participation Process (dates to be confirmed)

Activity in accordance with regulation 41(2)(a) to (d) of the EIA Regulations	Requirements	Proposed
(a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of— (i) the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and (ii) any alternative site;	Proponents/ applicants, EAPs, specialists and professionals, where relevant, must: - ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to identify potential I&APs for purposes of conducting public participation on the application; and - ensure that, as far as is reasonably possible, taking into account the specific aspects of the application-	We propose to place 2 site notice at each proposed site and the proposed site camp.
(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to— (i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken; (ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken; (iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area; (iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area; (v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and	(a) information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application or proposed application is made available to potential I&APs; and (b) participation by potential or registered I&APs has been facilitated in such a manner that all potential or registered I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the application or proposed application. In ensuring the above, applicants and EAPs, in addition to the methods contained in Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, or as part of reasonable alternative methods proposed in terms of regulation 41(2)(e) of the EIA Regulations, may make use of the following non-exhaustive list of methods, emails, websites, Zero Data Portals, Cloud Based Services, or similar platforms, direct telephone calls, virtual meetings, newspaper notices, radio advertisements, community representatives, distribution of notices at places that are accessible to potential I&APs.	An I&AP database has been compiled, which identifies affected adjacent landowners, authorities, organs of state and other affected parties. Adjacent landowner I&APs will be notified via physical letter drops. As such all notifications for the availability of the Pre-Application BAR for commenting will be sent via letter drops. All authorities will be notified via email.

(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;		
(c) placing an advertisement in— (i) one local newspaper; or (ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;		An advertisement will be placed in the George Herald, a newspaper which has both print and online readership.
(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken: Provided that this paragraph need not be complied with if an advertisement has been placed in an official Gazette referred to in paragraph (c)(ii)		
(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to— (i) illiteracy; (ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage		• I&AP's will be notified via letter drops. Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application or proposed application will also be circulated in this way. • If we are made aware of any I&AP with illiteracy, disability or other disadvantage we will engage with such I&AP to ensure their issues are noted.

6. AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS FOR REVIEW & COMMENT

All documents / reports with annexures will be uploaded onto the SES website for download, review and comment. The SEScc website is designed to be mobile friendly, allowing those with only mobile internet the availability to view the relevant reports. On request, reports will also be shared via bulk online sharing sites such as WeTransfer.

Any person(s) wishing to register as an I&AP, who may not be able to obtain documents via WeTransfer or the SES website, are encouraged to contact us within the allotted public participation period, and we will make alternative arrangements where necessary.

7. CONCLUSION

SES confirms that all reasonable measures will be taken to identify potential I&APs for purposes of conducting the public participation on this application.

As far as is reasonably possible all information containing relevant facts in respect of this application will be made available to potential I&APs and participation by potential or registered I&APs will be facilitated in such a manner that all potential or registered I&APs will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment.

This public participation plan, once agreed with the competent authority, will be strictly adhered to and any deviations, where relevant, will be identified and submitted to the authority.