

## **PROOF OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Proposed development of a Single Residential Dwelling and Associated Infrastructure on Portions 125 and 126 of the Farm Hangklip No. 559, and The Reminder of the Farm No. 562, Caledon RD.

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Public Participation Process was conducted in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations as promulgated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) and the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations promulgated in Government Gazette No. 38282 and Government Notice R983, R984 and R985 on 4 December 2014 (as amended). All potential interested and affected parties (I&APS) and applicable organs of state were notified of the DRAFT / pre-application Basic Assessment Report (BAR). The DRAFT BAR was made available for a 30-day period to I&APS and organs of state, to register and comment. Noticeboards were placed on site and a newspaper advertisement was placed in the local newspaper. All comments were recorded in a comments and response report and a register for I&APS was opened. An additional round of out of process public participation was conducted.

Three round of public participation have bene provided for as outlined in the proof below.

#### 2. LIST OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES AND ORGANS OF STATE

In line with the requirements of NEMA, all potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APS) were notified of the project and provided with an opportunity to comment. This included applicable organs of state. See list of I&AP's identified for the project:

PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
WC Government Env Affairs & Dev Planning	
Development Management	
N. Mabasa	
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8001	
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GF Fourie	Overstrand Municipality
Applicant	
121/559	
DREYER AC, SALMON IH, ALBERTYNC, FISCHE	
23 KOEGLEPARK	
BOTRIVER WEG	
KLEINMOND	
JEANETTE@MAXITEC.CO.ZA	

#### 3. WRITTEN NOTICE TO I&APS AND ORGANS OF STATE OF DRAFT BAR:

The I&AP's identified above were given written notice of the proposed development, via registered mail or courier, as appropriate. The written notice included details of the applicable legislation, the proposed expansion and means to provide comment or register as I&AP. See written notice below:



10 May 2023

DEA&DP Ref. No.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1495/22 Lornay Ref. No.: 126OF559BB

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DWELLING ON PORTION 126 OF THE FARM 559, HANGKLIP, CALEDON RD

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations as promulgated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) and the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations promulgated in Government Gazette No. 38282 and Government Notice R983, R984 and R985 on 4 December 2014 (as amended).

Proposal: Single residential dwelling and extension of access road Location: Portion 126 of the Farm 559, Hangklip, Caledon RD Applicant: G.F Fourie

Environmental Authorisation is required in terms of NEMA for the following Listed Activities:

#### Listing Notice 3

(12) The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation

A Basic Assessment Process is applicable. A copy of the Basic Assessment Report is available for download on our website or upon request. Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) are hereby invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and / or comment on the proposed activity on / or before **09 June 2023** via the following contact details:

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#### 4. PROOF OF NOTICE TO I&APS AND ORGANS OF STATE

Written notice was provided to I&APs and Organs of State via registered mail or courier, as indicated in the proofs below:

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Michelle Naylor <michelle@lornay.co.za> Tuesday, 09 May 2023 14:43 'JEANETTE@MAXITEC.CO.ZA'; 'mfsnyman@rmbprivatebank.com' Notice of Draft Basic Assessment 126 of 559 Hangklip, Caledon RD Notice of Draft PPP 126 OF 559 Caledon.pdf

Dear I&AP, please see attached notice of public participation opportunity for the proposed single residential dwelling and access road on Portion 126 of the Farm 559. Hangklip, Caledon RD. DOWNLOAD Link: <u>https://we.tl/t-Xor1bVV6Vy</u>

Should you have no comment, please ignore this notice. Kind regards



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#### **5. NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT**

An advertisement was placed in the local newspaper, the Overstrand Herald, regarding the proposed development:

**Overstrand Herald** 11 Mei 2023 Bladsy 19 LOST OR DESTROYED DEED Notice is hereby given in terms of regulation 68 of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937, of the intention to apply for the issue of a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. T111304/2003 passed by The Executrix in the Estate Late FREDERIK WILHELM VAN ZYL, No. 3386/2002 in favour of NICOLINE SALOME VAN ZYL, Identity Number 330513 0001 084, Unmarried in respect of certain: ERF 4361 KLEINMOND, IN THE OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY, CALEDON DIVISION, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE which has been lost or destroyed. All interested persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds at 113 Alexandra Rd, Qonce, 5601 within two weeks from the date of the publication of this notice. Address: c/o 104 Dorp Street, Stellenbosch,7600 E-Mail Address: justine@smalinc.co.za Contact Number: 021 887 1200 Reference: B8201(jm) NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS PORTION 126 OF THE FARM 559, HANGKLIP DEA & DP Ref.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1495/22 Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations as promulgated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) and the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations promulgated in Government Gazette No. 38282 and Government Notice R983, R984 and R985 on 4 December 2014 (as amended). Proposal: Single Residential Dwelling and extension of access road Location: Portion 126 of the Farm 559, Hangklip, Caledon RD Applicant: GF Fourie Environmental Authorisation is required in terms of NEMA for the following Listed Activities: Listing Notice 3 (12) The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation i. Western Cape i. Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004 A Basic Assessment Process is applicable. A copy of the Basic Assessment Report is available for download on our website or upon request. Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) are hereby invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and / or comment on the proposed activity on / or before 09 June 2023 via the following contact details: LORNAY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING For Att, Michelle Navlor PO Box 1990, Hermanus, 7200 Lornay Tel. 083 245 6556 Environmental Consulting Email. michelle@lornay.co.za | www.lornay.co.za

#### 6. NOTICEBOARDS

Noticeboards were placed on site, as required in terms of the legislation:



#### Lornay Environmental Consulting Proof of Public Participation





#### 7. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT AND REGISTER FOR I&APS

A Register was opened during the first round of public participation, to list all I&APs which wished to be registered as such. The Register included contact details, date and comment made.

A Comments and Response report was also opened at the onset of the public participation. This report contains the comment made by the I&AP, as well as formal response by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP).



## **COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT**

PROJECT: Portion 126 of Farm 559, Kleinmond

DRAFT BAR / PRE APPLICATION			
NAME:	COMMENT:	RESPONSE:	DATE & REF:
BGCMA	Email dated 09/06/2023	Noted – no action required	09/06/2023
Vhengani Ligudu			
	RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A BASIC		4/10/2/G40B/HANGKLIP
	ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DWELLING ON		559/126, CALEDON
	PORTION 126 OF THE FARM 559, HANGKLIP, CALEDON RD.		
	With reference to the above-mentioned document received by		
	this office on the 09/05/2023, requesting comments.		
	The Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA)		
	has <b>no objections</b> on the proposed development subject to the		
	following comments:		
	1. All relevant sections and regulations of the National Water		
	Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) regarding water use must be adhered.		
	2. Please note that no additional use of surface/groundwater		
	and/or storage of water is permitted, unless the applicant has		
	formally obtained a license in terms of Section 41 of the National		
	Water Act (Act 36 of 1998). And/or formal authorization in terms		

of General Authorizations issued under Section 39 (Government Notice 538 dated 02 September 2016), and/or if it is authorized under Schedule 1 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998). And/or if it is defined and declared as an existing lawful	
under Schedule 1 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of	
1998). And/or if it is defined and declared as an existing lawful	
water use in terms of Section 32 & 33 of the National Water Act	
,1998 (Act 36 of 1998).	
3. No pollution of surface water or groundwater may occur due	
to any activity on the property.	
4. The minimising of waste must be promoted and alternative	
methods for waste management must be investigated.	
5. No storm water runoff from any premises containing waste,	
or water containing waste emanating from premises may be	
discharged into a water resource.	
6. Please note that any activity within the 1:100 year floodline	
or within 100 metres of a watercourse (river, spring, natural	
channel, a lake or dam) or within a 500 m radius from the	
delineated boundary (extent) of any wetland or pan triggers a	
water use activity in terms of Section 21 (c) & (i) of the National	
Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).	
Water for domestic use	
Water provided for domestic use must comply with the	
SANS 241:2015 guidelines for drinking water.	
Disposal of sewage	
The disposal of sewage must at all times comply with the	
requirements of Sections 22 and 40 of the National Water	
Act of 1998, (Act 36 of 1998).	
• The conservancy tanks must be located out of the 1:100	
year flood line of any water resource.	
When a conservancy tank is used for the disposal of	
sewerage, this office must be furnished with a signed copy	
of the contract between the contractor or the municipality	
which is appointed to pump the conservancy tank.	
The volume of sewage needs to be metered on a monthly	
basis and removal programme needs to be scheduled to	

<ul> <li>ensure that the conservancy tank is pumped well within time before overflowing. Alternatively, floating devices should be installed within the tanks that initiate an alarm of 75% full capacity for collection and disposal.</li> <li>The size of the conservancy tank must be determined by both the frequency of removal of its contents to the local Wastewater Treatment Works and by the quantity of sewage anticipated from the above-mentioned project.</li> <li>This office reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received. The onus remains with the registered property owner to confirm adherence to any other relevant legislation that any activities might trigger and/or need authorization.</li> <li>Please do not hesitate to contact the above official should there be any queries.</li> <li>Yours faithfully</li> </ul>		
Email dated 09/06/2023 Dear Lornay Consulting, <b>Re: PPP Comments for Residential Development on Portion 126 of</b> <b>Farm 559 (DEA&amp;DP Ref. No.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1495/22 Lornay Ref.</b> <b>No.: 1260F559BB)</b> Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The proposed development of an 800m2 Residential Dwelling development footprint and an extension of the existing jeep track by 200m is relatively small-scale, the Overstrand Environmental Management Section (EMS) supports the application as per the information submitted and reserves the right to submit further comments as more information becomes available. <b>1) Removal of Critically Endangered Vegetation:</b> Prior to clearance, please contact the Kogelberg Biosphere Botanical	Noted – No action required. Recommendation for Search and Rescue has been added to the conditions of EA in the BAR	-
	<ul> <li>time before overflowing. Alternatively, floating devices should be installed within the tanks that initiate an alarm of 75% full capacity for collection and disposal.</li> <li>The size of the conservancy tank must be determined by both the frequency of removal of its contents to the local Wastewater Treatment Works and by the quantity of sewage anticipated from the above-mentioned project.</li> <li>This office reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received. The onus remains with the registered property owner to confirm adherence to any other relevant legislation that any activities might trigger and/or need authorization.</li> <li>Please do not hesitate to contact the above official should there be any queries.</li> <li>Yours faithfully</li> <li>Email dated 09/06/2023</li> <li>Dear Lornay Consulting,</li> <li>Re: PPP Comments for Residential Development on Portion 126 of Farm 559 (DEA&amp;DP Ref. No.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1495/22 Lornay Ref. No.: 1260F559BB)</li> <li>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The proposed development of an 800m2 Residential Dwelling development footprint and an extension of the existing jeep track by 200m is relatively small-scale, the Overstrand Environmental Management Section (EMS) supports the application as per the information submitted and reserves the right to submit further comments as more information becomes available.</li> <li>1) Removal of Critically Endangered Vegetation:</li> </ul>	time before overflowing. Alternatively, floating devices should be installed within the tanks that initiate an alarm of 75% full capacity for collection and disposal. The size of the conservancy tank must be determined by both the frequency of removal of its contents to the local Wastewater Treatment Works and by the quantity of sewage anticipated from the above-mentioned project. This office reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received. The onus remains with the registered property owner to confirm adherence to any other relevant legislation that any activities might trigger and/or need authorization. Please do not hesitate to contact the above official should there be any queries. Yours faithfully Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The proposed development of an 800m 2 Residential Development for print and an extension of the existing jeep track by 200m is relatively small-scale, the Overstrand Environmental Management Section (EMS) supports the application as per the information submitted and reserves the right to submit further comments as more information becomes available. Prior to clearance, please contact the Kogelberg Biosphere Botanical

	Fynbos" group, a search and rescue initiative for Species of	
	Conservation Concern. Alternatively, there are local members of the	
	Custodians of Rare and Endangered Wildflowers (CREW) group.	
	Galia Manicom (Fight For Fynbos)	
	email: galia.manicom@gmail.com	
	cell: 082 963 3804	
	Magriet Brink (Kogelberg CREW)	
	Email: magrietb@gmail.com	
	Cell: 072 921 1757	
	2) The Overstrand Environmental Management Overlay Zones:	
	Protected Area Buffer & Coastal Protection Zone	
	Please be aware that the Overstrand EMOZ regulations (2020) state:	
	Schedule A Prohibited Activities:	
	• • Development above the 120m geographical contour line.	
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	Should the proposed development be above this contour, a deviation	
	from the EMOZ Regulations via the Overstrand Town Planning	
	Department should be applied for.	
	3) Access to proposed development via Overstrand Property (559/0)	
	Please ensure the owners enter into a formal agreement with the	
	Overstrand Engineering Department regarding maintenance of the	
	access road within the Overstrand Property. It should be noted that the	
	Hangklip-Kleinmond Administration of the Overstrand have very	
	limited resources - especially with regard to earthmoving/road	
	servicing machinery. For example, following the recent (end May, early	
	June 2023) heavy rain and subsequent flood damages to infrastructure,	
	the department's focus was naturally on the restoration of access roads	
	within the urban area due to the larger number of residents affected,	
	while outlying areas tend to have to wait longer for these types of	
	service delivery.	
Rhett Smart	Email dated 09/06/2023	LS14/2/6/1/7/2/559-
Cape Nature		126_residential_Kleinmond
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	Pre-Application Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Dwelling	
	on Portion 126 of the Farm Hangklip 559, Kleinmond	
	on Fortion 120 of the Farm Hangking 555, Kiemmond	
	CapeNature would like to thank you for the expertunity to comment	
	CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment	
	on the application and would like to make the following comments.	

Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related		
impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application.		
The subject property mainly consists of Critical Biodiversity Area 1 (CBA)		
across the entire extent according to the Western Cape Biodiversity		
Spatial Plan. The natural vegetation occurring on the site is Kogelberg		
Sandstone Fynbos, listed as critically endangered. According to the		
National Geo-spatial Information mapping there two non-perennial		
rivers in the north of the property which converge before exiting to the		
east. According to the National Wetland Mapping (NWM) for the 2018		
National Biodiversity Assessment (NBA) there is a seep wetland in the		
east of the property adjacent to the non-perennial river. The property		
borders the Kleinmond Local Authority Nature Reserve.		
The development proposal consists of a single dwelling with an access		
road from the adjacent property. The screening tool results for the site		
are presented which indicate a very high sensitivity for terrestrial		
biodiversity and aquatic biodiversity and high sensitivity for plant		
species and animal species. The site sensitivity verification (SSV) report		
motivates that no specialist studies are required despite the results		
from the screening tool. In this regard:		
For terrestrial biodiversity, it is motivated that the development is small		
scale with large areas remaining for conservation. The site is however	The applicant owns both Portions 125 and 126. The	
located within a CBA 1. In this regard, the specific guidelines for	proposal, relative to the size of these properties, is small	
development within a CBA indicate: "Ideally, development should be	and only serves to create a single residential dwelling for	
avoided in these areas. If they cannot be avoided, it must be shown that	the landowner. Whilst it is acknowledged that the site is	
the mitigation hierarchy has been applied if there is a proposal within a	located within a CBA and highly sensitive, a disturbed	
CBA" (Pool-Stanvliet et al, 2017). As mentioned Kogelberg Sandstone	quarry site which is in an area rated as Medium sensitive	
Fynbos is a critically endangered ecosystem. CapeNature does	does not host plant species of conservation concern and	
acknowledge primary rights of landowners however if the entire	was thus preferred and supported by the botanical	
property is a CBA and essentially not suitable for development, the best	specialist. Refer to Section I, subsection 8 of the BAR for	
practicable option must be selected in terms of scale, design and	mitigation hierarchy.	
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location of the primary rights.	With the small scale of development proposed, within the	
	owners developmental rights, the location as close as	
	possible to an existing access road from the adjacent	
	property, a small scale informal 'twee-spoor' jeep track	
	extension to the house site, we feel that the appointment	
	of a terrestrial biodiversity specialist is unjust. Any shifting	
	of the location currently proposed will lead to increasing	
	the length of the access road and possible developing an	
	entirely new access road. We feel that given the scale of	

We therefore do not accept the motivation and recommend that a terrestrial biodiversity assessment is required to inform the application.	development and the limiting factor of access roads, the location on site is preferred and will not benefit from a terrestrial impact assessment. The aquatic biodiversity assessment was undertaken, which included the delineation of the wetlands and drainage lines identified adjacent to the proposed development.	
• For aquatic biodiversity it is motivated that the development is located more than 32 m from the watercourse. Freshwater ecological and hydropedological assessments were undertaken for the development to the east of the property which revealed that the extent of the wetland is much larger than the NWM mapping with subsurface water flow playing an important role. It is therefore likely/possible that the extent of the wetland which extends on to 126/559 differs from the NWM mapping. The road additionally traverses the non-perennial river. We therefore do not accept the motivation and recommend that an aquatic biodiversity assessment is required to inform the application, which must as a minimum include wetland delineation according to standard methodology.	An Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment has been undertaken for the proposed development, which included the delineation of seep wetlands, a uvb wetland, and associated drainage lines within and surrounding the site. The proposed single residential dwelling is situated more than 32 metres away from any delineated watercourse or wetland located near or adjacent to the property. However, an access road will pass within a few metres of parts of the hillslope seep wetland that occurs on the municipality land between the site and the R44 road. All of the proposed development-related activities that would potentially generate negative impacts were found to be associated with a LOW-risk class. Therefore, the proposed development qualifies for a General Authorisation, according to freshwater specialist.	
<ul> <li>For plant species it is motivated that the site is in good condition except for the existing access road on the adjacent property. This is not a motivation for not undertaking a plant species assessment. Kogelberg Sandstone Fynbos is the most species rich ecosystem in South Africa with regards to plant species, and 162 potential</li> </ul>	The plants species theme was undertaken and assessed under the Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment. The	

species of conservation concern were flagged in the screening tool for this site. We therefore recommend that the plant species theme must also be assessed and can be combined in a specialist study with the terrestrial biodiversity assessment (or a separate study).	landowner is not permitted to take access off the R44. The only option to access the site is via the adjacent graveyard access road. The mitigation recommended for search and rescue prior to development is recommended as a condition of EA.	
• For animal species it is motivated that "the site is located within the built-up urban area of Vermont and Hermanus. Only very limited areas on the property will be developed, open space retained." It is assumed that this is an error which refers to another project. The five faunal species which were flagged for high sensitivity are bird species and the scale of the development is unlikely to have a significant effect on any bird species. Further, there is highly unlikely any breeding habitat for these five species within the development footprint. An overview of the faunal species and potential impacts can however be included within the terrestrial biodiversity assessment.	A single residential dwelling will not have an impact on faunal.	
• The conclusion of the SSV report states "The Screening Tool Report, which was generated for the proposed activities on the subject property, identified a number of specialist assessments to be undertaken prior to development on site. However the area proposed for development is disturbed and located within the built up urban area." The site is not within an urban area and is located within CBA consisting of good condition fynbos.	Error and amended.	
An important consideration for the development is the fire risk, as it consists of a single dwelling surrounded by fynbos which is fire-prone and is dependent on fire for ecological function. There are numerous precedents in the surrounding area of damage to buildings as a result of vegetation fires. Protection of isolated dwellings surrounded by fynbos also presents a strain on the resources of fire-fighting authorities during wildfires. We therefore recommend that a fire management plan must be compiled for the proposed development and should include more than the standard fire protection measures due to the exceptional high fire risk. These measures must however not result in significant impacts on the natural habitat.	The landowner is aware of the fire risk and appropriate building designs and emergency preparedness will be implemented to manage this as far as possible.	

	<ul> <li>The property is worthy of conservation, as with the other smallholdings abutting the Kogelberg Nature Reserve. We would therefore support that the landowner considers the options available for formal conservation and can contact CapeNature for further advice in this regard. Formal conservation could also form part of the essential mitigation for the proposed development.</li> </ul>	The landowner will look into options for conservation of the remainder.	
	In addition, the municipal planning requirements must be taken into account, which can also result in controls which then reduce/minimize the impact on biodiversity. This includes the Environmental Management Overlay Zones (EMOZ) for which the property is located within the Protected Area Buffer EMOZ.	The proposed development is in line with the EMOZ. And the proposed residential dwelling will be situated below the 60m contour.	
	In conclusion, CapeNature does not support the application as currently proposed due to insufficient information. As a minimum, a terrestrial biodiversity assessment and aquatic biodiversity assessment must be undertaken to assess the impacts on biodiversity as a result of the proposed development due to the high biodiversity value and sensitivity of the property. It must be ensured that the four biodiversity- related themes are addressed as discussed above and a thorough investigation undertaken of the best practicable option in terms of the location of the dwelling on the property.		
	The services such as the access road and conservancy tank (which requires truck access) must also be assessed in the specialist assessments. CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.	A conservancy tank was covered in the aquatic biodiversity assessment. The conservancy tank will be situated 100m away from the identified watercourse.	
DEA&DP Ntanganedzeni Mabasa	Email dated 09/06/2023 COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT ("BAR") IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT ("NEMA"), 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE RESIDENTIAL		

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2.7 According to available mapping resources, the site is mapped to
contain Kogelberg Sandstone Fynbos vegetation, which is classified as
a critically endangered vegetation type.
2.8 The site is zoned Agricultural Zone 1 and is located outside the
urban area of Caledon.
3. This Department's comments are as follows:
3.1 The Site Sensitivity Verification Report does not include adequate A terrestrial biodiversity and aquatic biodiversity
information on the current state of the site. It is only indicated that the assessment have been undertaken as required, and the
site is in a good condition. In addition, the only motivation provided SSVR was amended.
why none of the identified specialist studies will be conducted is the
small scale of the development, that limited indigenous vegetation will
be cleared and that the development will be located more than 32m
from the watercourse present on the site. The site is mapped to contain

critically endangered indigenous vegetation and based on the limited		
information provided, the indigenous vegetation present on the site is in a good condition. However, no botanical specialist input was		
obtained to confirm that the preferred location for the proposed	The Aquatic and Botanical Assessment studies were	
development is suitable from a botanical perspective. Similarly, no	undertaken and the BAR was amended	
freshwater specialist input was obtained despite the presence of a	and the bar was anchied	
wetland on the site. It is important that all the potential impacts		
associated with the proposed development be identified and that it is		
adequately considered, assessed, and addressed to demonstrate that		
the proposed development is acceptable. Therefore, as a minimum, a		
specialist statement should be provided to confirm that the proposed		
development will not have a significant botanical and freshwater		
impact. However, should any authority that has jurisdiction in respect		
of any aspect of the proposed development request that further		
specialist studies be conducted, and where the request is supported by		
this Directorate, this will take precedence.		
3.2 The existing road on the neighbouring municipal property will be	The details have been amended and added in the BAR.	
extended to gain access to the proposed development. Hence, the site		
forms part of the proposed development footprint. The site must		
therefore be included in the assessment and the property details must	The landowner consent form will be submitted with the	
be included in the description and the relevant sections of the	Final BAR.	
application form and BAR.		
3.3 In addition, the municipality must complete a copy of the		
landowner's consent form and a copy of the municipal consent that		
grants permission to use the access on their property must be included		
in the BAR.		
3.4 In terms of the EIA Regulations and NEMA, the investigation of	The alternatives were identified and investigated as part of	
alternatives is mandatory. All alternatives identified must therefore be	the assessment process. The alternatives included three	
investigated to determine if they are feasible and reasonable. Every EIA	access road alignments (Alternative 1, 2, and 3), with each	
process must therefore identify and investigate alternatives, with	assessed for feasibility, environmental impact, and	
feasible and reasonable alternatives to be comparatively assessed. If,	regulatory compliance. The preferred alternative	
however, after having identified and investigated alternatives, no	(Alternative 3) was selected following input from the local	
feasible and reasonable alternatives were found, no comparative	municipality, Department of Infrastructure, and specialist	
assessment of alternatives, beyond the comparative assessment of the	assessments. This route is the only access option supported	
preferred alternative and the option of not proceeding, is required	by the road authority and both the botanical and	
during the assessment. What would, however, be required in this	freshwater specialists, and it avoids traversing sensitive	
instance is proof of the investigation undertaken and motivation		

indicating that no reasonable or feasible alternatives other than the	cultural or ecological features such as a graveyard or areas	
preferred option and the no-go option exist must be provided to the	of high ecological sensitivity.	
Department. It is noted and acknowledged that the access to the site		
informed the placement of the proposed development, but it is not	Mith recent to the placement of the duralline it is	
evident that the selected site is the best practicable option for	With regard to the placement of the dwelling, it is	
development from a biophysical impact perspective. This aspect must be addressed.	acknowledged that access constraints informed the location. However, this site was also confirmed to be the	
be addressed.	least environmentally sensitive area on the property, as	
	verified by the botanical specialist. While the broader site	
3.5 It is motivated that only a small portion of the site will be developed	is mapped as having high and very high botanical sensitivity,	
and that the remainder of the site will be conserved. Has CapeNature	the proposed footprint is located within a medium	
been consulted in this regard or how will this be implemented and	sensitivity area a previously disturbed former quarry site.	
ensured?	This location therefore represents the best practicable	
	environmental option (BPEO) for siting the dwelling,	
	minimizing the need for vegetation clearance and slope	
	modification.	
3.6 Since the proposed development is located in proximity to a	It is confirmed that only a small portion of the site	
watercourse, confirmation is required from the Breede-Gouritz	(approximately 800 m <sup>2</sup> out of 2400 m <sup>2</sup> ) will be developed,	
Catchment Management Agency ("BGCMA") whether the proposed	specifically within a previously disturbed quarry area. The	
development will require a Water Use Licence Application ("WULA") or	remainder of the site, which includes areas of high	
a General Authorisation in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act	ecological sensitivity, will be left undisturbed and	
No. 36 of 1998) ("NWA"). If a WULA is required, proof of submission of the application to the BGCMA and a copy of the WULA Information	conserved. CapeNature has been consulted as part of the commenting	
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	The proposed single residential dwelling is situated more	
	than 32 metres away from any delineated watercourse or	
	wetland located near or adjacent to the property. However,	
	an access road will pass within a few metres of parts of the	
	hillslope seep wetland that occurs on the municipality land	
	between the site and the R44 road. All of the proposed	
	development-related activities that would potentially	
	generate negative impacts were found to be associated	
	with a LOW-risk class. Therefore, the proposed	
	development qualifies for a General Authorisation,	
	according to freshwater specialist.	
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IN PROCESS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION					



PROJECT: Po	REGISTER FOR INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES PROJECT: Portion 126 of 559 Caledon						
NAME:	ORGANISATION:	POSTAL ADDRESS:	TEL:	EMAIL:	COMMENT:	DATE & REF:	
Vhengani Ligudu	Breede Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA)	Private Bag x3055, Worcester, 6849	023 346 8000	<u>vligudu@bocma.c</u> <u>o.za</u>	Email dated 09/06/2023 RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DWELLING ON PORTION 126 OF THE FARM 559, HANGKLIP, CALEDON RD. With reference to the above-mentioned document received by this office on the 09/05/2023, requesting comments. The Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) has <b>no objections</b> on the proposed development subject to the following comments: 1. All relevant sections and regulations of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) regarding water use must be adhered. 2. Please note that no additional use of surface/groundwater and/or storage of water is permitted, unless the applicant has formally obtained a license in terms of Section 41 of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998). And/or formal authorization in terms	4/10/2/G40B/H ANGKLIP 559/126, CALEDON	

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		of General Authorizations issued under Section 39 (Government
		Notice 538 dated 02 September 2016), and/or if it is authorized
		under Schedule 1 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of
		1998). And/or if it is defined and declared as an existing lawful
		water use in terms of Section 32 & 33 of the National Water Act
		,1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
		3. No pollution of surface water or groundwater may occur due
		to any activity on the property.
		4. The minimising of waste must be promoted and alternative
		methods for waste management must be investigated.
		5. No storm water runoff from any premises containing waste, or
		water containing waste emanating from premises may be
		discharged into a water resource.
		6. Please note that any activity within the 1:100 year floodline or
		within 100 metres of a watercourse (river, spring, natural
		channel, a lake or dam) or within a 500 m radius from the
		delineated boundary (extent) of any wetland or pan triggers a
		water use activity in terms of Section 21 (c) & (i) of the National
		Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998). Water for domestic use
		<ul> <li>Water provided for domestic use must comply with</li> </ul>
		the SANS 241:2015 guidelines for drinking water.
		Disposal of sewage
		<ul> <li>The disposal of sewage must at all times comply with</li> </ul>
		the requirements of Sections 22 and 40 of the National
		Water Act of 1998, (Act 36 of 1998).
		<ul> <li>The conservancy tanks must be located out of the</li> </ul>
		1:100 year flood line of any water resource.
		• • When a conservancy tank is used for the disposal of
		sewerage, this office must be furnished with a signed
		copy of the contract between the contractor or the
		municipality which is appointed to pump the
		conservancy tank.
		• • The volume of sewage needs to be metered on a
		monthly basis and removal programme needs to be
		scheduled to ensure that the conservancy tank is
		pumped well within time before overflowing.
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Tamzyn Zweig Overstrand Municipality	Overstrand Municipality	33 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Kleinmond, 7195	028 271 8420	tzweig@overstran d.gov.za	<ul> <li>Alternatively, floating devices should be installed within the tanks that initiate an alarm of 75% full capacity for collection and disposal.</li> <li>The size of the conservancy tank must be determined by both the frequency of removal of its contents to the local Wastewater Treatment Works and by the quantity of sewage anticipated from the above-mentioned project.</li> <li>This office reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received. The onus remains with the registered property owner to confirm adherence to any other relevant legislation that any activities might trigger and/or need authorization.</li> <li>Please do not hesitate to contact the above official should there be any queries.</li> <li>Yours faithfully</li> <li>Email dated 09/06/2023</li> <li>Dear Lornay Consulting,</li> <li>Re: PPP Comments for Residential Development on Portion 126 of Farm 559 (DEA&amp;DP Ref. No.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1495/22</li> </ul>	-
					Lornay Ref. No.: 126OF559BB) Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The proposed development of an 800m2 Residential Dwelling development footprint and an extension of the existing jeep track by 200m is relatively small-scale, the Overstrand Environmental Management Section (EMS) supports the application as per the information submitted and reserves the right to submit further comments as more information becomes available. 1) Removal of Critically Endangered Vegetation: Prior to clearance, please contact the Kogelberg Biosphere Botanical Society Gardening Circle Group who have formed the "Fight For Fynbos" group, a search and rescue initiative for Species of Conservation Concern. Alternatively, there are local	

Rhett Smart	Cape Nature	16 17th	087 087 8017	rsmart@capenatu	<ul> <li>members of the Custodians of Rare and Endangered Wildflowers (CREW) group.</li> <li>Galia Manicom (Fight For Fynbos) email: galia.manicom@gmail.com</li> <li>cell: 082 963 3804</li> <li>Magriet Brink (Kogelberg CREW)</li> <li>Email: magrietb@gmail.com</li> <li>Cell: 072 921 1757</li> <li>2) The Overstrand Environmental Management Overlay Zones: Protected Area Buffer &amp; Coastal Protection Zone</li> <li>Please be aware that the Overstrand EMOZ regulations (2020) state:</li> <li>Schedule A Prohibited Activities:</li> <li>• Development above the 120m geographical contour line.</li> <li>Should the proposed development be above this contour, a deviation from the EMOZ Regulations via the Overstrand Town Planning Department should be applied for.</li> <li>3) Access to proposed development via Overstrand Property (559/0)</li> <li>Please ensure the owners enter into a formal agreement with the Overstrand Engineering Department regarding maintenance of the access road within the Overstrand Property. It should be noted that the Hangklip-Kleinmond Administration of the Overstrand have very limited resources – especially with regard to earthmoving/road servicing machinery. For example, following the recent (end May, early June 2023) heavy rain and subsequent flood damages to infrastructure, the department's focus was naturally on the restoration of access roads within the urban area due to the larger number of residents affected, while outlying areas tend to have to wait longer for these types of service delivery.</li> <li>Email dated 09/06/2023</li> </ul>	
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dwellings surrounded by fynbos also presents a strain on the
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					559, CALEDON.	
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					Department on 9 May 2023, and the Department's	
					acknowledgement thereof issued on 17 May 2023, refer.	
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					2. Following the review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:	
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					residential dwelling and associated infrastructure on Portion 126	
					of Farm No. 559, Pringle Bay.	
					2.2 Access to the property is not permitted off the R44, therefore	
					the municipality has granted the applicant permission to access	
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					on the Remainder of Farm No. 562.	
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					approximately 200 meters towards the west to create a track to	
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					will be serviced by the municipality.	
					2.5 Rainwater will be harvested for domestic use and electricity	
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					2.6 There is a wetland on site however both the building platform	
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			1	1	development is however not specified or indicated on a map.	

2.7 According to available mapping resources, the site is mapped
to contain Kogelberg Sandstone Fynbos vegetation, which is
classified as a critically endangered vegetation type.
2.8 The site is zoned Agricultural Zone 1 and is located outside the
urban area of Caledon.
3. This Department's comments are as follows:
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adequate information on the current state of the site. It is only
indicated that the site is in a good condition. In addition, the only
motivation provided why none of the identified specialist studies
will be conducted is the small scale of the development, that
limited indigenous vegetation will be cleared and that the
development will be located more than 32m from the
watercourse present on the site. The site is mapped to contain
critically endangered indigenous vegetation and based on the
limited information provided, the indigenous vegetation present
on the site is in a good condition. However, no botanical specialist
input was obtained to confirm that the preferred location for the
proposed development is suitable from a botanical perspective.
Similarly, no freshwater specialist input was obtained despite the
presence of a wetland on the site. It is important that all the
potential impacts associated with the proposed development be
identified and that it is adequately considered, assessed, and
addressed to demonstrate that the proposed development is
acceptable. Therefore, as a minimum, a specialist statement
should be provided to confirm that the proposed development
will not have a significant botanical and freshwater impact.
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property details must be included in the description and the
relevant sections of the application form and BAR.
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landowner's consent form and a copy of the municipal consent

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of alternatives is mandatory. All alternatives identified must
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alternatives to be comparatively assessed. If, however, after
having identified and investigated alternatives, no feasible and
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required in this instance is proof of the investigation undertaken
and motivation indicating that no reasonable or feasible
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exist must be provided to the Department. It is noted and
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a biophysical impact perspective. This aspect must be addressed.
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implemented and ensured?
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Catchment Management Agency ("BGCMA") whether the
proposed development will require a Water Use Licence
Application ("WULA") or a General Authorisation in terms of the
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and a copy of the WULA Information must be included in the BAR.
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that they have available capacity to regularly empty the
conservancy tank.
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alternative must include all the components of the proposed

development, including any buffer / no-go areas that will be
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SDP does not conform to these requirements. The updated SDP
must also be included the EMPr, as per regulatory requirements.
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which Environmental Compliance Checklists/Reports compiled
by the Environmental Control Officer will be submitted to this
Department. Be advised that the recommended frequency will be
included as a condition of the Environmental Authorisation
should the proposed development be approved.
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Statement must be obtained:
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3.10.2 BGCMA,
3.10.3 CapeNature, and
3.10.4 Overstrand Municipality.
3.11 In terms of Regulation 34 of the NEMA EIA Regulations,
2014, the holder must conduct environmental audits to
determine compliance with the conditions of the Environmental
Authorisation, the EMPr and submit Environmental Audit Reports
to the Competent Authority. The Environmental Audit Report
must be prepared by an independent person (other than the
Environmental Assessment Practitioner and Environmental
Control Officer) and must contain all the information required in
Appendix 7 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014. Please advise
what the estimated duration of the construction phase will be. In
addition, you are required to recommend and motivate the
frequency at which the environmental audits must be conducted
by an independent person.
4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any
future correspondence in respect of the application.
5. Please note that the proposed development may not
commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being
granted by the Competent Authority.
6. The Department reserves the right to revise its comments and
request further information from you based on any new or
revised information received.

## 8. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING DRAFT / PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



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REFERENCE NO: 4/10/2/G40B/HANGKLIP 559/126, CALEDON Date: 09 June 2023

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Attention: Michelle Naylor

#### RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DWELLING ON PORTION 126 OF THE FARM 559, HANGKLIP, CALEDON RD.

With reference to the above-mentioned document received by this office on the <u>09/05/2023</u>, requesting comments.

The Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) has no objections on the proposed development subject to the following comments:

- 1. All relevant sections and regulations of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) regarding water use must be adhered.
- 2. Please note that no additional use of surface/groundwater and/or storage of water is permitted, unless the applicant has formally obtained a license in terms of Section 41 of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998). And/or formal authorization in terms of General Authorizations issued under Section 39 (Government Notice 538 dated 02 September 2016), and/or if it is authorized under Schedule 1 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998). And/or if it is defined and declared as an existing lawful water use in terms of Section 32 & 33 of the National Water Act ,1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
- 3. No pollution of surface water or groundwater may occur due to any activity on the property.
- 4. The minimising of waste must be promoted and alternative methods for waste management must be investigated.
- 5. No storm water runoff from any premises containing waste, or water containing waste emanating from premises may be discharged into a water resource.
- 6. Please note that any activity within the 1:100 year floodline or within 100 metres of a watercourse (river, spring, natural channel, a lake or dam) or within a 500 m radius from the delineated boundary (extent) of any wetland or pan triggers a water use activity in terms of Section 21 (c) & (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).

#### Water for domestic use

• Water provided for domestic use must comply with the SANS 241:2015 guidelines for drinking water.

#### Disposal of sewage

- The disposal of sewage must at all times comply with the requirements of Sections 22 and 40 of the National Water Act of 1998, (Act 36 of 1998).
- The conservancy tanks must be located out of the 1:100 year flood line of any water resource.
- When a conservancy tank is used for the disposal of sewerage, this office must be furnished with a signed copy of the contract between the contractor or the municipality which is appointed to pump the conservancy tank.
- The volume of sewage needs to be metered on a monthly basis and removal programme needs to be scheduled to ensure that the conservancy tank is pumped well within time before overflowing. Alternatively, floating devices should be installed within the tanks that initiate an alarm of 75% full capacity for collection and disposal.
- The size of the conservancy tank must be determined by both the frequency of removal of its contents to the local Wastewater Treatment Works and by the quantity of sewage anticipated from the above-mentioned project.

This office reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received. The onus remains with the registered property owner to confirm adherence to any other relevant legislation that any activities might trigger and/or need authorization.

Please do not hesitate to contact the above official should there be any queries.

Yours faithfully

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MR JAN VAN STADEN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Acting)

#### DIRECTORATE: INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING DIREKTORAAT: INFRASTRUKTUUR EN BEPLANNING

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SECTION

NAVRAE | ENQUIRIES: Tamzyn Zweig



09 June 2023

Dear Lornay Consulting,

# Re: PPP Comments for Residential Development on Portion 126 of Farm 559 (DEA&DP Ref. No.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1495/22 Lornay Ref. No.: 126OF559BB)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The proposed development of an 800m<sup>2</sup> Residential Dwelling development footprint and an extension of the existing jeep track by 200m is relatively small-scale, the Overstrand Environmental Management Section (EMS) supports the application as per the information submitted and reserves the right to submit further comments as more information becomes available.

#### I) <u>Removal of Critically Endangered Vegetation:</u>

Prior to clearance, please contact the Kogelberg Biosphere Botanical Society Gardening Circle Group who have formed the "Fight For Fynbos" group, a search and rescue initiative for Species of Conservation Concern. Alternatively, there are local members of the Custodians of Rare and Endangered Wildflowers (CREW) group.

> <u>Galia Manicom (Fight For Fynbos)</u> email: <u>galia.manicom@gmail.com</u> cell: 082 963 3804

Magriet Brink (Kogelberg CREW) Email: <u>magrietb@gmail.com</u> Cell: 072 921 1757

#### 2) <u>The Overstrand Environmental Management Overlay Zones: Protected Area Buffer & Coastal</u> <u>Protection Zone</u>

Please be aware that the Overstrand EMOZ regulations (2020) state:

Schedule A Prohibited Activities:

Development above the 120m geographical contour line.

Should the proposed development be above this contour, a deviation from the EMOZ Regulations via the Overstrand Town Planning Department should be applied for.

#### 3) Access to proposed development via Overstrand Property (559/0)

Please ensure the owners enter into a formal agreement with the Overstrand Engineering Department regarding maintenance of the access road within the Overstrand Property. It should be noted that the Hangklip-Kleinmond Administration of the Overstrand have very limited resources – especially with regard to earthmoving/road servicing machinery. For example, following the recent (end May, early June 2023) heavy rain and subsequent flood damages to infrastructure, the department's focus was naturally on the restoration of access roads within the urban area due to the larger number of residents affected, while outlying areas tend to have to wait longer for these types of service delivery.

Sincerely,

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Attention: Michelle Naylor By email: <u>michelle@lornay.co.za</u>

Dear Michelle

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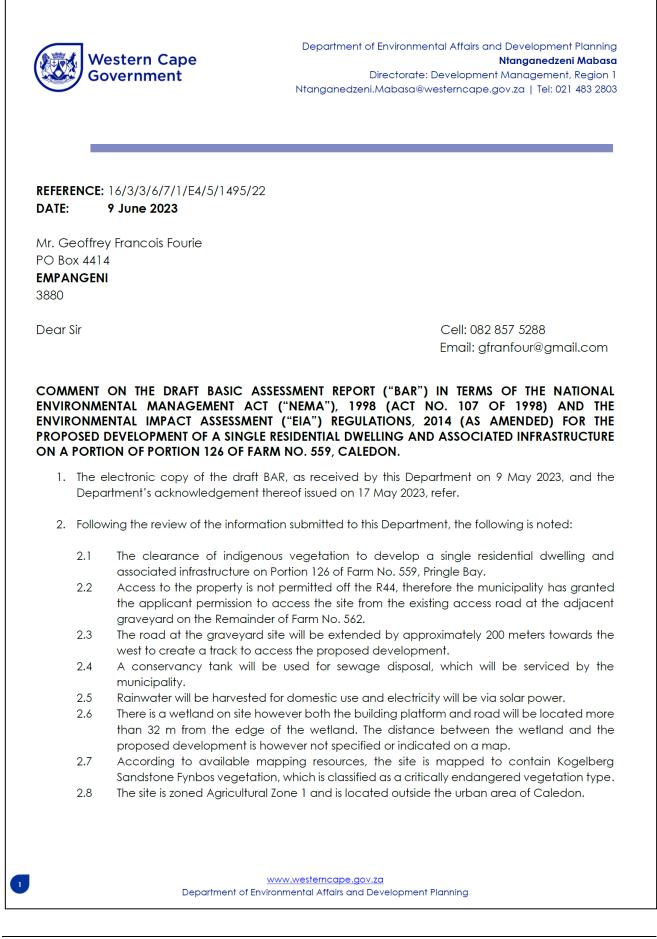
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  - 3.10.3 CapeNature, and
  - 3.10.4 Overstrand Municipality.
- 3.11 In terms of Regulation 34 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, the holder must conduct environmental audits to determine compliance with the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation, the EMPr and submit Environmental Audit Reports to the Competent Authority. The Environmental Audit Report must be prepared by an independent person (other than the Environmental Assessment Practitioner and Environmental Control Officer) and must contain all the information required in Appendix 7 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014. <u>Please advise what the estimated duration of the construction phase will be. In addition, you are required to recommend and motivate the frequency at which the environmental audits must be conducted by an independent person.</u>
- 4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
- 5. Please note that the proposed development may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Competent Authority.

6. The Department reserves the right to revise its comments and request further information from you based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully Andrea Thomas

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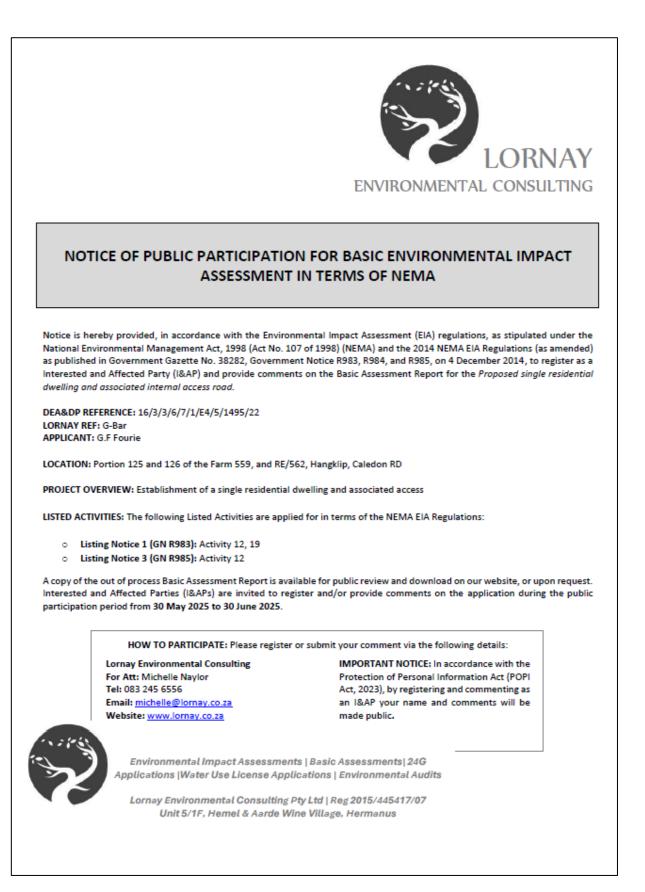
## 9. ADDITIONAL ROUND OF PRE-APP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An additional round of out of process public participation has been provided for.

## **10. REGISTERED INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES**

PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
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## **11. NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL OUT OF PROCESS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**



## **12. PROOF OF NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL PPP**

To be added

## **13. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE ADDITIONAL ROUND OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To be added