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Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham'
Subject: DEADP 16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26: DRAFT BAR 30-DAY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SHAREPOINT FOLDER) FOR THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT DR1602
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DEADP Reference Number: 16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26
Date 14/05/2026

Good Afternoon,

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DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FORM FOR THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48, KLEINPLAAS ROAD, CROSSING FARM 338 AND PORTION 6 OF FARM 220 IN MOSSEL BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT

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Please note that the 30-day public participation process will begin on Friday, May 15th, 2026, and the final day for comments will be June 15th, 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Kind regards,

Jessica Gossman Candidate Environmental Assessment Practitioner TEL: (021) 554 5195 EMAIL: jessica@sesc.net EAPASA Reg: {2022/6154} Unit 1 A2 The Avenues Parklands Cape Town PO Box 443 Milnerton 7435 WEB: www.sesc.net	  - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS - ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITING AND MONITORING - ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANS - AQUATIC ASSESSMENT - WASTE AND WATER LICENSES - PROJECT MANAGEMENT - REHABILITATION AND CLOSURE PLANS 
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Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham'
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From: jessica@sesc.net
Sent: Friday, 15 May 2026 10:05
To: jessica@sesc.net
Subject: Re: DR1602: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project
Attachments: Screenshot_20260515_100355_WhatsApp.jpg; Screenshot_20260515_100411_WhatsApp.jpg

On Fri, 15 May 2026, 10:03 , <jessica@sesc.net> wrote:

I hope you are doing well.

Please, will you kindly post the public participation information for DR1602 Road and Culverts project on the Kleinplaas and the Outeniqua Land Farmers Association group and kindly send me a screenshot for my public participation records.

Please see the link to the documents on our SES website below:

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Thank you for your email and for confirming that the Aviation Environmental Protection Department of SACAA has reviewed the proposed development.

We appreciate SACAA's consideration of the project and note that there are no comments from your side at this stage.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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The Aviation Environmental Protection (AEP) Department has reviewed the proposed development and, at this stage, has no comments on the project.

Should you require any further clarity or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

From: Lizell !

Sent: Thursday, 14 May 2026 16:03

To: Aviation Environmental Compliance ·

Subject: FW: DEADP REF NO:16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM

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Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham'
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Attachments: G4 Heritage Statement Mossel Bay.pdf

Good morning Stephanie,

The appointed Heritage Consultant confirmed that the proposed activities do not trigger Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999). As a result, it is not necessary to submit a NID to Heritage Western Cape. This information is included in the Heritage Statement.

Please see the attached Heritage Statement for the proposed project.

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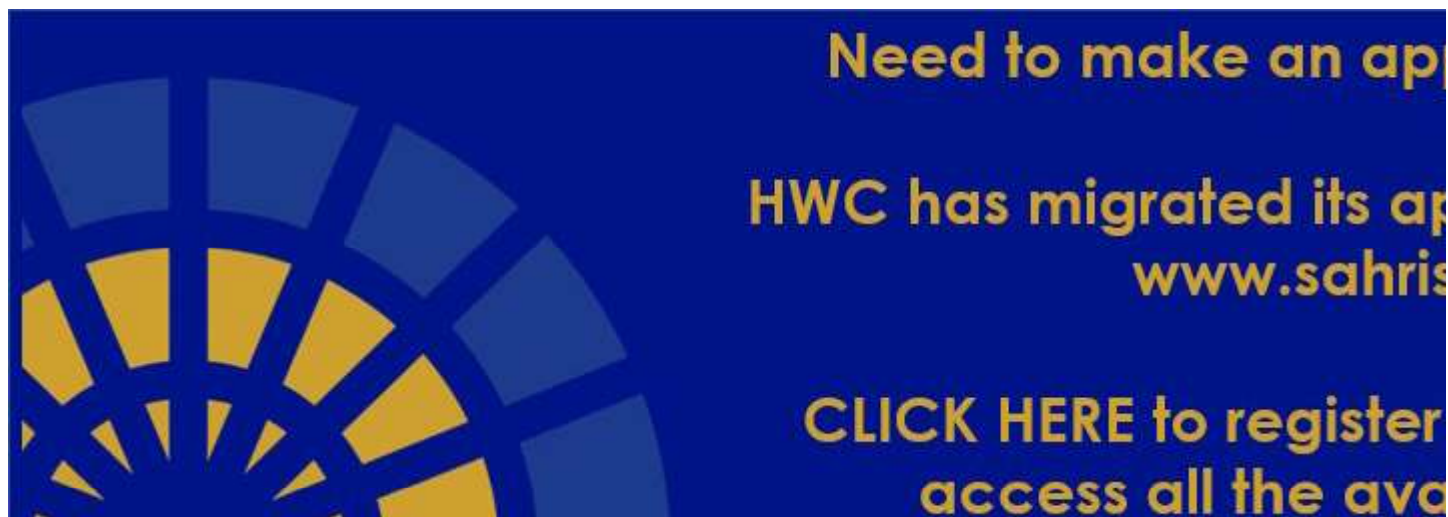
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Good day

Please can you provide me with HWC reference number for me to provide you with a comment.
I noted the report by Dr. Nilssen

Kind regards,
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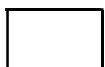
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Correspondence Reference: 44892201
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / ONTVANGSERKENNING

We acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding the abovementioned matter and wish to confirm that the matter is receiving attention.

Ons erken ontvangs van u skrywe in bogemelde verband en bevestig dat die saak aandag geniet.

Yours faithfully / Die uwe

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From: Charles
Sent: Tuesday, 26 May 2026 16:31
To: jessica@sesc.net
Subject: RE: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project: DR1602 - Public Participation
Attachments: Screenshot_20260516_065237_WhatsApp.jpg; Screenshot_20260516_065127_WhatsApp.jpg

Jessica

Attached screenshots of post on wapp groups.

Keep well!!

From: jessica@sesc.net <jessica@sesc.net>

Sent: Tuesday, 26 May 2026 11:53

Subject: RE: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project: DR1602 - Public Participation

I hope you are doing well.

I would like to kindly follow up on the request below.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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From: jessica@sesc.net <jessica@sesc.net>

Sent: Friday, 15 May 2026 09:59

Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham' <betsy@sesc.net>

Subject: RE: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project: DR1602 - Public Participation

Good morning Charles,

I hope you are doing well.

Please, will you kindly post the public participation information for DR1602 Road and Culverts project on the Farm Watch/ Community WhatsApp group and kindly send me a screenshot for my public participation records.

Please see the link to the documents on our SES website below:

<https://sesc.net/eia-report/deadp-ref-16-3-3-1-d6-29-0022-26-30-day-public-participation-commenting-period-on-the-draft-basic-assessment-report-for-the-proposed-removal-and-replacement-of-existing-road-and-culvert-infrastruct/>

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Sent: Monday, 04 May 2026 15:59

To: jessica@sesc.net

Subject: RE: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project: DR1602 - Public Participation

Hi

is the chairperson of the farmers association, it is best to contact him for email address.

I know most of their correspondence is via wapp.

We also have a farm watch/community wapp group where I can assist to ask if we can post info on the group wapp.

Thank you

From: jessica@sesc.net <jessica@sesc.net>

Sent: Monday, 04 May 2026 14:35

Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham' <betsy@sesc.net>

Subject: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project: DR1602 - Public Participation

I hope you are doing well.

Thank you for providing the details of the surrounding landowners.

Could you please send me the email address of the farmers' association or group? I would like to include them in the public participation process for the proposed project.

If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Thursday, 30 April 2026 11:15

To: jessica@sesc.net

Subject: RE: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project: DR1602 - Public Participation

Good Morning

See attached screenshot with contact details.

You can send info yes

Thank you

From: jessica@sesc.net <jessica@sesc.net>

Sent: Thursday, 30 April 2026 10:50

To: .

Cc: '

Subject: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project: DR1602 - Public Participation

I hope you are doing well.

We are responsible for the environmental process for the proposed road and culverts project along DR1602.

Could you please assist in getting the adjacent landowners' details? Please see the map below.



Identification of any additional Interested and Affected Parties:

Could you please be the point of contact to share the information over WhatsApp with the relevant community members when public participation starts?

If you have any of the farmers' association/ group emails, could you please share them with me, so that I can include the information when we run public participation?

Kindly note, we are planning to run public participation from the 15th of May 2026 for 30-days.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sent: Monday, 01 June 2026 10:26
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From:
Sent: Monday, 01 June 2026 13:11
To: jessica@sesc.net
Cc: Sinazo Pekula (WCP)
Subject: REMINDER: DEADP REF NO:16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG (DR) 1602 KM

Good day Jessica

I hope this email finds you well. This email is to acknowledge the receipt of this application.

Kind regards,

Statutory Control Intern
Western Cape Province



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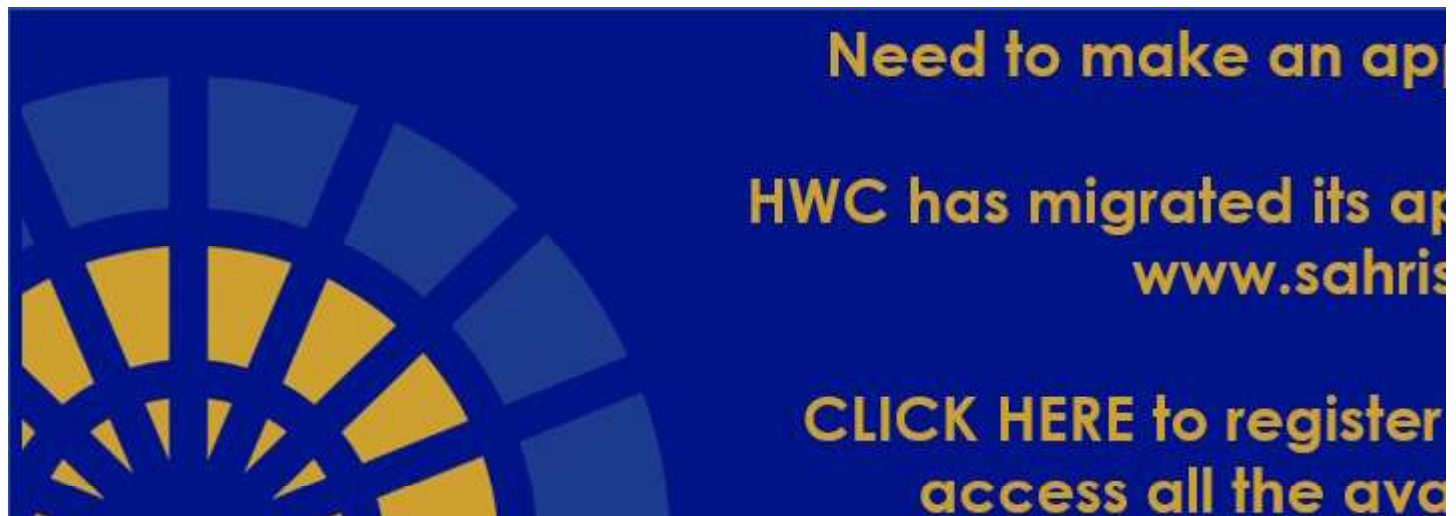
Good day

Please can you provide me with HWC reference number for me to provide you with a comment.

If there was no NID trigger, please note that HWC cannot comment on matters that do not form part of our mandate.

Kind regards,
Stephanie-Anne Barnardt-Delport
Specialist Heritage Officer

Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport
Protea Assurance Building Greenmarket Square, Cape Town
Contact Number: 021 483 3315
Website: www.hwc.org.za / www.westerncape.gov.za



From: jessica@sesc.net <jessica@sesc.net>

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 10:26 AM

Cc: Betsy Ditcham <betsy@sesc.net>

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Good day,

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Kind regards,



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Dear Jessica

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Regards,

101 York Street, 3rd Floor Room 302, George 6530, PO Box 1205 George 6530

Enquiries: Tshembhani Ngobeni

Tel: 023 346 8000

E-mail: tngobeni@bocma.co.za

Reference: 4/10/2/K20A/DR1602 Kleinplaas RD, Mossel Bay

Date: 4 June 2026

SES (Sharples Environmental Services)

Attention: Jessica jessica@sesc.net

COMMENTS : THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48, KLEINPLAAS ROAD, CROSSING FARM 338 AND PORTION 6 OF FARM 220, MOSSEL BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY.

Your application dated 15 May 2026 has reference.

The Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) has evaluated the submitted documents and has the following comments:

Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) hereby acknowledges receipt of your application dated 15 May 2026 for the aforementioned activity, which was received by this office on 15 May 2026. Based on an evaluation of the intended activity and the information provided, it has been determined that the proposed removal and replacement of the existing road and culvert infrastructure located along Division Road (DR) 1602 1602 KM 8.48, Kleinplaas road, crossing farm 338 and portion 6 of farm 220, Mossel Bay Local Municipality, Garden Route District Municipality will not have an impact on water resources. This office therefore supports the proposed project.

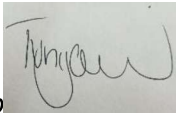
1. BOCMA does not object to the proposed development subject to compliance with the following condition:
 - 1.1 The proposed removal and replacement of the existing road and culvert infrastructure located along Division Road (DR) 1602 1602 KM 8.48, Kleinplaas road, crossing farm 338 and portion 6 of farm 220, Mossel, located within the jurisdiction of the Mossel Bay Local Municipality, Western Cape. will trigger Section 21 (c) & (i) water uses of National Water Act , 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998) As amended
2. Please note no abstraction of surface or groundwater may take place or storage of water be created without prior authorisation from this office, unless it is a Schedule 1 or Existing Lawful Use as described in Section 32 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) as amended.
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.
4. The applicant should be aware that according to Section 19 (1) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No.36 of 1998), *"an owner of land, a person in control of land or a person who occupies or uses the land on which (a) any activity or process is or was performed or undertaken; or (b) any other situation exists, which causes, has caused or is likely to cause pollution of a water resource, must take all reasonable measures to prevent any such pollution from occurring, continuing or recurring". Any pollution incident(s) resulting from*

the discharge of treated effluent or any activity from the plant must be reported within 24 hours to the relevant authority.

5. No stormwater runoff from the application premises containing waste, or water containing waste emanating from any activity may be discharged into a water resource without prior treatment.
6. All requirements as stipulated in the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) regarding water use must be adhered to.
7. These comments do not exempt you from complying with other relevant legislations and requirements of other governmental Departments.

BOCMA reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information received.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jan van Staden', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

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Mr Jan van Staden

Chief Executive Officer (Acting)

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Sent: Thursday, 04 June 2026 13:32
To: '
Cc: '
Subject: RE: THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48, KLEINPLAAS ROAD, CROSSING FARM 338 AND PORTION 6 OF FARM 220, MOSSEL BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

Good afternoon

Thank you for your comments.

If you need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

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From:
Sent: Thursday, 04 June 2026 13:12
To: jessica@sesc.net
Cc: Andiswa Sam <ASam@bocma.co.za>; Rudzani Makahane <RMakahane@bocma.co.za>
Subject: THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48, KLEINPLAAS ROAD, CROSSING FARM 338 AND PORTION 6 OF FARM 220, MOSSEL BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

Dear Jessica

Kindly Receive the attached comments for your attention.

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From: admin@mosselbay.gov.za
Sent: Friday, 05 June 2026 08:58
To: jessica@sesc.net
Cc: betsy@sesc.net
Subject: REMINDER: DEADP REF NO:16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG (DR) 1602 KM

Importance: High

Correspondence Reference: 46322009
File Reference: 16/3/4/1

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / ONTVANGSERKENNING

We acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding the abovementioned matter and wish to confirm that the matter is receiving attention.

Ons erken ontvangs van u skrywe in bogemelde verband en bevestig dat die saak aandag geniet.

Yours faithfully / Die uwe

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From: jessica@sesc.net
Sent: Friday, 05 June 2026 13:10
To: 'Melanie Koen'
Cc: 'betsy@sesc.net'
Subject: RE: DEADP REF NO:16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM

Good day Melanie,

Thank you for your notification. We look forward to receiving your comments.

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Sent: Friday, 05 June 2026 13:07
To: jessica@sesc.net
Subject: FW: DEADP REF NO:16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM

Dear Jessica- Hope this email finds you well. Please note that comment will be forwarded in due course. Kind regards

From: Melanie Koen
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 4:30 PM
Cc: jessica@sesc.net
Subject: DEADP REF NO:16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48

Dear Sir/ Madam- Thank you for attached documents. This email serves to confirm documents received. Kindly note that the proposed development will be placed on list for commenting. The Departmental official who will be handling this matter is M. Koen 0609730991 and all communication with regard to this project\ activity should be directed to her. Kindly confirm receipt. Regards

From: jessica@sesc.net

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 3:42 PM

Cc: betsy@sesc.net

Subject: DEADP REF NO:16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48

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From: rekords@gardenroute.gov.za
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2026 12:01
To: jessica@sesc.net
Subject: Confirmation of Correspondence Received

Importance: High

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With reference to your request titled -
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EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG (DR) 1602 KM dated 2026-06-01.

Your request was distributed.
File Reference 18/3/4/4
Record Reference 47507647
To follow-up this request please contact us on 044 8031300.

Kind Regards

GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham'
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2026 18:31
To: jessica@sesc.net
Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham'
Subject: RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] FINAL REMINDER: DEADP REF NO:16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE

Dear applicant

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Regards,
Wayleave Management
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From: jessica@sesc.net <jessica@sesc.net>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2026 16:20
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From: jessica@sesc.net
Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2026 08:02
To:
Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham'; 'wayleave.applications@ntcsa.co.za'
Subject: RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] FINAL REMINDER: DEADP REF NO:16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE

Good morning Lungile,

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Regards,
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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for submitting your wayleave application.

Your application has been successfully received and registered under the following reference number:

Reference Number: [WL-2026-989]

The application has been assigned to the following responsible person:

Assigned Officer: Samke Ndlovu[]
Email Address: [NdlovuSk@ntcsa.co.za]

The assigned officer will be your point of contact and will engage with you should any additional information or clarification be required.

Please note that this acknowledgement confirms receipt of your application and does not constitute approval.

Kindly quote the reference number provided above in all future correspondence.

For any enquiries, please contact:
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From: Maipfi
Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2026 08:11
To: jessica@sesc.net
Subject: Wayleave Application Acknowledgement – [WL-2026-990]

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Thank you for submitting your wayleave application.

Your application has been successfully received and registered under the following reference number:

Reference Number: [WL-2026-990]

The application has been assigned to the following responsible person:

Assigned Officer: Khayelihle Zulu[]
Email Address: [ZuluKC@ntcsa.co.za]

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Correspondence Reference: 46346243

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Yours faithfully / Die uwe

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From: rekords@gardenroute.gov.za
Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2026 10:20
To: jessica@sesc.net
Subject: Confirmation of Correspondence Received

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Dear JESSICA GOSSMAN,

With reference to your request titled -
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To follow-up this request please contact us on 044 8031300.

Kind Regards

GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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From: Melanie Koen <Mkoen@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2026 15:16
To: jessica@sesc.net
Subject: Comment
Attachments: EIA-WC-GR-0013-2026-27.pdf

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DATE: 10 June 2026

Attention: Mrs. J. Gossman
Email: jessica@sescs.net

Dear Sir/ Madam

I refer to your e-mail notification of 14 May 2026 refers.

Please receive comments from the Branch: Forestry Management, Directorate: Forest Resource Protection in the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on the above-mentioned proposed Draft BAR.

The mandate of the Forestry Branch in the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), as a commenting authority, is to ensure control over developments that affect State forests, natural forests, forest nature reserves and protected trees.

1. The applicant must assess and quantify the anticipated impacts on the indigenous forests. The National Forests Act of 1998 (as amended) provides the strongest and most comprehensive legislation and mandate for the protection of all natural forests in South Africa. The principles of the Act in Section 3 state clearly that "...natural forests may not be destroyed save in exceptional circumstances where, in the opinion of the Minister, a proposed new land use is preferable in terms of its economic, social or environmental benefits".
2. Section 7 of the National Forest Act (NFA), act no 84 of 1998 as amended provides for the prohibition of the destruction of indigenous trees in any natural forest without a license. Under section 62 (1) of the NFA any person who contravenes the prohibition of certain acts in relation to trees in natural forests referred to in Section 7 (1) is guilty of a second category offence. A person who is guilty of a second category offence may be sentenced on a first conviction for that offence to a fine or imprisonment for a period of up to two years, or to both a fine and such imprisonment. Section 15 of the NFA, prohibits the destruction of protected trees without a license- "No person may cut, damage, destroy or remove any protected tree; or collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree....." Anyone contravening this prohibition, is guilty of a first category offence, and can be sentenced to up to 3 years imprisonment, or a fine, or both.
3. Section 7 of the Act prohibits the cutting, disturbance, destruction or removal of any indigenous living or dead tree in a forest without a licence, while Section 15 places a similar prohibition on protected tree species listed under the Act, some of which are also forest species.
4. Cutting or disturbing an indigenous tree in a natural forest without a valid Forest Act Licence is a criminal offence and a transgression of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) and carries a fine or imprisonment or both.



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5. Indigenous trees with active bird nests or other significant biodiversity features may not be destroyed without a valid Fauna Permit from the provincial conservation authority, the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform ("DAERL"), if these would be affected.

DFFE studied the supporting documents for the above-mentioned proposed Draft BAR report and the following points related to Forestry's mandate i.e. the implementation of the NFA are applicable

6. According to the information provided: "The existing low-level causeway was significantly damaged during the November 2021 flood events, resulting in structural failure, erosion of embankments, and compromised road safety. The proposed development forms part of a broader provincial flood damage repair programme aimed at improving infrastructure resilience, ensuring continued access, and reducing future risks to both ecological systems and transport infrastructure. The total development footprint is approximately 1,646 m². proposal is for the removal, replacement, and realignment of the existing causeway and associated road infrastructure along Divisional Road (DR) 1602 (Kleinplaas Road) at km 8.48, over the Varings River. The site is located on Farm 338 and Portion 6 of Farm 220 within the Mossel Bay. The site is located within a rural agricultural landscape and crosses the Varings River, which supports riparian habitat and associated ecological functions. The surrounding area includes indigenous vegetation classified as Garden Route Granite Fynbos, identified as sensitive in regional biodiversity planning frameworks". Forestry request that should protected trees occur according to the NFA, that these be rescued and relocated.

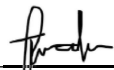
Forestry has the following comments:

- i. Forestry has a co-operative governance relationship with various Authorities as well as stakeholders, and thus will take their concerns into consideration if such should arise
- ii. Forestry request the following:
 1. Forestry request that protected trees be rescued and transplanted (where possible) of an offset should be looked into.
 2. Forestry should be contacted timeously to apply for a Section 7 licence under the NFA should removal be required. Forestry may only issue such a licence with conditions under the NFA for the pruning of protected/ indigenous trees overhanging the footprint of the proposed development, once Building Plans are approved as well as all Municipal prescriptions are met. Applicant to comply with all Environmental Laws as well as Municipal prescriptions
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Note: The Department reserves the right to revise the initial comment based on any additional information that may be received

Should you wish to correspond further on this matter, quote Reference EIA-WC-GR-0013-2026-27. Enquiries may be directed to Ms. TF Gwala at TGwala@dffe.gov.za, Cell 066 374 7795.

Yours Faithfully,



SIGNATURE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Letter signed by: Ms. T. Gwala

Designation: Deputy Director Forest Resource Protection

Branch: Forestry Management



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From: jessica@sesc.net
Sent: Monday, 15 June 2026 13:01
To: 'Melanie Koen'
Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham'
Subject: RE: Comment

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Good Morning,

I am following up with your office regarding comments for the proposed project DR1602 – Mossel Bay. Please find the project details below.

Kindly note I have tried calling your office on the 17th of June 2026.

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Yours faithfully / Die uwe

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Subject: Wayleave Application Acknowledgement – [WL-2026-1051]

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Reference Number: [WL-2026-1051]

The application has been assigned to the following responsible person:

Assigned Officer: Zandisile Mseleni[]
Email Address: [MselenZM@ntcsa.co.za]

The assigned officer will be your point of contact and will engage with you should any additional information or clarification be required.

Please note that this acknowledgement confirms receipt of your application and does not constitute approval.

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Regards,
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Dear Jessica,

I am well thank you. I trust you are too.

Thank you for following up and our apology for the delay in submitting CapeNature's comments. Kindly find attached comments from CapeNature. If you require anything else do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Megan

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Reference **LE14/2/6/1/6/6/338&220-6_Linear Infrastructure_Mossel Bay**

date **19 June 2026**

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Attention: Ms Jessica Gossman
By email: jessica@sesc.net

Dear Ms Jessica Gossman

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DEA&DP Reference: I6/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the above report. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application. CapeNature wishes to make the following comments:

According to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (CapeNature 2024)¹ the areas adjacent to the proposed repair areas are Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA 1&2: Terrestrial and Aquatic). According to the Vlok and de Villiers (2007)² fine scale maps the vegetation are classified as Moordkuils Perennial Stream, Wolwedans Grassy Fynbos, and Wolwedans Thicket Forest. According to the updated South African Vegetation Map (Beta VegMap, 2024)³, the vegetation is mapped as **Endangered** Garden Route Shale Fynbos and **Critically Endangered** Garden Route Granite Fynbos (NEM:BA, 2022)⁴.

The proposed project area traverses the Varings River, which is mapped as a channelled valley-bottom wetland ecosystem that is **Critically Endangered** and **Poorly Protected** (Van Deventer *et al.* 2019)⁵. Furthermore, the property falls within the Outeniqua National Strategic Water Source Area (SWSA) for surface water and the George and Outeniqua SWSA for

¹ CapeNature. 2024. 2023 Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan and Guidelines. Unpublished Report

² Vlok JHJ, de Villiers R (2007) Vegetation Map for the Riversdale Domain. Unpublished 1:50 000 maps and report supported by CAPE FSP task team and CapeNature.

³ South African National Biodiversity Institute (2006-2024). The Vegetation Map of South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland, Mucina, L., Rutherford, M.C. and Powrie, L.W. (Editors). Online, <https://bgis.sanbi.org/Projects/Detail/2258>, Version 2024.

⁴ National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004). The Revised National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and in need of protection. 2022. Government Gazette No. 47526

⁵ Van Deventer, H., van Niekerk, L., Adams, J., Dinala, M.K./ Gangat, R., Lamberth, S.J., Lötter, M., MacKay, F., Nel, J.L., Ramjukadh, C.J., Skowno, A., Weerts, S. 2019. National Wetland Map 5-An Improved Spatial Extent and representation of inland aquatic and estuarine ecosystems in South Africa.

groundwater. CapeNature has reviewed the application and provide the following comments and recommendations:

1. CapeNature notes that the proposed repair works are located within a highly sensitive landscape. While the proposed activity relates to the replacement of existing infrastructure, these biodiversity sensitivities require a precautionary approach and strict implementation of all specialist recommendations. Disturbance should therefore be limited to the minimum footprint required for construction, and all temporary disturbance areas must be rehabilitated following completion of the works.
2. Ongoing alien invasive vegetation clearing within disturbed areas and adjacent riparian habitat should be continuous throughout construction. The eradication of invasive alien vegetation must comply with the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004)⁶ and its associated Alien and Invasive Species Regulations⁷.
3. The site falls within both a Surface Water Strategic Water Source Area for the Outeniqua region and a Groundwater Strategic Water Source Area. These areas are nationally important for water security and ecosystem functioning. Construction activities should therefore be undertaken in a manner that minimises impacts on hydrological processes, water quality, and wetland functioning.
4. CapeNature notes the freshwater specialist's recommendation that disturbance associated with the temporary bypass road be minimised on the upstream side of the crossing, as these areas are considered more intact and ecologically sensitive. Attention should be given to the identified No-Go areas, tributary confluences, intact wetland habitat, and riparian vegetation. These areas should be clearly demarcated prior to construction and monitored throughout the construction phase.
5. Construction activities within and adjacent to the Varings River pose a risk to surface water quality through sediment mobilisation, concrete wash water, and other construction-related pollutants. Appropriate measures must be implemented to prevent contamination of the watercourse and associated wetland habitats.
6. CapeNature supports the freshwater specialist's recommendation for ecological rehabilitation, including the stabilisation of eroded banks, formalisation of road drainage outlets, removal of invasive alien vegetation, and wetland rehabilitation interventions where feasible.
7. Given the very high soil erodibility associated with the site, together with the presence of a Critically Endangered wetland system, erosion and sediment control measures should form a key component of the Environmental Management Programme. Particular attention should be given to temporary diversion works, bypass road construction, excavation within the watercourse, stockpiling of material, stabilisation of disturbed banks, and rehabilitation of all disturbed areas immediately following construction.
8. CapeNature understands that the proposed works within the watercourse will be authorised through the applicable General Authorisation in terms of Sections 21(c) and 21(i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998)⁸. All conditions associated with the General Authorisation and specialist recommendations should be strictly adhered to.

⁶ National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), Government Gazette No. 26436

⁷ Regulations under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004): Alien and Invasive Species Regulations, Government Gazette No. 43735

⁸ National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), Government Gazette No. 19182.

9. An independent and suitably qualified Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must remain appointed for the full duration of construction and rehabilitation. CapeNature recommends that the ECO be familiar with all freshwater and botanical mitigation measures; oversee erosion management and sediment control measures; and monitor alien vegetation control and indigenous revegetation success.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Simons', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Megan Simons
For: Manager (Conservation Intelligence)

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From:
Sent: Monday, 22 June 2026 21:28
To: Louise.Buys@westerncape.gov.za; jessica@sesc.net
Subject: RE: Original Wayleave Application – Ref: [WL-2026-990]
Attachments: WL-2026-990-Road upgrade NotAffected.pdf; Appendix-A1-Locality-Map-Mossel-Bay.pdf; Appendix-A2-Zoning-Map.pdf

Dear Sir Madam.

Please find our comment letter attached. The response is based on the locality maps attached.

Regards



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I trust that this clarifies the process.

Regards



Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2026 08:11

To:

Subject: Original Wayleave Application – Ref: [WL-2026-990]

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Applicant Email: [jessica@sescs.net]

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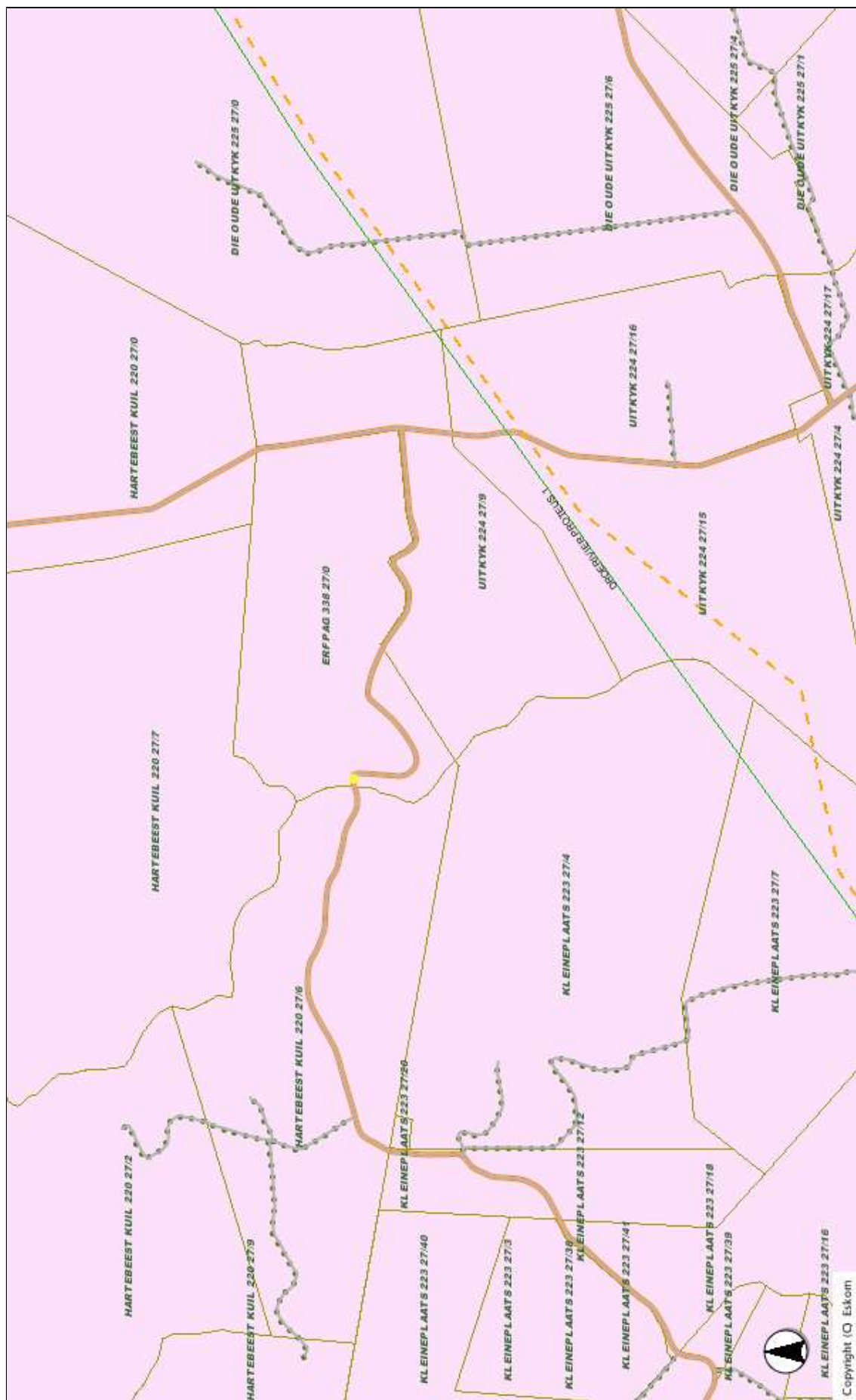
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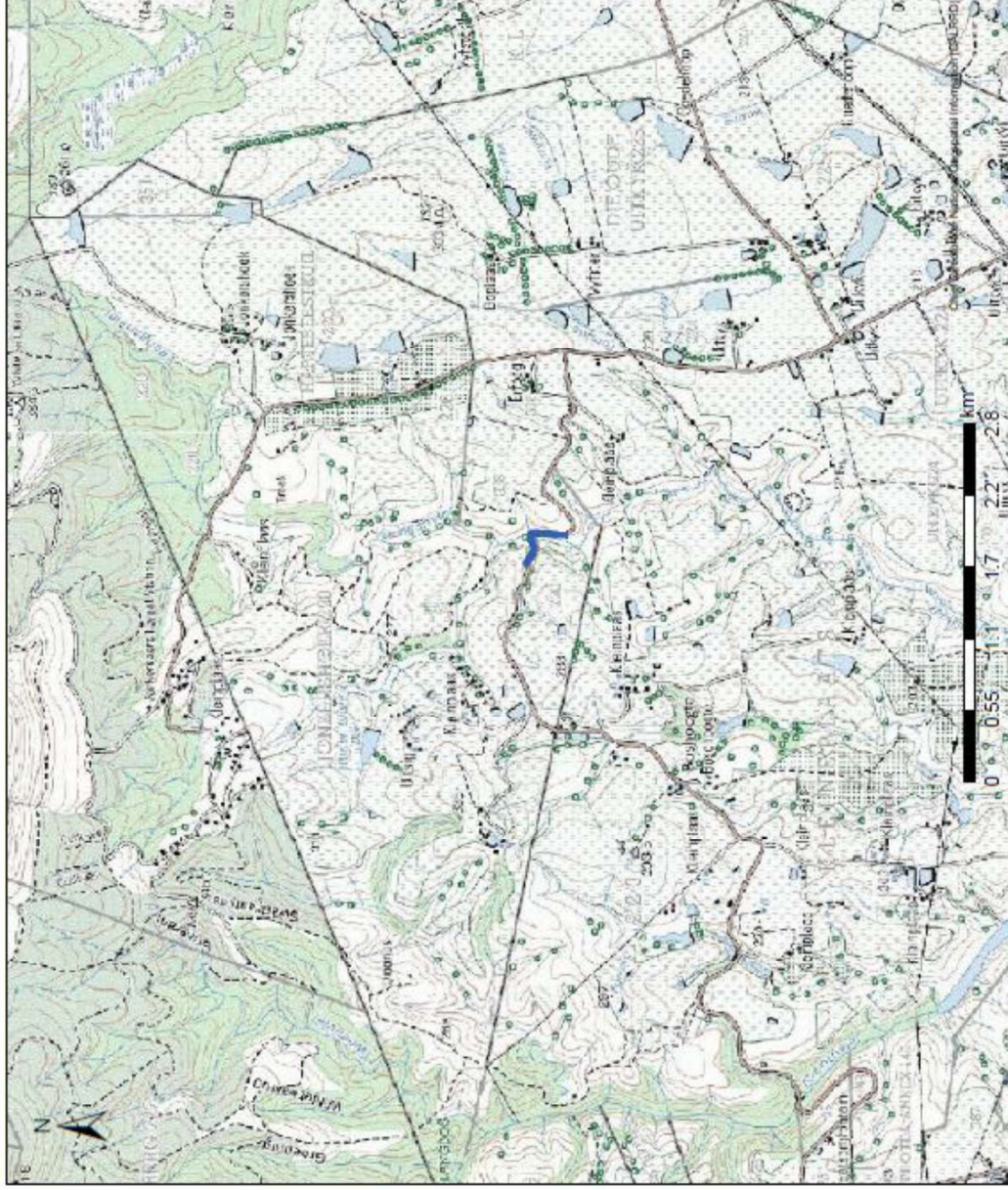


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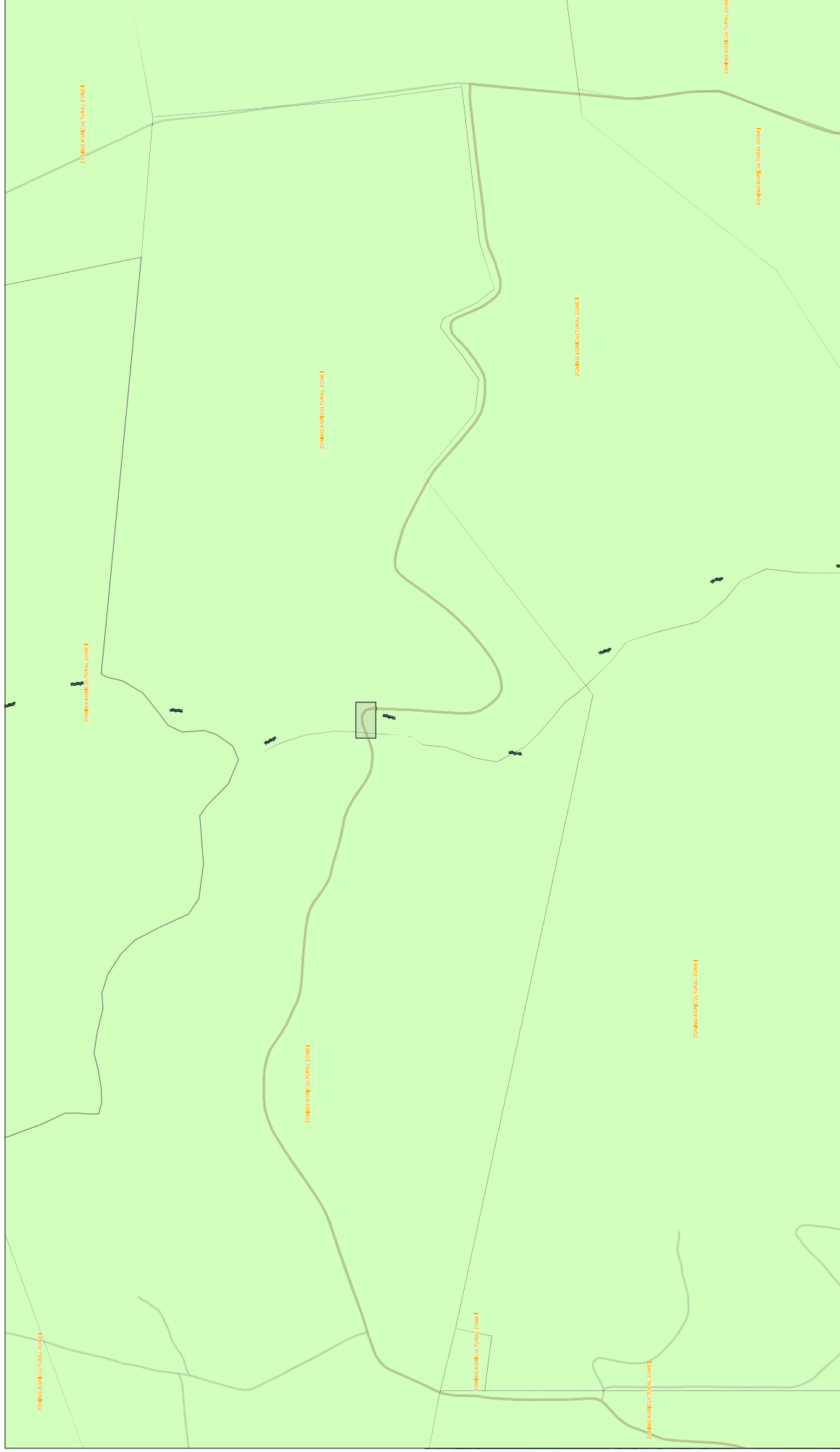


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From: jessica@sesc.net
Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2026 10:12
To:
Subject: RE: Original Wayleave Application – Ref: [WL-2026-990]

Good morning Khayelihle,

Thank you for your clarification on the proposed DR1602 – Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Monday, 22 June 2026 21:28
To: Louise.Buys@westerncape.gov.za; jessica@sesc.net
Subject: RE: Original Wayleave Application – Ref: [WL-2026-990]

Dear Sir Madam.

Please find our comment letter attached. The response is based on the locality maps attached.

Regards

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I trust that this clarifies the process.

Regards



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To:
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Applicant Email: jessica@sesc.net

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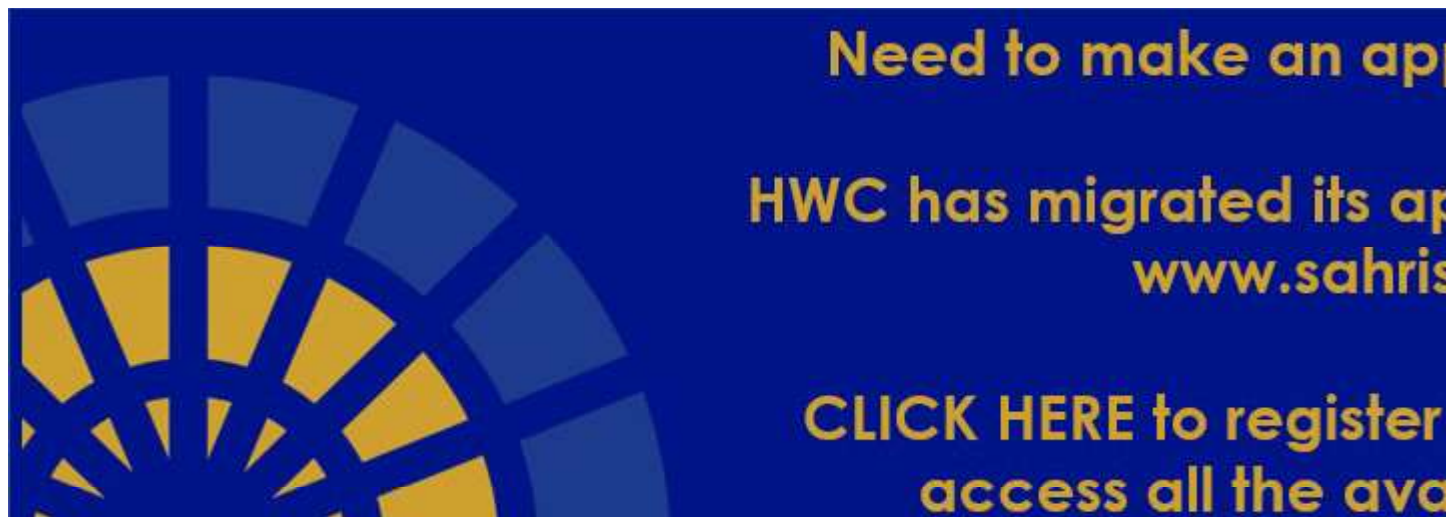
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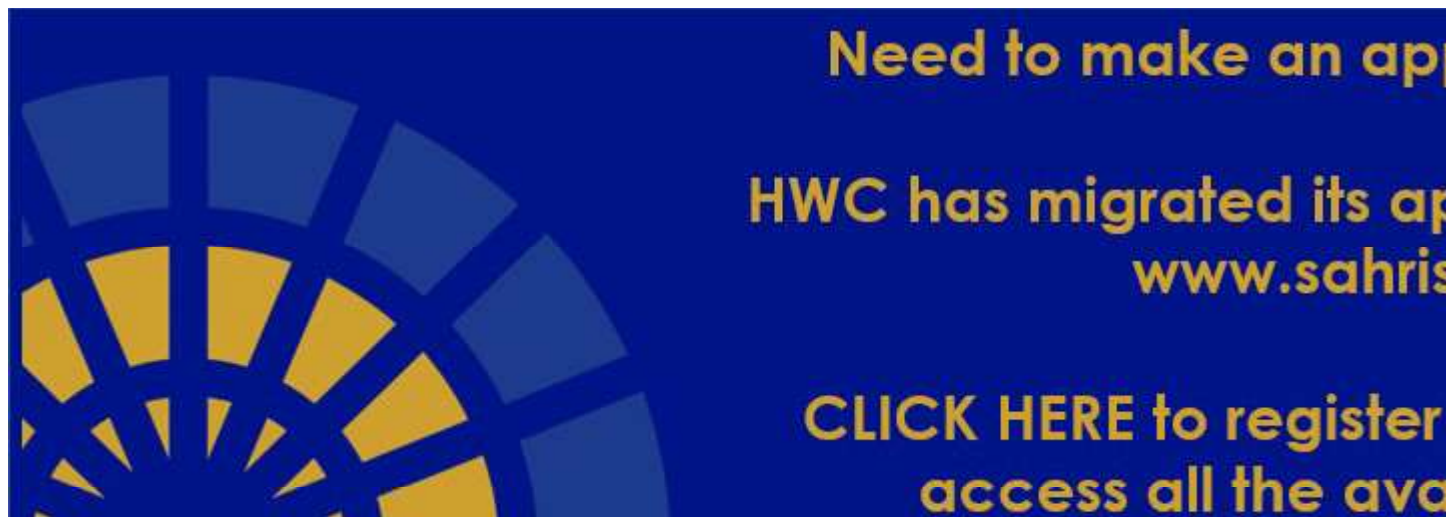
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After review of the draft BAR, we wish to provide the following comments and recommendations on the proposed activities:

1. Biodiversity

The proposed development footprint is located in a sensitive biodiversity context, including mapped aquatic and wetland Critical Biodiversity Areas associated with the Varings River. The broader vegetation context includes Garden Route Granite Fynbos, which is identified in the draft BAR as Critically Endangered, although the terrestrial specialist also indicates that the actual footprint is highly disturbed and dominated by alien invasive species.

The fact that the site is disturbed does not remove the need for strict biodiversity management. Disturbed CBAs and ESAs still require rehabilitation and careful management, especially where the disturbance is associated with a watercourse, wetland habitat, riparian vegetation and invasive alien vegetation. The draft BAR records alien invasive species including Eucalyptus, Black Wattle, Port Jackson and Beefwood, and it also recognises that alien tree removal can destabilise riverbanks if not undertaken carefully.

Recommendation:

All areas outside the approved construction footprint and working corridor must be treated as no-go areas. The final BAR and EMPr must include a clear rehabilitation plan, a search-and-rescue plan where applicable, and an alien invasive plant management plan. Alien invasive removal along the riverbanks must be phased and combined with bank stabilisation, erosion protection and replanting with locally appropriate indigenous species. No vegetation clearing may take place outside the authorised footprint, and the final BAR must clearly quantify the actual extent of indigenous vegetation clearance.

2. Aquatic Biodiversity, Wetlands and Watercourse Protection

The main environmental risk relates to direct works within the Varings River and associated wetland/riparian habitat. The draft BAR identifies the aquatic sensitivity as Very High and confirms that the watercourse will be directly impacted during removal, excavation, infilling, temporary diversion road construction and culvert replacement.

The aquatic assessment indicates that the Varings River has already been modified by the existing road crossing, narrow culvert openings, alien vegetation, sedimentation, erosion and agricultural encroachment. The Present Ecological State is described as Moderately Modified. The proposed works may improve long-term flow and sediment movement, but only if the design, temporary diversion, stormwater outlets, erosion protection and rehabilitation are implemented correctly. Poor construction in the river could worsen erosion, sedimentation and water quality.

Recommendation:

The final engineering design, construction method statement, temporary diversion design and disturbance footprint must be approved by the aquatic specialist before commencement. The smallest possible working corridor must be used. Construction in or near the watercourse should, where possible, be scheduled during the drier period. No stockpiles, refuelling, cement batching, chemical storage or concrete washout may occur within or immediately adjacent to the riparian zone. All temporary bypass material must be fully removed after construction, and the channel morphology, bed, banks and substrate must be reinstated as far as reasonably possible.

3. Stormwater, Erosion and Sedimentation

The project area is susceptible to erosion, and the draft BAR records that the soils are highly erodible. Stormwater, exposed soil, construction disturbance, bare banks and concentrated road runoff could cause sedimentation and further degradation of the Varings River if not controlled.

The existing causeway and drainage arrangements have contributed to sedimentation upstream and erosion downstream. The upgraded culvert system may improve hydraulic functioning, but the road-side drains, culvert outlets, wing walls, aprons, gabions, reno mattresses and energy dissipaters must be designed and installed to prevent concentrated high-velocity flows from scouring the channel and banks.

Recommendation:

The Environmental Authorisation should require a site-specific erosion and sediment control method statement before commencement. Stormwater outlets must be formalised and stabilised using appropriate energy dissipation measures. Silt fences, berms, geotextiles, sandbags, stabilised stockpile areas and exposed-slope protection must be available and implemented before major earthworks commence. High-rainfall contingency measures must be included, and no construction activity should continue during conditions where sediment-laden runoff is likely to enter the watercourse uncontrolled.

4. Aquatic Environment, Stormwater and Erosion

The aquatic compliance statement indicates that no watercourse is present on the property and that the site falls outside the regulated area of watercourses for purposes of Section 21(c) and (i) water use authorisation. However, the BAR also states that steep slopes, sandy soils, increased hardened surfaces and existing erosion create a material stormwater and erosion risk.

The absence of a mapped watercourse does not remove the need for robust stormwater management. The BAR acknowledges that hard surfaces will increase runoff volumes and velocities and may exacerbate existing erosion. This is especially

important because stormwater will be dispersed towards existing culverts and lower-lying areas, including infrastructure associated with the N2 corridor.

Recommendation

A final stormwater management plan based on Sustainable Drainage System principles is recommended. The plan must demonstrate pre-development versus post-development runoff, attenuation capacity, discharge points, erosion protection, downstream capacity, maintenance responsibilities, emergency overflow routes, water-quality controls, silt management during construction, and measures to prevent concentrated flow paths.

5. Climate Resilience and Flood Risk

The District Municipality supports the principle of improving flood-damaged public infrastructure, but the final BAR should demonstrate clearly that the proposed design is climate-resilient and appropriate for future flood events.

The need for the project arose from flood damage, and the draft BAR links the project to improved infrastructure resilience. It is therefore not sufficient for the report to state generally that the new causeway will improve resilience. The final submission should confirm the hydraulic capacity of the culverts, the design flood considerations, and whether climate change-related increases in flood frequency or intensity were considered in the design.

Recommendation

The final BAR should include or cross-reference the relevant engineering design information confirming that the culvert size, apron design, bank protection and road level are appropriate for the expected flood regime. The design should avoid increasing flood risk to neighbouring landowners, downstream users or adjacent agricultural land. Post-construction inspection of stormwater and erosion-control infrastructure should be required at least annually before the rainy season and after major rainfall events.

6. Fauna and Avifauna

The draft BAR records that the faunal and avifaunal sensitivities are low, with no Species of Conservation Concern recorded within the immediate footprint. This finding is accepted, subject to normal precautionary construction controls.

Although the site is disturbed and no sensitive species were recorded, construction activities can still harm common fauna through vehicle movement, open excavations, fires, noise, habitat disturbance and poor waste management. The presence of low sensitivity does not mean that no management measures are required.

Recommendation

The EMPr must require environmental induction for all site personnel. No fauna may be trapped, fed, killed or harmed. Open excavations should be checked daily and made safe for small animals. Any fauna requiring relocation must be handled by a suitably competent person or specialist. Fires must be prohibited, and vehicles must remain within demarcated access and work areas only.

7. Heritage Resources

The draft BAR states that the heritage specialist concluded that Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act is not triggered and that no demolition permit is required, even though the structures are described as being older than 60 years.

This is an area that should be clearly explained in the final BAR because structures older than 60 years can potentially raise heritage permitting questions. The District Municipality does not dispute the specialist finding, but the reasoning should be clear and supported by the relevant specialist statement.

Recommendation

The final BAR must include the complete heritage statement and must clearly explain why no Heritage Western Cape process or Section 34 demolition permit is required. A chance-find protocol must be included in the EMPr. Should any archaeological, palaeontological or heritage material be uncovered during construction, work in the immediate area must stop and the relevant heritage authority or specialist must be contacted.

8. Waste, Pollution and Hazardous Substances

Although the draft BAR states that no listed waste management activity is triggered, the construction phase will still generate general construction waste and presents a risk of hydrocarbon, cement, chemical and sediment contamination.

Works within a watercourse have a higher pollution risk than ordinary roadworks. Cement wash water, contaminated stormwater, leaking plant, fuel, oil, litter and poorly managed waste can enter the Varings River and cause localised water-quality impacts.

Recommendation

The EMPr must include a practical waste and pollution prevention plan. All waste must be stored in designated containers and removed to an appropriately licensed facility. Proof of disposal should be kept on site. Fuel, oil and chemicals must be stored in bunded areas away from the watercourse. Spill kits must be available at all times. No concrete batching or washout may occur on unprotected ground or within the riparian zone. Portable toilets must be placed away from the watercourse and serviced regularly.

9. Report Corrections Required in the Final BAR

The draft BAR contains several weaknesses, internal inconsistencies and drafting errors that should be corrected before the final BAR is submitted.

A final BAR must be clear, internally consistent and decision-ready. Ambiguities in authorisations, mitigation commitments, monitoring intervals, impact areas and appendix status can make enforcement difficult and may create uncertainty for the competent authority, commenting authorities and the applicant.

Recommendation

The following matters must be corrected or clarified in the final BAR:

The report must reconcile the stated aquatic/CBA encroachment figures. In one section, the CBA aquatic/wetland encroachment is stated as 8 m², while another section refers to 12 m² of Very High Aquatic Sensitivity within the development footprint. The final BAR must provide one clear, mapped and quantified disturbance figure.

The National Water Act authorisation status must be clarified. The report refers in places to a General Authorisation that “will be applied for”, while elsewhere it states that a WUL/General Authorisation was obtained on 8 December 2025. The final BAR must clearly state whether the project is covered by a General Authorisation or a Water Use Licence, must use the correct terminology, and must attach the relevant DWS documentation.

The monitoring requirements must be made consistent. The report refers to monitoring every second day during river works, weekly monitoring during river works, bi-weekly or fortnightly post-construction monitoring, and monthly or two-weekly erosion monitoring. The final EMPr must adopt one clear monitoring schedule, and for instream construction the stricter aquatic specialist monitoring requirement should apply.

The alternatives section must be cleaned up. The report states that four road alignment alternatives were investigated, but later states that no other design or layout alternatives were investigated. This should be reconciled so that the competent authority can clearly understand which alternatives were considered and why the preferred alternative was selected.

The final BAR should remove cut-and-paste errors. Some wording appears to refer to “pipelines” or other project types, and one section refers to socio-economic alignment with the Bitou SDF and IDP, although this project is located in the Mossel Bay Local Municipality. These drafting errors should be corrected to avoid confusion.

The report should clarify the geotechnical and foundation design uncertainty. The DBAR indicates that the final foundation approach may change

depending on whether bedrock is confirmed during construction. The final BAR should explain whether any foundation design change could increase the footprint or environmental impact. Any design change that increases the footprint or affects sensitive areas should be referred back to the EAP, aquatic specialist and competent authority before implementation.

Appendix J and Appendix K are marked as not attached, although the impact/risk assessment and need-and-desirability information are important for decision-making. The final BAR must either attach these appendices or clearly state where the required information is fully included in the main report.

The Heritage section must clearly explain why no Heritage Western Cape process or demolition permit is required, given the statement that the structures are older than 60 years.

10. Concluding Remarks

The Garden Route District Municipality supports the need to repair and upgrade damaged public road and culvert infrastructure at the DR1602 Varings River crossing, provided that the project remains limited to the assessed footprint and is implemented strictly in accordance with the EMPr, specialist recommendations and applicable water-use authorisation. Failure to adequately address the above concerns in the Final BAR may result in long-term environmental degradation.

The comments provided above aims to complement the specialist inputs by ensuring practical accountability, policy alignment, and transparent decision-making.

We appreciate the efforts made by Sharples Environmental Services cc and the applicant to ensure responsible and legally compliant development activities.

The Garden Route District Municipality reserves the right to provide comment/s or to amend initial comment/s.

Yours Sincerely



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Please find attached the comment from this Department regarding the aforementioned subject.

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Dear Madam,

COMMENT ON DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISIONAL ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48, KLEINPLAAS ROAD, CROSSING FARM 338 AND PORTION 6 OF FARM 220 IN MOSSEL BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT.

1. The Draft Basic Assessment Report ('DBAR'), dated May 2026, compiled and submitted by your appointed registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner ('EAP'), Ms. Betsy Ditchm (EAPASA REG: 2020/1480) and assisted by candidate EAP, Ms. Jessica Gossman (EAPASA REG: 2022/6154) of *Sharples Environmental Services CC ("SES")*, as received by this Directorate: Development Management (Region 3) ('this Directorate'), on 29 April 2026, refers.
2. This Directorate has reviewed the DBAR and provides the following comments:

2.1 Proposed Development

The proposed development entails the removal and replacement of the existing flood-damaged causeway and associated road infrastructure along Divisional Road (DR) 1602 (Kleinplaas Road) at km 8.48, where the route crosses the Varings Rivier on Farm 338 and Portion 6 of Farm 220, within the Mossel Bay Local Municipality, Western Cape. The proposed project forms part of a larger scope of work that is not included in the DBAR. The proposed project forms part of the overarching project of flood damage repairs on Main Road 355 (Seven Passes). This DBAR is only concerned with proposed removal and replacement of existing road and culvert infrastructure located along DR 1602 KM 8.48, Kleinplaas Road.

The proposed development involves the construction of a new, realigned bridge and approach road section positioned immediately south of the existing crossing. The total length of the realigned section, including the causeway and its approach roads, will be approximately 100 – 150 meters. The roadway width will be approximately 6.2 meters and the bridge structure 4 meters between guide blocks, overall development footprint width of the bridge will be approximately 15 meters. The current road reserve is 20 meters wide, with the construction working corridor

extending 3 meters beyond the road footprint on either side for machinery access and material handling.

To maintain traffic during construction, a temporary deviation road will be established north of the new alignment. The proposed temporary deviation road will be approximately 42 meters in length and 4 meters in width. The footprint of the temporary deviation road within the watercourse is estimated at approximately 180m² and 3 meter working buffer will be applied around the working area. Total working area for the proposed project will be approximately 1 646m², which will extend approximately 233m² out of the existing road reserve.

2.2 Carrying out listed activities without obtaining an Environmental Authorisation:

During early May 2026 the Western Cape Province was subject to heavy rainfall which led to flooding throughout the Garden Route District and flood damage to property, structure and infrastructure. As you are aware, the Western Cape Government: Department of Infrastructure notified this Department on 9 June 2026 about damage to road and drainage infrastructure between km 0-km 21.56 on DR01602, Grootbrakrivier and requested the competent authority to issue a Verbal Directive in terms of Section 30A (1) of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA"). As such, a verbal directive was issued to the DOI by the Competent Authority on the 9 of June 2026 to carry out listed activities without obtaining an Environmental Authorisation.

The proposal which was communicated to this Department was/is to reinstate the damaged infrastructure, reinstate the watercourse(s) and flow paths and to provide erosion protection to protect infrastructure from future damages along this section of DR01602.

As this application (DEADP Ref. 16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26) has yet to be decided and the written confirmation of the request for the oral request for a Verbal S30A Directive was not specific about the exact works at km 8.48 on DR01602.

You are required to provide clarity on the following:

- Whether any physical works have been commenced with at km 8.48.
This must include recent photographic evidence of the site prior to any works which may have been undertaken after the recent May 2026 flood event; and comparative photo material of the works that have been undertaken since 9 June 2026 (*if any).

*If no physical activities have been undertaken yet at km 8.48 on DR01602, this must be clearly communicated to this Department.

- What the specific extent of the works are that have been/will be undertaken in terms of the Section 30A Directive issued on 9 June 2026.
- Please demonstrate how this application should be integrated in this Basic Assessment process.

It is acknowledged that where an Environmental Authorisation may have been issued for any of the sites in the Garden Route District, for which a Verbal Section 30A Directive was orally requested after the May 2026 flood damage, that the extent of such a Verbal Directive would be limited to the clearing the site of debris to make it safe and to re-establish access, including the development of a temporary bypass road within the road reserve to provide access. However, in this case the environmental authorisation has not been issued, and the oral request for the verbal Directive in terms of Section 30A(1) did not specific that the proposed development described in section 2.1 above, would be undertaken.

2.3 Specialist Studies and Compliance Statements

It is emphasised that the BAR and supporting specialist studies must comply with the legislated minimum information and reporting requirements. Therefore, all identified specialist studies must be complied with in full, meaning that each specialist study or compliance statement must be undertaken and comply with the minimum information requirements set out in the Protocol for the applicable Theme.

It may be possible for a single person to undertake the entire specialist assessment and reporting for more than one Protocol, for example the Terrestrial Biodiversity, Terrestrial Plant Species themes. Please note that the partial assessment/reporting of a specific theme by two or more different persons in separate reports, will not be accepted, even if there may be a level of overlap in the different specialist disciplines. *The exception may be where two or more different specialists undertake the assessment of the different 'taxa' identified under the animal species theme.

Where a single person will be undertaking more than one assessment of the themes identified in the screening tool report (STR), it must be ensured that—

- the person undertaking such specialist assessments and reporting, must be appropriately registered with SACNASP for each of the respective Protocols, and that he/she provides the necessary proof hereof in the BAR;
- the assessment and reports address all the minimum information requirements, as specified in the respective protocols for each of the relevant themes the person will be responsible for assessing and reporting on, and
- where a single report will be submitted (i.e., two themes are combined in a single report), such a document must clearly separate the information on the minimum information requirements of the respective protocols to avoid any ambiguity, and the report must clearly demonstrate how each aspect has been addressed. If the latter is not evident, the report will be rejected. It is recommended that each Protocol be dealt with as a separate 'chapter' in such a combined report.

Where the Protocol requires that specialists with a field of practice relevant to the taxonomic group ("taxa") for which the assessment is required, and two or more different specialists (persons) must be appointed to undertake the assessment of that theme (i.e., animal species theme), the respective taxa reports may be combined in a single report; however, the information on the minimum information requirements of the protocol must be addressed by each specialist to avoid any ambiguity, and the report must clearly demonstrate how each taxa has been addressed and the specialist has signed off on the relevant information. If the latter is not evident, the report will be rejected. It is recommended that the report for each taxa rather be submitted as a separate document; however, where a combined document is submitted that each taxa is dealt with as a separate 'chapter' in such a combined report.

Considering the above, the following comment is provided on certain specialist's studies.

2.3.1 Site-Specific Verification Report ("SSVR")

A combined Site Specific Verification Report ("SSVR") (SES Ref: CT6/SSVR/04/26) dated April 2026), was submitted together with the DBAR, as stipulated in the respective Protocols. The SSVR for the certain of the themes do not fully comply with the minimum report content requirements set out in the applicable Protocol. Certain discrepancies have been identified between the SSVR and the actual reports. The Protocol requires that the site sensitivity verification must be undertaken by an environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or a specialist. The combined SSVR which has been appended to the DBAR is incomplete as it does not address all the respective themes in full by the relevant specialists.

It is noted that the Animal Species Sensitivity Rating was identified as “High” within the Screening Tool Report. The specialist who was appointed to undertake the site sensitivity verification for the Animal Species theme (faunal and avifauna) was Mr. Mokgatla Molepo of *MORA Ecological Services (Pty) Ltd.*, Mr Molepo disputed the sensitivity rating and confirmed it to be “Low” and found that a compliance statement will suffice for the assessment of this theme. However, although the specialist, Mr. Molepo undertook the ground-truthing inspection for the site sensitivity verification on 29 and 30 October 2023 for the theme in its entirety, only an avi-faunal assessment has been submitted by Mr Molepo, there is no Animal species report from him on the other applicable taxa appended to the DBAR corroborating Mr. Molepo's findings in the site sensitivity report. Therefore, it is questionable that the sensitivity rating was correctly disputed for all animal species taxa.

It is noted that a compliance statement assessment was undertaken by Ms. Megan Smith and Ms. Edmari Lewis of *Enviroworks* (dated November 2023). No SSVR was provided by Ms Megan Smith for the animal species taxa not assessed by Mr. Molepo (i.e., avifauna).

This discrepancy must be explained and addressed in the BAR.

2.3.2 Plant Species, Animal Species and Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme Compliance Statement

A combined report for the three themes has been prepared by Ms. Megan Smith and Ms. Edmari Lewis of *Enviroworks* (dated November 2023) and is appended as Appendix G2 to the DBAR. To reiterate, the specialist who has completed the specialist input on these themes has not undertaken the SSVR or provided an SSVR which complies with the minimum information requirements of the Protocol together with their reports.

The following concerns/shortcomings are highlighted:

- The relevant reports do not comply with the minimum information requirements set out in the respective Protocols for the Animal Species Theme or Plant Species Theme (i.e., refer to Government Notice No. 1150 in Government Gazette No. 43855 of 30 October 2020, as amended by Government Notice No. 3717 in Government Gazette No. 49028 of 28 July 2023).

Note: The Protocol was amended prior to the date of the site inspections and the compliance assessment report being compiled. The amended Protocol has introduced specific requirements which must be addressed. The cross-reference checklist for specialist assessment included in the reports are incomplete.

- The date on which the site was inspected is more than two and a half years ago (31 months). It is unclear whether the report is still fully applicable to site as no confirmation cover letter has been appended.
- The report includes data for two sites namely: Site 4 - DR1633 km 3.35, Varings River – Jonkershoek and Site 8 - DR1602 km 8.5, Varings River. It is understood that the information for Site 8 corresponds to this application.

The reports fail to demonstrate which species were indeed found on the site, and only provide a list of species which potentially may occur on the reference sites or close to the site itself.

Although there is a certain level of distinction between the two sites in the report, the information in Appendix B: Table 7 Plant species recorded on the reference sites and Appendix C: Table 8 Potential animal species that can be found on the reference site and immediate surrounds, do not highlight which information is applicable to the site on DR01602 (km 8.48).

Furthermore, the information on sensitive species has not been provided to the Competent Authority and the report merely states that it is "classified". Please note that the Screening Tool Report (appended as "Appendix I" to the DBAR) provides clear guidance that where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za listing all sensitive species with their unique identifiers for which information is required. The name has been withheld as the species may be prone to illegal harvesting and must be protected. SANBI will release the actual species name after the details of the EAP or specialist have been documented. It appears that the specialist has failed to follow this process as no information is provided in the report, or whether the specific species have been found. Only providing generalised statements/conclusions without substantiating the data, is not deemed to comply with the protocol.

(A similar procedure must be followed for the animal species for which a unique number has been assigned).

- The Animal Species section of the report fails to demonstrate to which taxonomic group ("taxa") the assessment applies, and whether the person has the relevant experience in the field of practice relevant to the taxa. It is acknowledged that Appendix B and C do provide a list of taxa (animal species) which may potentially occur on reference sites. This does not adequately address the requirements of the Protocol to demonstrate that the person has the relevant experience, more specifically in the field of practice relevant to the taxonomic groups ("taxa") for which the assessment is being undertaken.
- Requirements of the Specialist
The compliance statement must be prepared by a SACNASP registered specialist under one of the two fields of practice (Zoological Science or Ecological Science).

The report has been signed off by Ms. Megan Smith (SACNASP No.130295 Pr.Nat.Sci – Ecological Science) and "co-authored" by Ms. Edmari Lewis (Candidate Nat. Sci No. 47171 – Environmental Sciences), at the time of completing the report. The Natural Sciences Professions Act No. 27 of 2003 ("NSPA") the SACNASP provides that only Professional Natural Scientists may undertake and sign off on the submission of a specialist report. Whereas a Candidate Natural Scientists can only perform work under the supervision and control of a registered Professional Natural Scientist. This has been confirmed in the SACNASP's *Legal and Compliance Practise Note* (SAC20225/001PN). However, the relevant Protocols specify that the compliance statement must be prepared by a SACNASP registered specialist in specific fields of practise, namely—

- **Animal species theme** – within the field of practice in the Zoological Science or Ecological Science;
- **Plant species theme** - within the field of practice in the Botanical Science or Ecological Science.

Even though the SACNASP must still finalise their formal document on the "Identification of Work" to regulating the practice of natural scientific professions, ensure public protection, and maintaining high standards of professional and ethical conduct, the Protocols clearly restrict the work to specifically registered professionals.

It is not apparent that the Candidate undertaking the specialist assessments and reporting, under the supervision of the Professional Scientist, is/was appropriately registered with SACNASP for either of the respective Protocols. It is apparent that the field of practise in Environmental Sciences is different to the requirement and not permitted by the Protocols. It is also unclear from the report to what extent the Candidate has undertaken the work or compiled the report, which raises the question if they can be accepted.

For the Department to accept the respective reports, the registered Professional Natural Scientist must clarify the above, update the report where necessary and demonstrate that the reports comply with the regulatory requirements.

2.3.3 *Animal Species (Avifauna) Compliance Statement*

It is noted that Mr. Mokgatla Molepo of *MORA Ecological Services (Pty) Ltd.*, undertook the ground truthing for the site sensitivity verification on 29 and 30 October 2023 for this theme. The compliance statement only addresses an avifauna study and not a complete faunal study as per the SSVR undertaken by Mr Molepo.

The following concerns/shortcomings are highlighted:

- The report does not comply with the minimum information requirements set out in the Protocols for the Animal Specie Theme (i.e., in Government Notice No. 1150 in Government Gazette No. 43855 of 30 October 2020, **as amended** by Government Notice No. 3717 in Government Gazette No. 49028 of 28 July 2023). The cross-reference checklist for specialist assessment included in the report is incomplete.
- The report includes data for two sites namely: Site 4 - DR1633 km 3.35, Varings River – Jonkershoek and Site 8 - DR1602 km 8.48, Varings River. It is understood that the information for Site 8 corresponds to this application
- The date on which the site was inspected is more than two and a half years ago (31 months). It is unclear whether the report is still fully applicable to site as not confirmation cover letter has been appended.

The specialist is required to update the report, address the above matters and demonstrate that the report complies with the regulatory requirements.

2.4 *Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr")*

In accordance with Section 24N of NEMA and the EIA Regulations, 2014, the applicant is required to submit an Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") with the BAR. The contents of such an EMPr must meet the requirements outlined in Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

The EMPr must address the potential environmental impacts of the activity throughout the project life cycle, including an assessment of the effectiveness of monitoring and management

arrangements after implementation (auditing). It must be submitted together with the BAR. When compiling the EMPr.

3. Submission of Basic Assessment Report

The BAR must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, and must also include and address any information requested in any previous correspondence in respect of this matter.

Please be reminded that 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. However, if 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.

In light of the comments provided, the EAP must demonstrate in the "comment & responses report" how Regulation 19(1)(b) has been considered.

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 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.

NOTE: Furthermore, in accordance with Environmental Impact Assessment best-practice, the EAP is required to notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties including the authorities identified in the Public Participation Plan of the submission of the FBAR and to make the document available to them. This will provide such parties an opportunity to review the document and how their issues were addressed.

4. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the 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. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
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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