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Sent: Thursday, 14 May 2026 11:07
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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
Attachments: Proof of Upload DR1602 1.pdf; Proof of Upload DR1602 2.pdf

Importance: High

DEADP Reference Number: 16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26
Date 14/05/2026

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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

SharePoint Folder Link: DDM REGION 3 - Documents - 16.3.3.1.D6.29.0022.26 Draft BAR for the Proposed Removal and Replacement of Existing Road & Culvert Infrastructure DR1602 - All Documents

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 15 May 2026 10:05
To: jessica@sescc.net
Subject: Re: DR1602: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project
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On Fri, 15 May 2026, 10:03 , <jessica@sescc.net> wrote:

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To: 'Aviation Environmental Compliance'
Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham'
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

[redacted]

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.

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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.

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Attachments: G4 Heritage Statement Mossel Bay.pdf

Good morning [redacted]

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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Good day

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I noted the report by Dr. Nilssen

Kind regards,
[redacted]
Specialist Heritage Officer

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Correspondence Reference: 44892201
File Reference: 16/3/4/1

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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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Jessica

Attached screenshots of post on wapp groups.

Keep well!!

[redacted]

From: jessica@sescc.net <jessica@sescc.net>
Sent: Tuesday, 26 May 2026 11:53
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project: DR1602 - Public Participation

Good morning Charles,

I hope you are doing well.

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

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Hi

[redacted] 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

[redacted]

From: jessica@sescc.net <jessica@sescc.net>
Sent: Monday, 04 May 2026 14:35
[redacted]
Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham' <betsy@sescc.net>
Subject: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project: DR1602 - Public Participation

Good afternoon [redacted]

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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[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 30 April 2026 11:15
To: jessica@sescc.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

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From: jessica@sescc.net <jessica@sescc.net>
Sent: Thursday, 30 April 2026 10:50
[redacted]
Subject: Mossel Bay Road and Culverts Project: DR1602 - Public Participation

Good morning [redacted]

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.

[redacted]

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.

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Good day Jessica

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

Kind regards,

[redacted]

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 not that HWC cannot comment on matters that do not form part of our mandate.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
Specialist Heritage Officer

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

From: jessica@sescc.net <jessica@sescc.net>
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Good day,

We have no further comments on the proposal, as the proposed site is not located within our jurisdiction.
For ease of reference, please see the attached map indicating the site location.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
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Dear Jessica

Kindly Receive the attached comments for your attention.

Regards,

[redacted]
Water Use Officer: Breede-Olifants CMA
[redacted]
Address: 101 York Street, Room 302, George

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

Reference: 4/10/2/K20A/DR1602 Kleinplaas RD, Mossel Bay Date: 4 June 2026

SES (Sharples Environmental Services)
Attention: Jessica jessica@sescc.net

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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

p.p

Chief Executive Officer (Acting)

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Good afternoon [redacted]

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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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Good day [redacted]

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

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Kind regards,

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Your request was distributed.
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Kind Regards

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Good morning [redacted]

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Importance: High

Correspondence Reference: 46346243
File Reference: 16/3/4/1

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

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Dear JESSICA GOSSMAN,

With reference to your request titled -
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Your request was distributed.
File Reference 18/3/4/4
Record Reference 47558303
To follow-up this request please contact us on 044 8031300.

Kind Regards

GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2026 15:16
To: jessica@sescc.net
Subject: Comment
Attachments: EIA-WC-GR-0013-2026-27.pdf

Dear Jessica- Hope this email finds you well. Attached please find approved comment. Please confirm receipt. Kind regards

forestry, fisheries & the environment

Department:
Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Demar Centre, Main Road, Knysna, WC, Contact Number: 066 374 7795

EIA-WC-GR-0013-2026-27

RE: COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR) FOR DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48, KLEINPLAAS ROAD, CROSSING FARM 338 AND PORTION 6 OF FARM 220 IN MOSSEL BAY

DATE: 10 June 2026

Attention: Mrs. J. Gossman
Email: jessica@sescc.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.

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
iii. Kindly note that this letter is not a NFA licence
iv. Section 15 of the National Forest Act (NFA) (Act No. 84 of 1998) as amended prohibits the cutting, disturbing, damaging or destroying of protected tree species without a licence. 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.

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,

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES
WESTERN CAPE REGION
12/06/2026
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AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SIGNATURE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Designation: Deputy Director Forest Resource Protection
Branch: Forestry Management

jessica@sescc.net

From: jessica@sescc.net
Sent: Monday, 15 June 2026 13:01
To: [redacted]
Cc: 'Betsy Ditcham'
Subject: RE: Comment

Good day [redacted]

Thank you for your comments. I will review them and address any concerns raised before the final submission of the BAR.

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

Kind regards,

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Candidate Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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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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Correspondence Reference: 46363645
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Attachments: 338&220-6_Linear Infrastructure_Mossel Bay_20260619.pdf

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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DEA&DP Reference: 16/3/3/1/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

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

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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.

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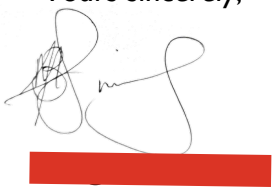
9. An independent and suitably qualified Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must remain appointed for the full duration of construction and rehabilitation. CapeNature recommends that the ECO be familiar with all freshwater and botanical mitigation measures; oversee erosion management and sediment control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



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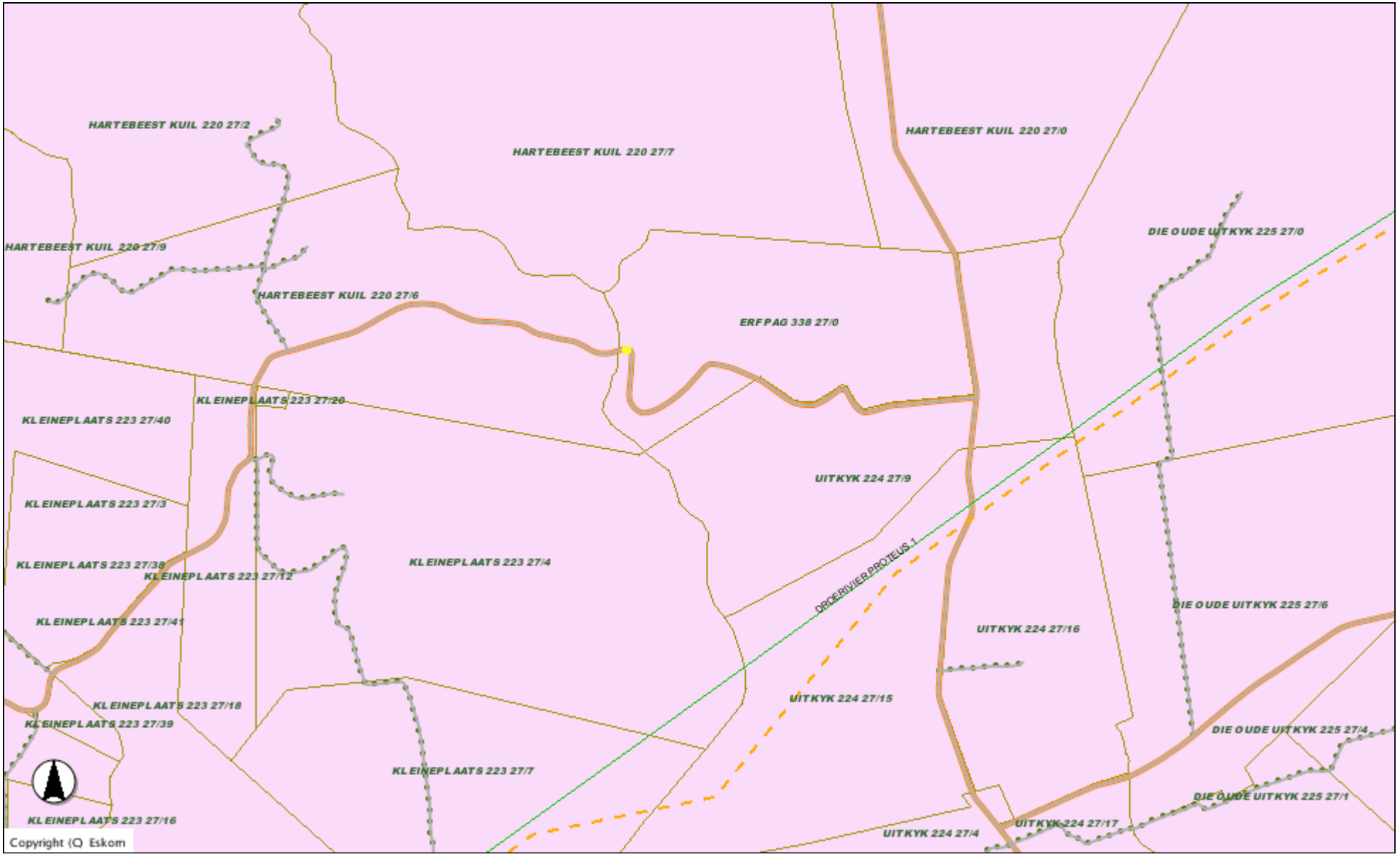
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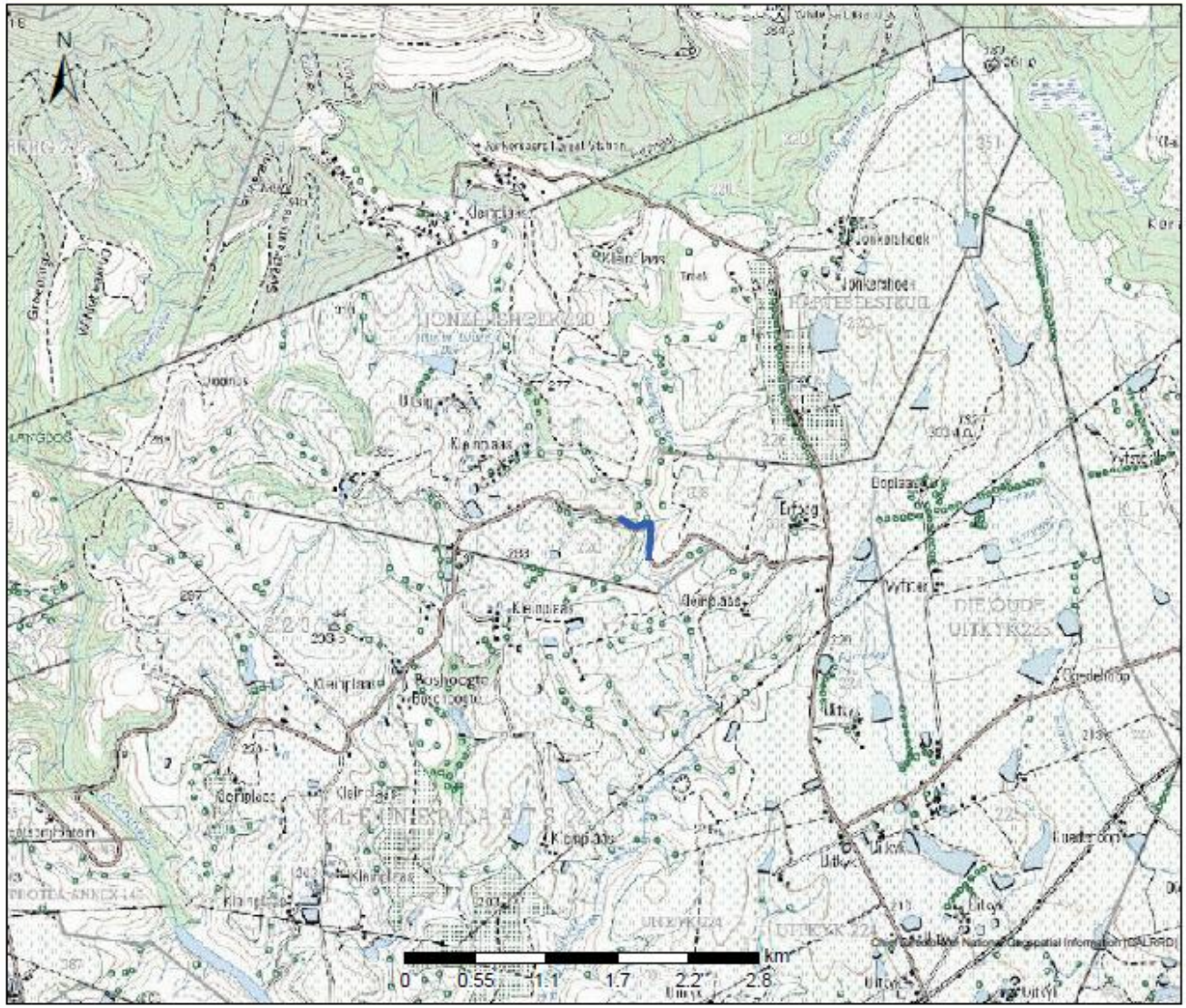

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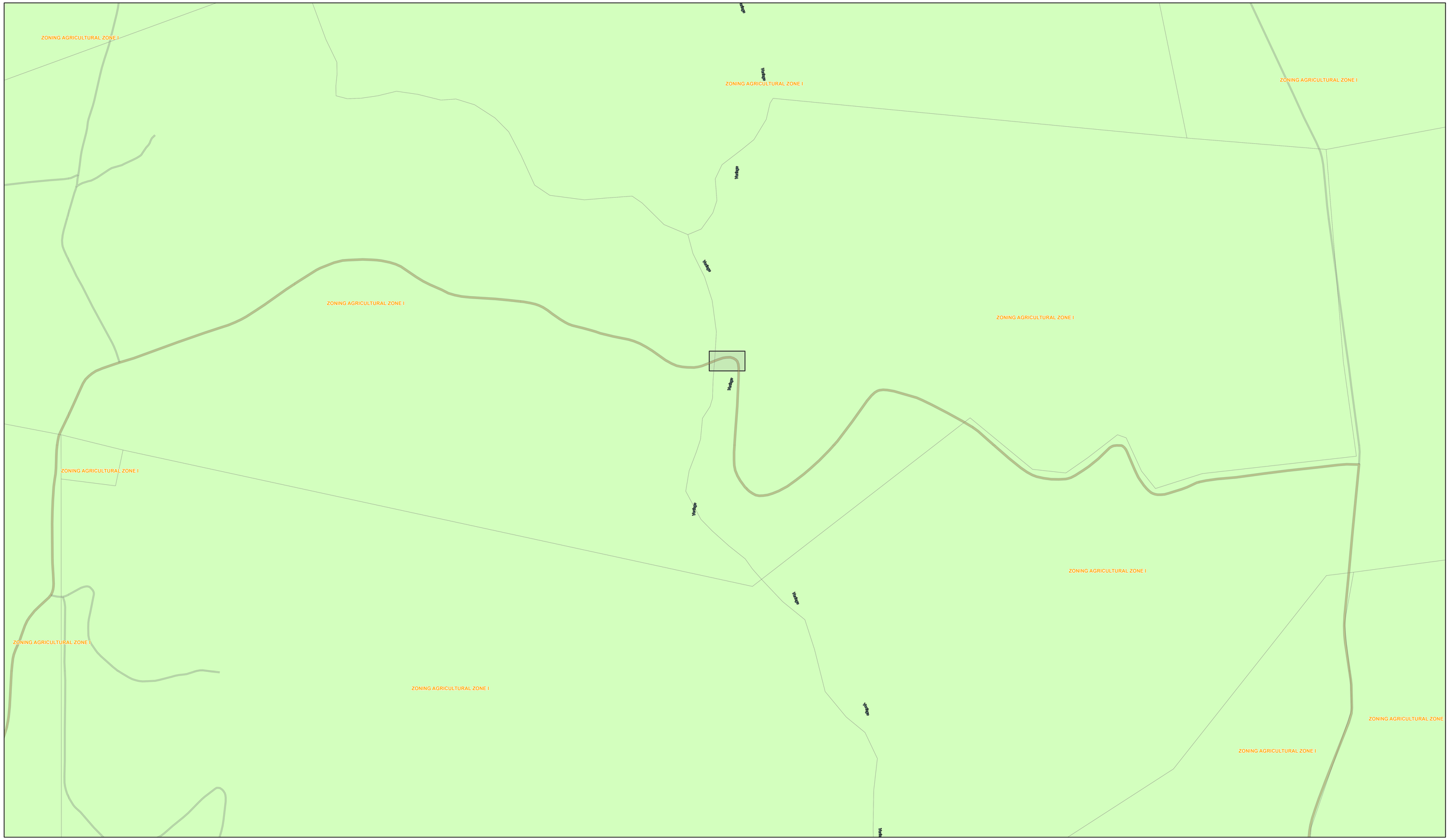

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May 2026. We would like to thank you for providing the Municipality with the opportunity to comment on this application.

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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COMMENT ON DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRACTURE 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.

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

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REFERENCE: 16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26
DATE OF ISSUE: **26 June 2026**

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Attention: Ms. Louise Buys

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Dear Madam,

COMMENT ON DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRACTURE 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 approximately6.2 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 180m^2 and 3 meter working buffer will be applied around the working area. Total working area for the proposed project will be approximately 1 646m^2, which will extend approximately 233m^2 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 <u>must</u> 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 it 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 specie 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 theses 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.

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- 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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Good day Jessica

I hope you are well,

I see that there was heritage statement , I could not find HWC comment.
Has HWC provide a comment?

Thanks

Kind regards

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Good day [redacted]

I hope you are doing well.

Kindly note that, based on the Heritage Compliance Statement, the scope and nature of the proposed activities do not trigger the NHRA nor the requirement for an NID application to HWC.

If I need to include any other I & AP for comments, please do share their contact details, and I will add them to my registry.

Furthermore, no additional comments have been provided.

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

Kind regards,

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I see that there was heritage statement , I could not find HWC comment.
Has HWC provide a comment?

Thanks

Kind regards

Specialist Heritage Officer

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2026 11:12
To: [redacted]
Subject: DR1602 - Revised Draft BAR out for Public Participation 12 August 2026 - 10 September 2026

Good morning [redacted]

I hope you are doing well.

Please, will you kindly post the public participation information for the Revised Draft 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:

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From: jessica@sescc.net
Sent: Friday, 04 September 2026 11:22
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Original Wayleave Application – Ref: [WL-2026-1382]

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Sent: Friday, 04 September 2026 11:09
To: jessica@sescc.net
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Sent: Tuesday, 01 September 2026 15:18
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Subject: Original Wayleave Application – Ref: [WL-2026-1382]

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Noted, thank you.

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NTCSA does not participate in public comment processes of this nature. Any comments from NTCSA are communicated through our official wayleave response letter, and these should be regarded as our formal input.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Regards,

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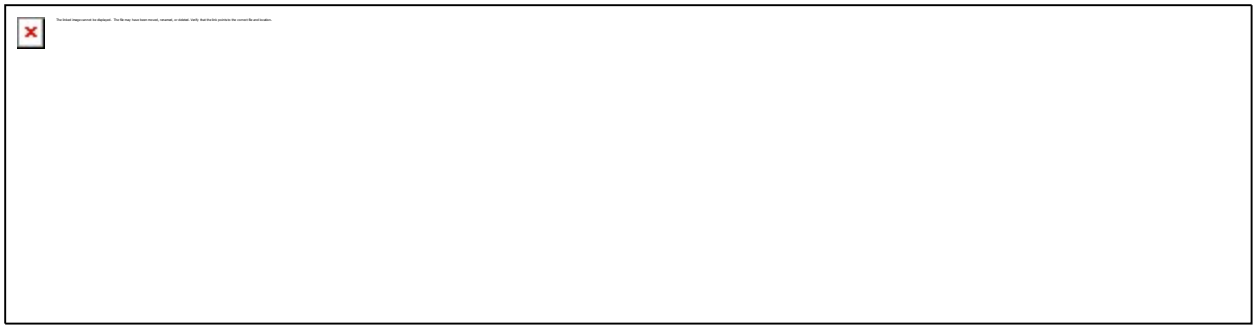

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EIA-WC-GR-0043-2026-27

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DATE: 7 September 2026

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

Dear Sir/ Madam

I refer to your e-mail notification of 12 August 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 Revised 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.

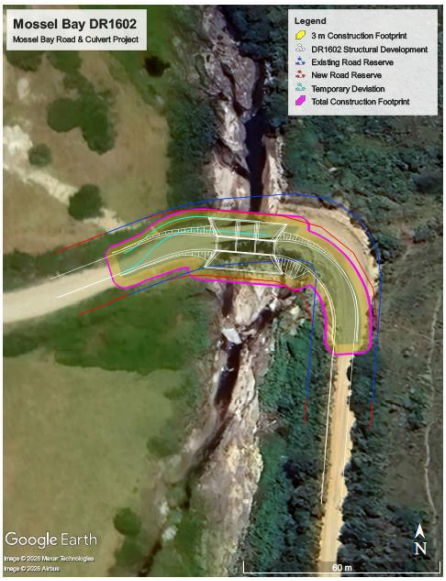
3. Section 7 of the Act prohibits the cutting, disturbance, destruction or removal of any indigenous living or dead tree in a forest without a licence, while Section 15 places a similar prohibition on protected tree species listed under the Act, some of which are also forest species.

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.

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 Revised 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 15 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
iii. Kindly note that this letter is not a NFA licence
iv. Section 15 of the National Forest Act (NFA) (Act No. 84 of 1998) as amended prohibits the cutting, disturbing, damaging or destroying of protected tree species without a licence. 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.

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-0043-2026-27. Enquiries

Yours Faithfully,

SIGNATURE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Designation: Deputy Director Forest Resource Protection
Branch: Forestry Management

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Good afternoon;

The municipality does not have any comments at this stage.

Sincere regards and many thanks.

Mossel Bay MUNICIPALITY

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Good morning [redacted],

Please can you confirm that Mossel Bay Municipality does not have any comments on the below-referenced project. If Mossel Bay Municipality wishes to provide comments, please note that the last day for comments will be 10 September 2026.

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Kind regards,

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Good day [redacted]

I hope you are doing well.

Kindly note that, based on the Heritage Compliance Statement, the scope and nature of the proposed activities do not trigger the NHRA nor the requirement for an NID application to HWC.

If I need to include any other I & AP for comments, please do share their contact details, and I will add them to my registry.

Furthermore, no additional comments have been provided.

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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 not that HWC cannot comment on matters that do not form part of our mandate.

Kind regards,

Specialist Heritage Officer

Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport
Protea Assurance Building Greenmarket Square, Cape Town
Contact Number: 021 483 3315
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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email and for confirming receipt of our application dated 12 August 2026.

We acknowledge BOCMA's review of the proposed activity and appreciate the confirmation that BOCMA does not object to the Basic Assessment for the proposed removal and replacement of the existing road and culvert infrastructure along Division Road (DR 1602) km 8.48, Kleinplaas Road.

We further note that the comments previously provided by BOCMA on 4 June 2026 remain applicable and will ensure that these are duly considered and addressed as part of the Basic Assessment process.

Thank you for your consideration and continued cooperation.

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Dear Jessica

The Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) acknowledges receipt of your application dated 12 August 2026 for the proposed activity. This application was received by our office on the same date.

Following a thorough evaluation of the proposed activity and its anticipated impact on water resources, BOCMA does not object to the Basic Assessment 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 the Mossel Bay Local Municipality, Garden Route District.

Please note that the previous comments provided on 4 June 2026 remain applicable.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

[redacted]
Water Use Officer: Breede-Olifants CMA
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Attachments: 338_&_220-6_Kleinplaas-Rd_20260910_CN.pdf

Dear Jessica,

We are unfortunately unable to comment on this application at this time, due to our Land Use Scientist vacancy in Landscape East. Attached our formal response letter.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
Landscape Conservation Intelligence Manager - East

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CapeNature's previous comments on this application (letter dated 19 June 2026) still have reference.

Please be advised that CapeNature is regrettably unable to review and provide formal comments on the revised Draft Basic Assessment Report. Due to capacity constraints resulting from a vacant Land Use Scientist post, we are unable to process this proposal within the stipulated timeframe. This response should not be interpreted as support or objection to the proposed development. Please continue to process the application and consult with the other required stakeholders.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding. Please keep CapeNature on your stakeholder list for future notifications; we will respond when our capacity allows.

Kind regards

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Good day Marienne,

Thank you for clarifying and providing us with the formal correspondence letter.

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

Kind regards,

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Dear Jessica,

We are unfortunately unable to comment on this application at this time, due to our Land Use Scientist vacancy in Landscape East. Attached our formal response letter.

Kind regards,

Marienne de Villiers
Landscape Conservation Intelligence Manager - East

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Good day Ms Melanie,

Thank you for providing your comments on the proposed DR1602 Road and Culverts Project.

We acknowledge receipt of your comments and will duly consider and address them in the comments and responses document.

Should you require any further information or clarification in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Dear Mrs. Gossman- Hope this email finds you well. Attached please find comment. Please confirm receipt. Kind regards

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RE: COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED REVISED DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR) FOR DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48, KLEINPLAAS ROAD, CROSSING FARM 338 AND PORTION 6 OF FARM 220 IN MOSSEL BAY

DATE: 7 September 2026

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

Dear Sir/ Madam

I refer to your e-mail notification of 12 August 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 Revised 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.

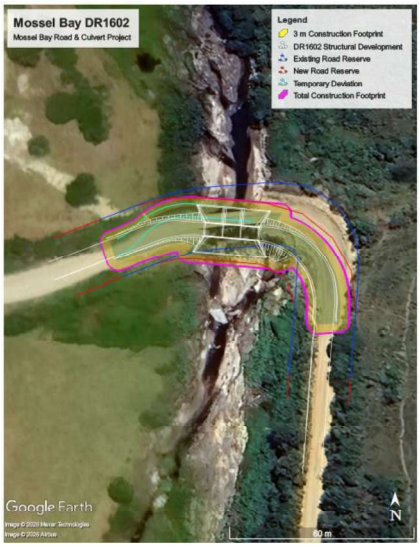
3. Section 7 of the Act prohibits the cutting, disturbance, destruction or removal of any indigenous living or dead tree in a forest without a licence, while Section 15 places a similar prohibition on protected tree species listed under the Act, some of which are also forest species.

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.

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 Revised 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 15 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
iii. Kindly note that this letter is not a NFA licence
iv. Section 15 of the National Forest Act (NFA) (Act No. 84 of 1998) as amended prohibits the cutting, disturbing, damaging or destroying of protected tree species without a licence. 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.

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-0043-2026-27. Enquiries may be directed to Ms. TF Gwala at TGwala@dffe.gov.za, Cell 066 374 7795.

Yours Faithfully,

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Good day,

Please see the attached response to the request for comments for the above-mentioned project.

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

For any enquiries please contact:

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Please also copy the email: DEADPEIAAdmin.George@westerncape.gov.za in all electronic correspondence with this department regarding this application.

Kind Regards

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E-mail: Louise.buys@westerncape.gov.za
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Dear Madam

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1. The Application Form dated April 2026 (SES REF: CT6/AEA/04/26), as received by this Department on 14 May 2026; the draft Basic Assessment Report ("BAR) (SES REF: CT6/DBAR/05/26) dated May 2026 and the abovementioned document dated 11 August 2026, compiled by the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP"), Ms. Betsy Dicham (EAPASA No: 2020/1480), and assisted by Candidate Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("Candidate EAP"), Ms. Jessica Gossman (EAPASA No: 2022/6154) of Sharples Environmental Services cc, and received by this Department on 11 August 2026, refer.

2. This letter serves as acknowledgment of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Department.

3. The Department notes that in terms of sub-regulation 19(1)(b) of Government Notice ("GN") No. R.982 of 4 December 2014, the final Basic Assessment Report for decision must be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the Department. Thus, the Basic Assessment Report must be submitted to the Department by no later than **Monday, 5 October 2026.**

4. In the event that the final BAR is not received within the specified timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of GN No. R.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 and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid again.

5. Please be reminded that the additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day comment period to allow registered interested and affected parties to comment on the revised report/additional information.

6. Your EAP is required to append a separate summary and list of the sections to the BAR, describing where significant changes or significant new information which has been added to the revised report, EMPr or specialist studies, which changes, or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation 19(1)(a). The EAP should provide an explanation why these changes or new information are regarded as significant.

7. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

8. 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. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable for a fine not exceeding R10 000 000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

9. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw any comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Madam,

COMMENT ON REVISED DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRACTURE 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 Revised Draft Basic Assessment Report ('DBAR'), dated August 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 11 August 2026, refers.

2. This Directorate has reviewed the DBAR and provides the following comments:

   2.1 *Revised 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.

   According to the engineering design submitted (Hatch, 2022), the project involves the construction of a new, realigned bridge and approach road section positioned immediately south of the existing crossing. The new road section will form part of the provincial road network and constitute a linear activity under the EIA Regulations. 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 4.0 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 180m^2 and 3 meter working buffer will be applied around the working area. Total working area for the proposed project will be approximately 1 646m^2, which will extend approximately 233m^2 out of the existing road reserve.

In the revised DBAR, the EAP stated that the current design has been based on the worse-case geotechnical scenario requiring a raft foundation slab, apron slabs and cut-off beams. Should competent bedrock be confirmed during construction, the detailed engineering design may be refined to utilise smaller pad footings beneath the piers and abutments. This would reduce the permanent foundation footprint and would not increase the environmental footprint assessed in this BAR. Any design modification that would increase the approved disturbance footprint or affect sensitive environmental features would be referred to the EAP, Aquatic Specialist and Competent Authority for review prior to implementation.

The total working area for the proposed works will be approximately 1 646 m^2, and the working area outside of the new road reserve 45m^2 and the existing road reserve will be extended 233m^2, outside of the road reserve. The deviation will be removed, and the area will be rehabilitated once the new causeway is operational.

2.2 *Carrying out listed activities without obtaining an Environmental Authorisation*

The Revised DBAR has not satisfactorily responded to the aspects highlighted in section 2.2 of the Directorates previous correspondence issued on 26 June 2026 regarding the Verbal S30A Directive which was issued for DR01602 9 June 2026.

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 the following information in this regard:

(a) 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 events and comparative photo material of the works that have been undertaken since 9 June 2026 (if any). If no physical activities have been undertaken et at km8.48 on DR01602, this must be clearly communicated to this Department.

(b) 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

(c) Please demonstrate how this application should be integrated in this Basic Assessment process.

2.3 *Revised Specialist Studies and EMPr*

(a) Revised Avi-faunal Compliance Statement

The revised Avifauna Compliance Statement, reference GRAV/MORA_002, dated 8 August 2026, expands the original November 2023 report from 24 to 84 pages. It includes updated specialist declarations, a protocol compliance checklist, additional mapping, and more

detailed discussions of habitat, conservation areas, species occurrence, impacts and mitigation. Mokgatla Molepo is identified as the author and reviewer, with Prince Molokomme responsible for the revisions. Although the overall conclusion remains favourable, with low verified avifaunal sensitivity, several substantive changes and inconsistencies require attention.

The biodiversity conservation context has changed. The original report states that the site falls outside Critical Biodiversity Areas, whereas the revised report identifies aquatic CBA 1 and ESA 2 overlap and places both sites within a Key Biodiversity Area (see section 12: Conservation Status and Section 13: Key Biodiversity Areas (2024) in Revised DBAR). These findings should be reconciled with the revised assessment, explaining their implications for the proposed works and adjacent riparian habitat. The species assessment has also expanded, with the Knysna Warbler's likelihood of occurrence changing from Medium to Low and Denham's Bustard's from Very Low to Low. The Knysna Warbler's conservation status changes from Vulnerable to Near Threatened; the source, date and geographical basis of this change should be specified.

The revised report introduces more detailed mitigation measures, including pre-clearing nest inspections, buffers around active nests, noise and dust controls, wildlife protection, waste management, alien plant control and rehabilitation monitoring. These measures should be incorporated into the EMPr. However, the original prohibition on fires is now qualified by allowing open fires where "specifically authorised". The reason for this qualification and the intended authorising party should be clarified.

The fieldwork record contains discrepancies. The original report records a one (1) hour survey on 29 October 2023, whereas the revised report refers to 29 and 30 October 2023 and four (4) to five (5) hours on site, while also describing a "one-day" survey. The dates and survey effort at each site should be confirmed against the original field records. Although a specialist confirmation dated 5 August 2026 has been appended, no new 2026 avifaunal inspection is documented. The compliance statement's reliance on the inference that subsequent flooding and erosion would have reduced habitat suitability should be supported by recent, site-specific evidence.

The mapped sensitivity also requires clarification. The text limits the low sensitivity finding to disturbed road reserves and culvert footprints, but Figure 6 assigns Low sensitivity to the entire 500m buffer around each site. The specialist should justify this wider classification or revise the map to match the verified assessment area. The assessed footprint should also be checked against the complete project layout, including any temporary bypass, access, storage and working areas.

Further reporting corrections are necessary. The Protocol Compliance Checklist Table marks GPS tracks and more than four representative sampling locations as compliant, but the referenced sections do not clearly present this evidence. The approval and applicability confirmation predate the stated final revision and should be confirmed as endorsing that version. Prince Molokomme's declaration contains the invalid date "04/84/2026", Megan Smith's approval entry is incomplete, and no signature is visible on the applicability confirmation. Inconsistent pagination, unresolved table references and the incomplete site-symbol legend should also be corrected. These issues do not themselves establish that the low-sensitivity conclusion is incorrect, but the substantive discrepancies require resolution before the FBAR is submitted.

(b) *Revised Plant, Animal and Terrestrial Biodiversity Compliance Statement*

The revised Plant Species, Animal Species and Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme Compliance Statement, dated 5 August 2026, incorporates amendments in response to DEA&DP comments received during the first public participation process. The report includes an addendum documenting a verification site inspection undertaken by the EAP from SES on 1 July 2026. The addendum, conducted by the specialist, Ms Megan Smith, confirms that no material changes to the terrestrial habitat were identified that would alter the original assessment's findings and recommendations. Additional photographs from the July 2026 inspection have been included to support this conclusion.

The revisions include clarified and expanded discussions of the applicable assessment protocols and updated minimum report content checklists. Section 6.5 has been expanded into separate subsections providing more detailed justification for the low sensitivity ratings assigned to the terrestrial biodiversity, plant species and animal species themes. The revised report also clarifies that avifauna was assessed separately by Ms. Mokgatla Molepo of MORA Ecological Services.

Specialist responsibilities have been clarified by identifying Ms Megan Smith as the primary author and Ms. Edmari Lewis as the assistant, with updated declarations dated 5 August 2026. Other amendments include corrected section numbering, updated cross-references and paging, and revised wording distinguishing the original 2023 photographs from the additional 2026 photographic record.

Several matters in the revised DBAR nevertheless warrant <u>further</u> clarification. Pages 15, 18 and 21 imply that the specialist undertook the site sensitivity verification in both October 2023 and July 2026, whereas the addendum states that the July 2026 inspection was undertaken by the EAP and subsequently reviewed by Ms Megan Smith. These statements must be reconciled to accurately distinguish the EAP's inspection from the specialist's review. If the specialist has not undertaken a second site inspection, this must be clearly stated and the specialist must demonstrate how the updated specialist input complies with the regulatory requirements.

Furthermore, Ms. Edmari Lewis is identified as a Professional Natural Scientist on Page 6, while her details on Page 56 retain the designation of Candidate Natural Scientist. Her correct registration status should therefore be confirmed and consistently reflected throughout the report.

It is noted that further editorial corrections are required. Page 46 incorrectly refers to Appendix B for the potential animal species list, which is contained in Appendix C. Page 12 states that the low terrestrial sensitivity finding "validates" the Screening Tool sensitivity rating, although the Screening Tool assigns a very high rating; the wording should accurately reflect that the specialist's finding differs from that rating. The cover also retains the date November 2023 without clearly identifying the August 2026 revision. In addition, the revised caption to Table 7 refers to plants recorded within the proposed development footprints, while the introductory sentence retains reference to the sites and their immediate surroundings; the actual extent of the recorded observations should be clarified. These matters require correction or clarification to ensure that the Final Basic Assessment Report ("FBAR") accurately presents its supporting evidence, authorship and assessment scope.

(c) Revised Site-Specific Verification Report

The revised SSVR, dated August 2026, reference CT6/SSVR/08/2026, expands the original April 2026 report from 27 to 28 pages and updates the departmental reference to

16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26. It incorporates the Screening Tool update of 30 July 2026, clarifies specialist responsibilities and adds recent confirmations supporting the original findings. The animal and terrestrial biodiversity conclusions remain *Low* sensitivity, while the plant specialist findings are amended from *Medium* to *Low*. The overall list of proposed specialist assessments remains unchanged. Page references below refer to the revised PDF.

The faunal section now distinguishes Mokgatla Molepo's avifaunal assessment from Megan Smith's terrestrial animal assessment. It records the SES inspection of 1 July 2026 and subsequent specialist confirmation that the terrestrial findings remain applicable (pp. 12–13). The aquatic section adds confirmation dated 3 August 2026 supporting the updated engineering design in principle, subject to incorporation of the aquatic mitigation measures (p. 16). These additions strengthen the explanation for continued reliance on the earlier assessments.

Screening maps and feature lists have also changed. The terrestrial screening features no longer include "CBA: Terrestrial" and "CBA2: Terrestrial", although the overall screening rating remains Very High because of the critically endangered vegetation type (pp. 8 and 23). Agricultural features have been revised and additional civil aviation features included. The report also adds names against previously coded sensitive species and changes one plant's recorded conservation status from Least Concern to Endangered (p. 22). The basis for that correction should be documented, and the suitability of disclosing coded species identities in the public report checked.

Several inconsistencies remain. The avifaunal summary retains the original Medium likelihood for Knysna Warbler and Very Low likelihood for Denham's Bustard, despite both being Low in the revised avifaunal report (p. 12). The plant section incorrectly describes the Screening Tool rating as Very High rather than Medium (pp. 21–22). The terrestrial section retains references to "medium concern" and Low Site Ecological Importance, whereas the specialist report records Very Low Site Ecological Importance (p. 25). These distinct ratings should be accurately reported and reconciled.

The revised SSVR also omits the Hydrology Assessment identified by the July 2026 Screening Tool report from its study list (pp. 9 and 27). Its property table still omits Portion 6 of Farm 220, despite this property appearing in the project title (p. 5). Statements that the footprint is confined to the road reserve should be reconciled with the bypass extending outside it. Other outstanding matters include conflicting Water Use Licence and General Authorisation wording (p. 16), outdated heritage and Search and Rescue Programme statements (pp. 17–18 and 22), and future-tense references to assessments already completed. The original author's name has also been removed without identifying a replacement author, and the review date on page 9 contains an error. The revision therefore improves the supporting explanation, but the EAP should align changes made with the revised specialist reports, screening results and EMPr.

(d) Revised Environmental Management Programme

The revised draft EMPr, dated August 2026, expands the original May 2026 document from 149 to 163 pages. The project description remains substantially unchanged, while aquatic protection, biodiversity management and monitoring requirements have been strengthened. Key additions include aquatic specialist approval of the final design, construction methods and disturbance footprint, expanded stormwater controls, a site-specific Erosion and Sediment Control Method Statement and restrictions on potentially polluting activities near the riparian zone. General Authorisation terminology replaces several

Water Use Licence references, and additional provisions address water-use controls, protected trees and heritage discoveries.

Biodiversity measures now include daily excavation inspections, pre-clearing bird-nest inspections and exclusion areas around active nests. However, the formal Search and Rescue Plan and specialist sign-off requirements have been replaced by an ECO sweep. The specialist justification for this change should be confirmed, and the remaining search-and-rescue wording reconciled. The avifaunal summary also retains the original likelihood-of-occurrence ratings for Knysna Warbler and Denham's Bustard, despite their revision in the specialist report.

ECO inspections during instream works have increased from weekly to every second day, followed by "bi-weekly" post-construction monitoring. However, the appended ECO duties still prescribe weekly inspections and additional quarterly monitoring for 24 months. These provisions should be consolidated into one schedule, with "bi-weekly" clearly defined and rehabilitation completion criteria specified.

The appended Screening Tool report, dated 30 July 2026, changes the application category to activities within or close to a watercourse and revises the identified specialist studies. The EAP should explain how these changes have been addressed. The revised cadastral list omits Farm 220 and Portion 6 and states that no development footprints were specified, confirmation is therefore needed that screening covers the complete development and temporary working areas.

Remaining inconsistencies include a Water Use Licence reference in the environmental-file checklist, fossil extraction and palaeontological workplan requirements that require reconciliation with the revised heritage findings and broken or outdated cross-references. The revised EMPr provides stronger controls, but these matters should be resolved to ensure consistent implementation.

2.4 *Aquatic Assessment Report conducted by Debbie Fordham*

The likely presence of Palmiet (*Prionium serratum*) has been noted from earlier satellite imagery of the site. Palmiet is known to be associated with the formation of peat and peat soils. It is reasonable to expect the presence of peat or peat soil at or adjacent to the site where the proposed development will occur. It is noted from relevant satellite imagery that quite an extensive area within the watercourse was cleared of vegetation between April 2021 and January 2022, presumably as a result of flood damage, the latter must be confirmed. Nonetheless, it is unclear whether any Palmiet plants, peat of peat soils may still present within the proposed development footprint or in proximity to the site. This must be confirmed.

Note: The clearing, extraction or removal of peat soil through anthropogenic activity, including the disturbance of vegetation or soils in anticipation of the extraction or removal of peat or peat soils, will trigger Listed Activity 24 of Listing Notice 2 (GN R984 of 4 December 2014).

The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for and assessed as part of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) process.

It is noted that the Aquatic Impact Assessment Report, was conducted in 2023, and also does not address the natural occurrence and clearing/loss of peat soil observed prior to April 2021.

Furthermore, various floods between 2023 and 2024 as well as during 2026 have occurred and may have further contributed to the loss. Some of the floods occurred after the specialist report

was conducted which could alter the outcome of the report and/or allow for revised mitigation measures that should be included due to recent flooding events.

The EAP should therefore address the observed loss/clearance of the peat soil whether it was caused by the floods or flood damages and/or whether it was caused by anthropogenic activity, as well as potential reinstatement and/or rehabilitation of said peat soil, which will also aid in not only erosion control but also help prevent future food damages to the new proposed causeway through flood attenuation and/or flow energy dissipation.

In addition, it is observed in the revised SSVR that the specialist confirmed that an amendment of the 2023 Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment is not considered necessary, subject to the aquatic mitigation recommendations being incorporated into the final engineering and environmental documentation. The EAP must therefore clearly justify why an additional site inspection was conducted for the above-mentioned compliance statement and not for the specialist report and why it is not necessary to amend or revise the 2023 Aquatic biodiversity Impact Assessment.

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.

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, 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 an offence in terms of Section 49A 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. 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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