

COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT 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, RE8596, ERF 3645 AND STREET PARCEL RE/23074 IN ROSEMOOR, GEORGE, WESTERN CAPE (COMMENTING PERIOD: 15 MAY 2026 – 15 JUNE 2026)

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1.The Draft Basic Assessment Report ('DBAR'), dated 7 May 2026, compiled and submitted (SES REF No: DBAR/BS/RM/GM/05/26) by your appointed registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner ('EAP'), Michael Bennet (EAPASA REG: 2021/31/63) and candidate EAP, Christiaan Smit (EAPASA REG: 2024/8297) of Sharples Environmental Services, as received by this Directorate: Development Management (Region 3) ('this Directorate'), on 14 April 2026, refers.	Western Cape Government: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Head of Component: Environmental Impact Management Services (Region 3) Mr. Francois Naude	1
2.This Directorate has reviewed the draft BAR for the proposed installation of a bulk sewerage pipeline, the proposed sewerage by-pass pipeline and the stormwater outlets on RE/8662, Street Parcel RE/8581, RE/464, RE8596, Erf 3645 and Street Parcel RE/23074 in Rosemoor, George, Western Cape and provides the following comments:		2
2.1 Relevant legislative considerations: Synchronising applications in terms of other applicable legislation with the EIA process Please be reminded that Subsection 24C (11) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (as amended) ("NEMA") indicates that if both an environmental authorisation as well as a licence or permit in terms of any of the Specific Environmental Management Acts ("SEMA") 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.	12 June 2026	3 A Regulation 3(7) of the Government Notice No. R.982 of 4 December 2014 extension has been granted, refer to Appendix M of the Final BAR, to ensure that these processes are synchronised in terms of Subsection 24C (11) of NEMA.

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(a) National Water Act, Act No. 36 of 1998 ("NWA"): Water Use License Application The proposed installation 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. A proposed sewerage by-pass pipeline will be approximately 142m in length with a diameter of 500mm. The proposed routes will be accessed directly from the adjacent road network. The water outlet structure will be implemented according to two design options illustrated in the DBAR, with an approximated footprint of 36m² and is assumed to be the preferred structure to be implemented. The bulk sewerage pipeline will have a footprint of 380.8m², and the sewer bypass line is proposed to have a footprint of 71m², therefore the total development footprint will be approximately 451.8m². Proof of receipt of your application form by the relevant authority to apply for a Water Use License in terms of section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) on 31 October 2025, was attached to the DBAR. The EAP must confirm a clear conclusion of this matter from the relevant authority (BOCMA), in the Final Basic Assessment Report ("FBAR"). Please note 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 Appendix 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 or the			4
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relevant Protocol relevant to the application as identified and gazetted by the Minister in a government notice. Please be advised of the required synchronisation between the EIA process and the respective other licensing/permitting process. You are further 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.			
2.2 "No-Go" areas Within a Basic Assessment Report (BAR), No-Go Areas are identified as environmentally, culturally, or sensitive portions of a study area where development is considered unsuitable or should be strictly avoided. Their identification ensures that the preferred development alternative minimises harm by steering infrastructure away from high-sensitivity features such as wetlands, critical biodiversity areas, which are both indicated in the DBAR submitted. It is important to note that the construction corridor associated with linear infrastructure, such as a pipeline, forms an integral component of the overall development footprint. According to the DBAR submitted to this Directorate, a 10m disturbance corridor around the construction footprint will be allowed for excavator access and all areas past the disturbance corridor will be regarded as No-Go areas. The corridor required for construction activities represents a zone of temporary disturbance and must therefore be incorporated into the total development footprint when the FBAR is submitted.		The 10m disturbance corridor required for construction activities has been incorporated in the total development footprint reflected in the Final BAR.	5
3. Submission of Basic Assessment Report		Thank you for your comments.	6

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The Department awaits the submission of the BAR as prescribed by Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. 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. In accordance with Regulation 19, the Department stipulates that the BAR must be submitted to this Department for decision within 90 days from the date of receipt of the application by the Department, to be reckoned from 30 March 2026. If, however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the BAR, the applicant/ EAP must notify this Department that an additional 50 days (i.e., 140 days from receipt of the Application Form for Environmental Authorisation) will be required for the submission of the final BAR for decision-making. The additional 50 days must include a minimum commenting period of thirty (30) days to allow registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") to comment on the revised report/additional information. If the BAR is not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid again (if applicable).			
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NOTE: In accordance with Environmental Impact Assessment best-practice, you are kindly requested 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 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.			7
5. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this matter.			8
6. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.		Thank you for your comments.	9
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1. Your e-mail on behalf of Sharples Environmental Services on 4 June 2026 to michael@sesc.net and addressed to Commenting Authority and / or Interested and Affected Party refers.	Western Cape Government: Department of Infrastructure		10
2. This application does not affect any proclaimed provincial road; therefore, this Branch offers an unconditional no objection to the application.	Chief Directorate: Road Planning	This comment is noted. The EAP acknowledges the unconditional no objection issued by the Department of Infrastructure.	11
3. This Branch wishes to be excluded from all future correspondence regarding this proposed application.	Mrs. Vanessa Stoffels	This comment is noted.	12

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	5 June 2026	The Department will be removed from further correspondence related to this application, as requested.	
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The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is an entity of the Department of Transport (DoT), established in terms of the Civil Aviation Act (Act 13 of 2009). In accordance with this Act, SACAA is mandated to regulate, promote, develop, enforce, and continuously improve aviation safety and security within the civil aviation sector. This mandate is implemented through the Civil Aviation Regulations (CARs).	The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) Aviation Environmental Compliance		13
We hereby acknowledge receipt of your email dated 14 May 2026 concerning the proposed installation of a bulk sewerage pipeline, sewerage bypass pipeline, and stormwater outlets on RE/8662, Street Parcel RE/8581, RE/464.	Chaka V.C 22 May 2026		14
After careful assessment, it has been concluded that, on behalf of SACAA and the Aviation Environmental Protection (AEP) unit, we have no comments at this stage.		Thank you for your comments.	15
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Reference is, made to the above-mentioned Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) made available to Breede-Olifant Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) for comments. The following are BOCMA comments relating to Draft Basic assessment Report for the proposed installation of a bulk sewerage pipeline, sewerage bypass pipeline and stormwater outlets, which should be adhered to:	Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) Mr. Jan van Staden Chief Executive Officer (Acting)	Thank you for your comments.	16
1. The Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency has reviewed the draft Basic Assessment Report and has no		Thank you for your comments.	17

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objections to the proposed upgrades to the sewerage and stormwater Infrastructure.	15 June 2026		
2. Please note that BOCMA is currently assessing a Water Use License Application (ref no. WU47142) for the water uses triggered by the upgrading of bulk sewage and stormwater infrastructure along the Meul river and the seep wetland along its banks in Rosemoor. Therefore, BOCMA will not provide further comments until the WULA process has been finalised.			18
3. As required by section 22 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No.36 of 1998), a Water Use Authorisation is required prior to commencement with any water use activity contemplated in Section 21 of National Water Act. Moreover, commencement with any water use activity without and authorisation as required by Section 22 of National Water Act constitutes an offence in terms of section 151(1) (a) of the National Water Act. In terms of section 151(2) of the National Water Act, any person who contravenes is guilty of an offence and liable, on first conviction to a fine or an imprisonment of a period not exceeding five years or both such a fine and imprisonment.			19
4. In light of the above, you are advised that onus remains within the property owner to adhere to the National Water Act prior to commencement with any water use contemplated in Section 21 of National Water Act that is associated with the proposed cemetery development.		Thank you for your comments.	20
5. Kindly note that this office reserves the right to amend and revise its comments as well as to request any further information.			21
6. The BOCMA office can be contacted for further information related to the requirement for, or the application for a Water Use Authorization			22
7. Should you wish to apply for a water use authorisation for unregistered water uses triggered by the proposed activities, you			23

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may apply electronically by logging onto the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) website at http://www.dws.gov.za/e-WULAAS			
8. Should you have further enquiries, the office can be contacted or alternatively contact MR SI Ndlovu at the above-mentioned contact number or on sndlovu@bocma.co.za			24
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Dear Michael. Hereby I would like to register as an I&AP on the Bulk sewerage pipeline networks project in Rosemoor (as advertised in newspaper 14 May)as ward committee member under the Municipal Structure Act. It is also our mandate to ensure that the community in our ward is properly informed of any projects / works that might affect us as a community. Please see attached document Kind regards Lester Jansen	Lester Jansen Ward Committee member: Ward 6, Rosemoor 18 May 2026	Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party for the aforementioned project.	25