PRE-APPLICATION AND APPLICATION PHASE
SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

This section of the report is included in compliance with the Regulations. Public participation is an integral part of the EIA process, and affords potentially interested and potentially affected parties (I&APs) an opportunity to participate in the EIA process, or to comment on any aspect of the development proposals.

Other relevant considerations regarding the public participation process being undertaken for this project are that:

- The public participation process being undertaken for this project complies with the requirements of the Regulations. **The regulation 41 requirements of Site Notice, neighbours notices and advert of which proof is included under Appendix D below was conducted. No request for registration was received and therefore the per-application draft scoping report and draft scoping report after EA submission were only sent to key departments as per the list below and not needed to be sent to any registered Interested and Affected Party.**
- The description of the public participation process included in sections below itemises the steps and actions undertaken.

Advert was placed in the local newspaper. Witzenberg Herald on 27 June 2025 in terms of regulation 41 requirements inviting and giving opportunity to Interested and Affected Parties to register within 30 days period.



MOOI Uitsig primêr se twee netbalbane is uiteindelik voltooi. Die inwyding van die netbalbane het Donderdag 19 Junie plaasgevind. Onder die genooide gaste was Shannon Lombard en Gerane Damon van Perdekraal-Oos windplaas en Marius Petersen van CFP, die skool se beheerliggaamlede Leandra Afrika en Marius Petersen. Hier is die groep afgeneem saam onderwysers en personeel van Mooi Uitsig.

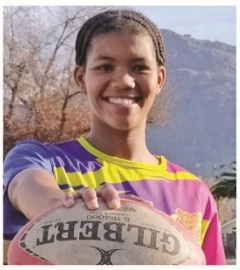


AJANDA Nel van Laastedrif primêr, is opgeneem in die o/13 Boland Cravenweek rugbyspan wat 29 Junie - 4 Julie aan die Cravenweek in Oos-London gaan deelneem. Die skool en ouers bedank almal wat bydraes gemaak het.



Karatekas van Ceres verwerf medaljes

*SES karatekas van Senshi Dojo, het onlangs aan die Helderbergliga deelgeneem. Die karatekas het 15 medaljes verwerf waarvan ses medaljes goud was, drie silwer en ses brons. * Dankie vir elke karateka se harde werk en dissipline.*



DEVIDENE Marsh, een van Young Good Hopes se vroue rugbyspelers, is in die Boland o/18 span ingesluit vir 'n toernooi wat van 30 Junie tot 4 Julie in Gauteng plaasvind. Sy is ook die onderkaptein en speel senter.

VACANCIES I BETREKKINGS

Cape Winelands District Municipality strives towards rendering a dynamic and effective service to the community under its jurisdiction. As an Employment Equity Employer, we currently offer the following vacancies to appropriately qualified and experienced individuals:

DEPUTY DIRECTOR: LEGAL, RISK AND COMPLIANCE

Requirements: • A relevant three-year tertiary qualification preferably a B degree in Law (LLB advantageous) • Eight (8) years' or more relevant legal experience required • The appointee will be required, as a condition of his/her appointment, to obtain the Minimum Municipal Competency Levels in the unit standards for each competency area within 18 months from the date of appointment, as regulated by the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No 56 of 2003): Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency Levels • Computer literacy in MS Office • Valid Code B driver's licence • Must be willing to work overtime and to work at home after hours • Ability to work effectively within a political environment and to balance political views with organisational needs when communicating differing viewpoints on complex issues • Ability to handle sensitive matters • Always maintain confidentiality and integrity • Ability to work on diverse legal matters at the same time • Ability to communicate legal advice to staff members in understandable terms • Willingness to successfully participate in functional workshops, courses, seminars, etc to acquire knowledge to translate knowledge into practical use on the job • Willingness to render timely services, to internal and external stakeholders and officials • Ability to provide up-to-date information by staying abreast of the latest legislation, regulations and information that may affect the municipality's operations • Ability to demonstrate personal commitment to resolving difficulties/problems • Ability to typify integrity by taking full responsibility for own actions even if it reflects negatively on self • Ability to support management with the implementation of the CWDM's risk management strategy and implementation plan, within area of expertise • Ability to efficiently and effectively communicate and co-operate with key stakeholders in order to agree on common service delivery objects • Physically and mentally fit and healthy • Good communication and written skills • Sound interpersonal relations and conflict management skills • Ability to work under severe pressure and adhere to strict deadlines • Ability to work independently and interpret legislation • Ability to critically and analytically evaluate information and data to take informative decisions • Good interpersonal relationships • Language proficiency in at least two of the three official languages of the Western Cape.

LEGAL ADVISOR: LEGAL SERVICES

Requirements: • A relevant three-year tertiary qualification preferably a B degree in Law (LLB advantageous) • Five (5) to eight (8) years' relevant legal experience required • The appointee will be required, as a condition of his/her appointment, to obtain the Minimum Municipal Competency Levels in the unit standards for each competency area within 18 months from the date of appointment, as regulated by the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No 56 of 2003): Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency Levels • Computer literacy in MS Office • Valid Code B driver's licence • Required to perform more complex legal functions independently with minimal supervision • Knowledge of legal and administrative services and processes • Language proficiency in at least two of the three official languages of the Western Cape • Good human relations and interpersonal skills • High level of responsibility • Ability to work under pressure • Ability to deal with conflict situations • Good research ability • Excellent oral and written communication skills • Foster a culture of ethical behaviour • In-depth knowledge of relevant legislation • Research and analysis competencies • Ability to set team goals and providing direction • Strong subject matter knowledge.

ADVISOR: RISK AND COMPLIANCE

Requirements: • A relevant three-year tertiary qualification in Internal Audit or Auditing or related field • Five (5) to eight (8) years' relevant experience which includes two (2) years of supervisory experience • The appointee will be required, as a condition of his/her appointment, to obtain the Minimum Municipal Competency Levels in the unit standards for each competency area within 18 months from the date of appointment, as regulated by the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No 56 of 2003): Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency Levels • Computer literacy in MS Office • Valid Code B driver's licence • Must be a member of the Institute of Risk Management South Africa • Perform the full range of Enterprise Risk Management activities within a functional area or more • Sufficient knowledge of COSO Framework and ISO 31000 Risk Management Standards • Language proficiency in at least two of the three official languages of the Western Cape • Communication skills, both verbal and written • Attention to detail and work accurately • Good interpersonal and facilitation skills • Strategic thinking skills.

Closing date: 11 July 2025 at 15:00

Visit www.capewinelands.gov.za for the full advertisement and the application procedure.

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER
Cape Winelands District Municipality
46 Alexander Street
Stellenbosch 7600

CAPE WINELANDS DISTRICT

www.ayandambanga.co.za 153920

(30 DAYS REGISTRATION PERIOD EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM 27 JUNE TO 28 JULY 2025)

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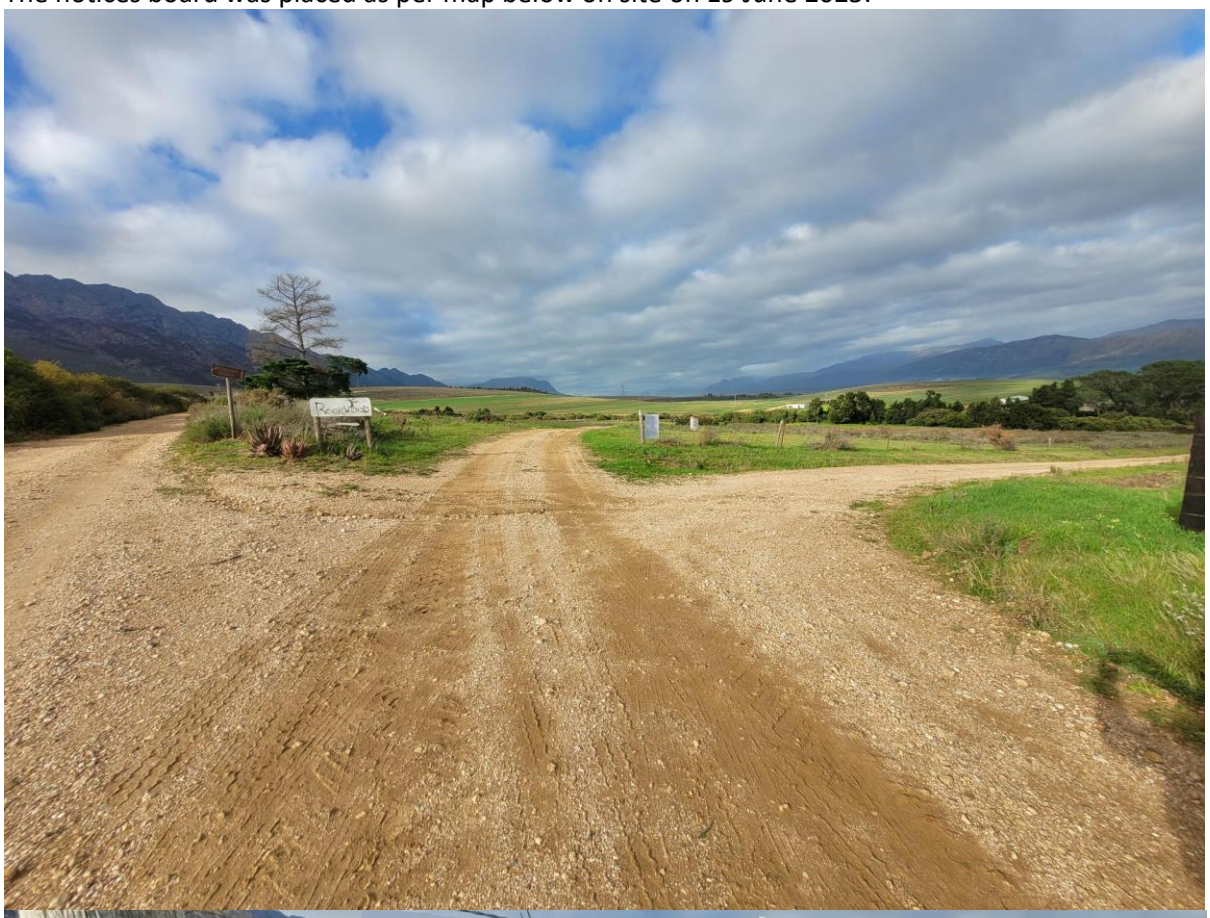
Tel/Cell: 076-963-6450
E-mail: admin@enviro-eap.co.za

The notices board was placed as per map below on site on 19 June 2025.





SITE NOTICE 19 JUNE 2025

SITE NOTICE (30 DAYS REGISTRATION START FROM SITE NOTICE DATE)

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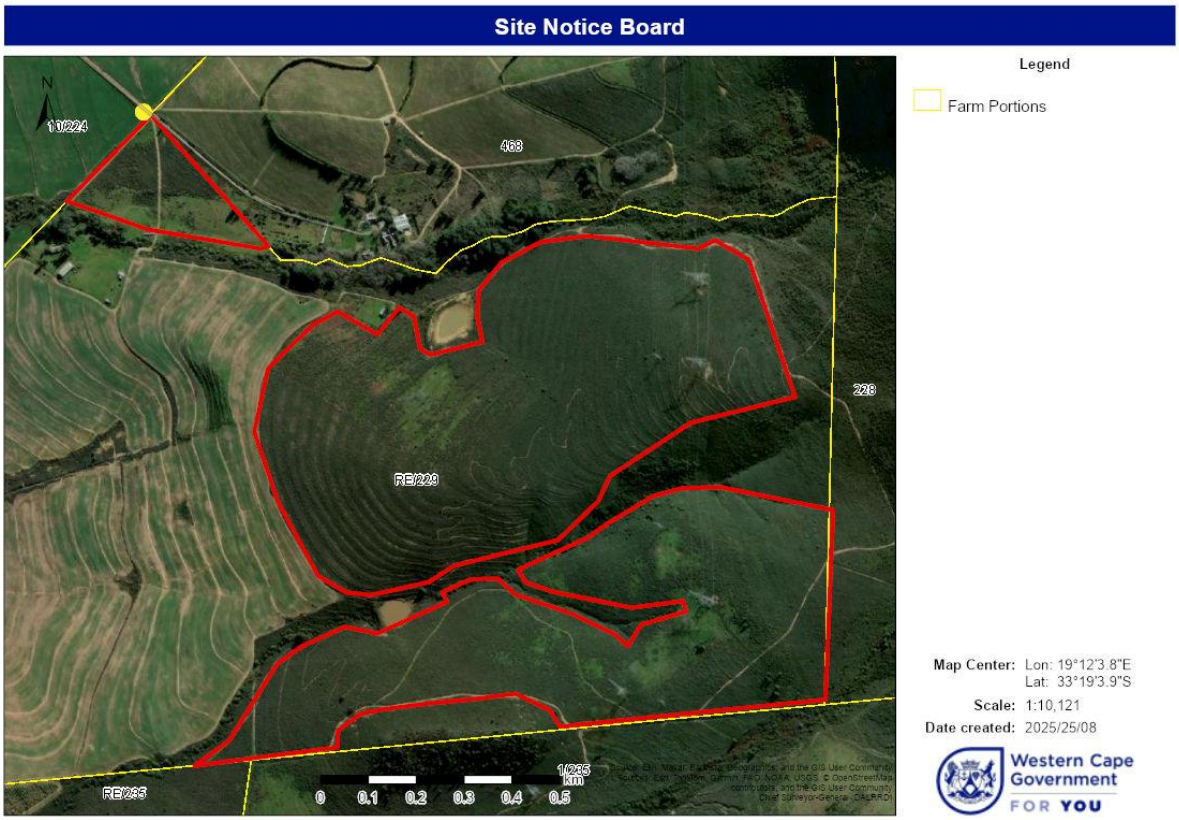
Site Notice placed at yellow dot.

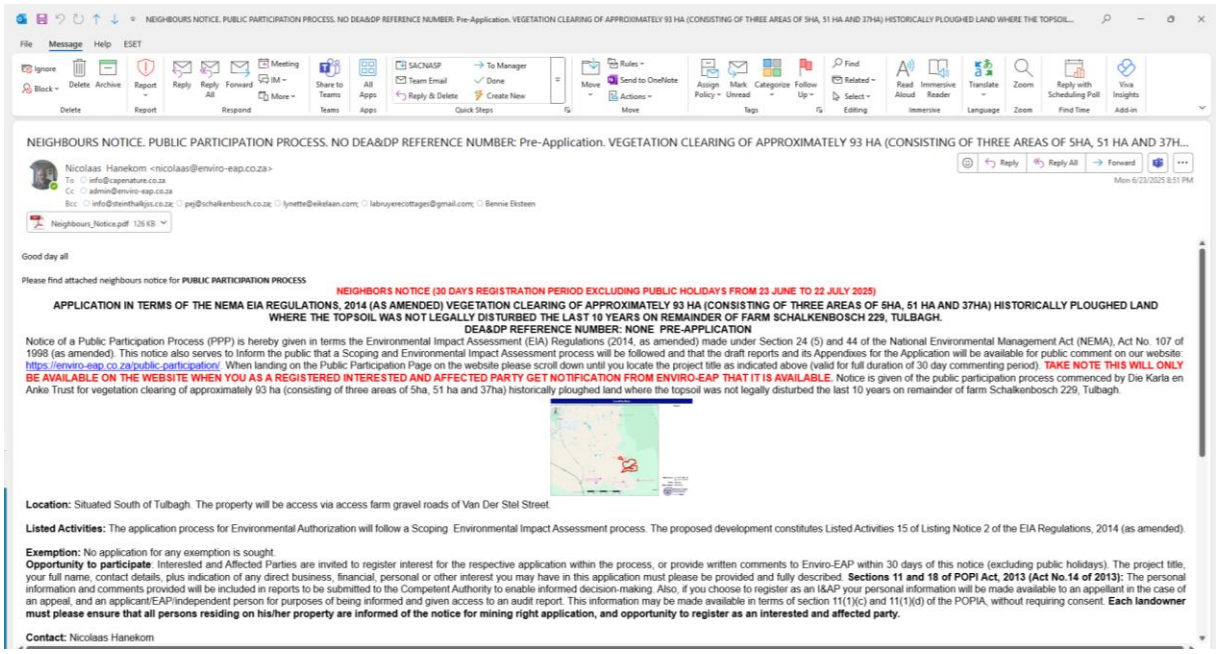


The pre-application and draft scoping and EIR Report will be emailed to the following key Departments:

- DEA&DP: Development Management
- CapeNature
- DEA&DP: Pollution & Chemicals Management
- DEA&DP: Waste Management
- Department of Agriculture, Western Cape
- Heritage Western Cape
- Cape Winelands District Municipality
- Department of Water and Sanitation
- Witzenberg Municipality
- ESKOM

No registered I&AP'S were registered or requested to be registered on the application in response to the advert, site notice and neighbours notices send.

6 Neighbouring properties was identify. Notices was sent via email on 23 June 2025 to owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is undertaken. The notice requested them to register as Interested and Affective Parties (I&APs) and invited them to provide written comments together with the above reference number, their name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application to the contact person indicated below within 30 days from the date of this notice. The notice also requested the owner to inform all persons residing on the property.



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To info@capenature.co.za

Cc admin@enviro-eap.co.za

Bcc info@steinthalkjss.co.za; pej@schalkenbosch.co.za; lynette@eikelaan.com; labruyerecottages@gmail.com; Bennie Eksteen

Mon 6/23/2025 8:51 PM

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Good day all

Please find attached neighbours notice for **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

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Contact: Nicolaas Hanekom

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From:	Nicolaas Hanekom <nicolaas@enviro-eap.co.za>
Sent:	Monday, June 23, 2025 8:51 PM
To:	info@capenature.co.za
Cc:	admin@enviro-eap.co.za
Subject:	NEIGHBOURS NOTICE. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS. NO DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER: Pre-Application. VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 93 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREAS OF 5HA, 51 HA AND 37HA) HISTORICALLY PLOUGHED LAND WHERE THE TOPSOIL WAS NOT LEGALLY DISTUR
Attachments:	Neighbours_Notice.pdf

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Vriendelike Groete / Kind regards

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STEPS TAKEN TO NOTIFY POTENTIALLY INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

This section of the report is included in compliance with the Regulations.

Potential I&APs were notified about the project by:

1. Fixing a notice board at the boundary of the site in compliance with the Regulations. All relevant and required information was displayed on the notice board.
   The notice board contained the following minimum information
   (Size of Board 59.4 x 84.1 cm):
   - how to register as an interested and affected party;
   - the manner in which representations on the application may be made;
   - where further information on the application or activity can be obtained; and
   - the contact details of the person(s) to whom representations may be made.
   - The fact that the public participation process had commenced, that a basic assessment process will be followed, the dates within which they can register or send comments and what the proposed activity constituted, was displayed.

2. Giving written notice to owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken, the municipal councillor of the ward within which the site is located, the local municipality and those organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the project as required by the Regulations.

3. Placing an advertisement in a local newspaper in compliance with the Regulations.

4. Lists of Identified and Registered Interested and Affected Parties
   This section of the report is included in compliance with the Regulations. This list includes the potential as well as the registered Interested and Affected Parties. The list of parties who were identified as potential I&APs as per the requirements of the Regulations and the list of parties who requested registration as an I&AP, and who are registered on the I&AP database for the project as required in terms of the Regulations were included. A Comments and Response Report from registered I&AP's will be included.

5. Workshop with Key Role players
   No workshops were held.

TABLE 1: LIST OF KEY DEPARTMENTS & POTENTIAL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

STAKEHOLDER	CONTACT PERSON	EMAIL ADDRESS
DEA&DP: Development Management Private Bag X9086 Cape Town 8000	The Director Region 1 Mr. Zaahir Toefy	DEADPEIAAdmin@westerncape.gov.za
CapeNature Private Bag X5014 Stellenbosch 7599	Leandra Knoetze	lknoetze@capenature.co.za
DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management Private Bag X9086 Cape Town 8000	Gunther Frantz	gunther.frantz@westerncape.gov.za
DEA&DP: Waste Management Private Bag X9086 Cape Town 8000	Mr. Saliem Haider	Saliem.Haider@westerncape.gov.za
Department of Agriculture, Western Cape: Land Use Private Bag X1 Elsenburg 7607	Cor van der Walt	landuse.elsenburg@elsenburg.com
Department of Water and Sanitation Private Bag X16 Sanlamhof 7532	Mrs. Nelissa Nbobeni Mr. Warren Dreyer	ndobenin2@dws.gov.za DreyerW@dws.gov.za
Heritage Western Cape	CEO Heritage Western Cape	Ceoheritage@westerncape.gov.za

Private Bag X9067 Cape Town 8001		
Witzenberg Municipality	Municipal Manager Mayor Ward Councillors	david@witzenberg.gov.za
Cape Winelands District Municipality PO Box 7599 Stellenbosch 7599	The Municipal Manager / Mayor / Ward Councillors	mm@capewinelands.gov.za
ESKOM	Justine Wyngaardt	justine.wyngaardt@eskom.co.za GridAccessUnit@eskom.co.za

PROOF OF SENDING PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

Nicolaas Hanekom

From:	Nicolaas Hanekom
Sent:	Monday, August 25, 2025 1:44 PM
To:	DEADP EIA Admin; Leandra Knoetze; Gunther Frantz; RABIA REYNOLDS; Saliem Haider; 'Landuse.Elsenburg@elsenburg.com'; Brandon Layman; Ndobeni Nelisa (BVL); Dreyer Warren <DreyerW@dws.gov.za> (DreyerW@dws.gov.za); Ceoheritage; david@witzenberg.gov.za; mm@capewinelands.gov.za; 'justine.wyngaardt@eskom.co.za'; GridAccessUnit@eskom.co.za; Cor.VanderWalt@westerncape.gov.za; Johmandie Pienaar; Nicolaas Hanekom
Cc:	Admin
Subject:	AVAILABILITY OF PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT. NO DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER PRE-APPLICATION. THE PROPOSED VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 93 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREAS OF 5HA, 51 HA AND 37HA) HISTORICALLY PLOUGHED LAND WHERE THE TOPSOIL WAS

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Dear Key department

This email serves as a notification of the availability of the Draft pre-application scoping report and appendices for **30-day** commenting period. Please take note of the details below which set out: - (1) How you can access the Draft pre-application scoping report and appendices, (2) the commenting period and deadline for the submission of comments, and (3) how to submit of comments.

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(3) SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Please direct your comments in writing for the attention of the responsible EAP as per the contact information provided below:

Responsible EAP: Nicolaas Hanekom
Email: admin@enviro-eap.co.za

I trust the above is in order, kindly acknowledge receipt.

Vriendelike Groete / Kind regards

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Dear Sir/Madam

The Directorate confirms receipt of your correspondence.

Please be advised that the assigned case officer will provide a formal response within the legislated timeframe.

Kind Regards

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TABLE 2: COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TABLE – PRE-APPILCATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

STAKEHOLDER/IAP	DATE	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Gunther Frantz Environmental Officer – Production: Grade C Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Western Cape Government	EMAIL DATED 28/8/2025	Good Day Mr Hanekom Thank you for including the Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management (D: PCM) as a registered interested and affected party for the Pe-App Scoping Report (PrDSR) for the clearing of 93Ha vegetation on farm Schalkenbosch, Tulbagh. The D: PCM does not anticipate any significant pollution risks as a result of the commenced activities, and thus will not be providing comment on the PrDSR.	Noted. Noted and thank for comment that the D: PCM does not anticipate any significant pollution risks as a result of the commenced activities.
CapeNature	Letter dated 25/9/25	RE: The Proposed Vegetation Clearing of approximately 93 Ha (consisting of three areas of 5 ha, 51 ha and 37 ha) historically ploughed land on the Remainder of Farm 229, Schalkenbosch, Tulbagh – Pre-Application Draft Scoping Report DEA&DP Ref: TBC CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Application Draft Scoping Report. Please note that our comments pertain primarily to impacts on biodiversity and not to the overall desirability of the project. 1. According to the South African Vegetation Map (2018), the areas support Breede Shale Renosterveld (majority of area), Breede Shale Fynbos, and a small area of Breede Alluvium Fynbos (within Area 1). Based on the NEMBA, Revised National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and in need of Protection (2022), all three Vegetation Types are listed as Endangered ecosystems. However, the areas appear to be largely transformed by previous clearing for agriculture with natural vegetation remaining mainly on the edges of the	Correct. Noted. Correct. Please refer to draft scoping report for more detailed description by Dr J-H Keet. Correct. Some area identified by Dr J-H Keet was excluded from the proposed clearing areas.

		cleared areas and secondary vegetation returning to the areas that has been fallow for more than 10 years.	
		2. The proposed areas (specifically Area 3) are situated within a Terrestrial Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA 1), according to the 2023 Biodiversity Spatial Plan (BSP). CBAs include areas that are usually, but not always in a natural condition that are required to meet biodiversity targets for species, ecosystems or ecological processes and ecological infrastructure. The terrestrial CBA is mapped due to the presence of the threatened vegetation type, East Coast Shale Renosterveld Channelled Valley Bottom Wetland and Climate Adaptation Corridor and it is essential that these areas are maintained in a natural or near-natural state, with no further loss of habitat and degraded areas should ideally be rehabilitated. Only low-impact, biodiversity sensitive land uses are appropriate. Furthermore, according to the 2017 BSP, the proposed areas are situated in a CBA1 (Area 3) and Area 1 is partially within an Ecological Support Area (ESA 2: Restore). ESAs play an important role in supporting the functioning of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and can be vital for delivering ecosystem services. The ESA is mapped due to the presence of a wetland, for Water source protection (Berg River), Watercourse protection (South Western Coastal Belt) and where possible, the area should be restored and/or managed to maintain soil and water-related services. Additionally, the area is situated in a Strategic Water Source Area (SWSA) for Surface (Boland) and Groundwater (Tulbagh-Ashton Valley) and is next to the Witzenberg Nature Reserve (to the East of the proposed development).	Correct. This will be included in the plant species and terrestrial biodiversity assessment.
		3. The Pre-Application Draft Scoping Report indicates the Professional Team under Section 1.3.2 (Page 9), however only one person is listed. For an application of this magnitude that	Noted. Please refer to Draft Scoping. Plant and Terrestrial biodiversity assessment will be conducted by Dr J-H Keet, Animal Species must sytill be confirm

		will affect large areas of CBA and involves the clearing of more than 20 ha of threatened vegetation types, we prefer that Specialist Studies are conducted by independent Specialist. Furthermore, please can you clarify if only the yellow areas (polygons) in Area 2 (51 ha) and Area 3 (37 ha) will be cleared and what the red areas or polygons refer to. Additionally, also provide a map with the Site photographs (Appendix C) to indicate in which direction and from which locality each photograph was taken. 4. CapeNature will provide further comments once more detailed information is available in the Scoping Report and the accompanying Specialist studies. CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.	and Aquatic Biodiversity must be confirm by Department of Water and Sanitation, but because it is for the establishing of old agricultural lands and a 32m buffer as recommended by Dr J-H Keet, Dr J-H Keet recommended that a Aquatic Biodiversity assessment is not required because the site only contain non-perennial water courses. Noted. Noted.
Department of Water and Sanitation	Letter dated 26/9/25	PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 93 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREAS OF 5HA, 51 HA AND 37HA) HISTORICALLY PLOUGHED LAND WHERE THE TOPSOIL WAS NOT LEGALLY DISTURBED THE LAST 10 YEARS ON REMAINDER OF FARM SCHALKENBOSCH 229, TULBAGH Reference is made to the above-mentioned document dated August 2025 with no DEA&DP reference number. This Department has perused the above mentioned document and has the following comments: The proposed activity will trigger the following water uses in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998): • (c) impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;& • (i) altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.	Noted. Correct. Noted. Noted. Please take note that this is to re-establish old lands and the ecologist recommended a 32m buffer from water courses to ensure sufficient buffer and if the 32m buffer is established, then water use authorization would not be required. However, if DWS does not agree with this, a Water Use Authorization application will be submitted to start the process and

		Kindly advise your client to apply for Water Use Authorisation from this Department prior to commencing with any of the activities.	in order to be concluded at the end of the Environmental Impact Assessment process.
		A Risk Matrix indicating the impacts of the proposed activity must be submitted as per Government Gazette No. 49833 in Government Notice 4167 dated 08 December 2023.	Noted. Risk matrix will be submitted together with Water Use Authorization process.
		Water use authorisation and registration must be applied for and obtained prior to commencement of the proposed activities by following https://www.dws.gov.za/ewulaas/	Noted. Please refer to response above.
		Note that this Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to the comments made above in the light of subsequent information received.	Noted.
		Please do not hesitate to contact the above office should there be any queries.	Noted.

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From: Gunther Frantz <Gunther.Frantz@westerncape.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 11:42 AM
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Cc: RABIA REYNOLDS
Subject: Re: AVAILABILITY OF PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT. NO DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER PRE-APPLICATION. THE PROPOSED VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 93 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREAS OF 5HA, 51 HA AND 37HA) HISTORICALLY PLOUGHED LAND WHERE THE TOPSO...

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Regards,

Gunther Frantz
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4. CapeNature will provide further comments once more detailed information is available in the Scoping Report and the accompanying Specialist studies.

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

Yours sincerely



Leandra Knoetze

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Attention: Nicolaas Hanekom

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Dear Sir

PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 93 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREAS OF 5HA, 51 HA AND 37HA) HISTORICALLY PLOUGHED LAND WHERE THE TOPSOIL WAS NOT LEGALLY DISTURBED THE LAST 10 YEARS ON REMAINDER OF FARM SCHALKENBOSCH 229, TULBAGH

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

Sincerely



PROVINCIAL HEAD : WESTERN CAPE
Signed by : Nelisa Ndobeni
Designation : Control Environmental Officer
Date : 26 September 2025

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PROOF OF SENDING DRAFT SCOPING REPORT ON 18 FEBRUARY 2026

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Dear Sir/Madam

The Directorate confirms receipt of your correspondence.

Kind Regards

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Good day All

As indicated in email sent Wednesday 18th February the DEA&DP reference number was not available. The reference number was issued and is available.

Please use the **DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/2/B5/14/1011/26** when providing your comments please.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should there be any questions or information needed.

Vriendelike Groete / Kind regards

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Dear Key department

This email serves as a notification of the availability of the Draft scoping report and appendices for **30-day** commenting period. Please take note of the details below which set out: - (1) How you can access the Draft scoping report and appendices, (2) the commenting period and deadline for the submission of comments, and (3) how to submit of comments.

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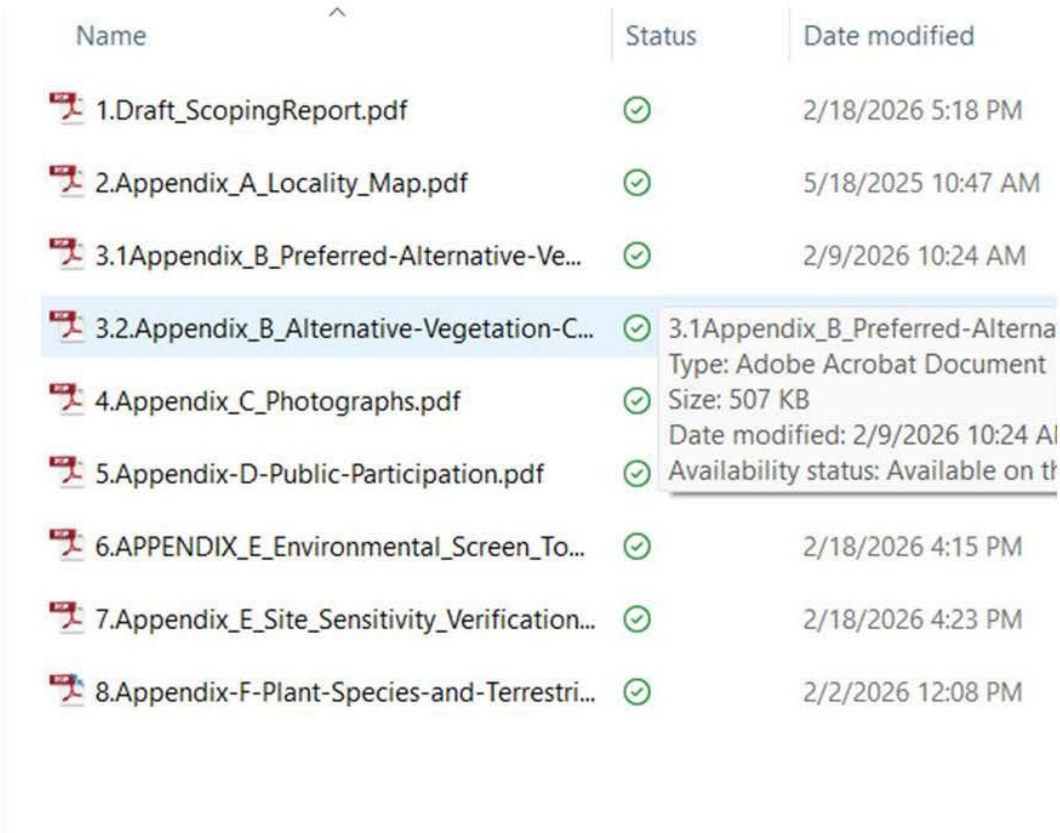

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(3) SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

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I trust the above is in order, kindly acknowledge receipt.

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DRAFT SCOPING REPORT. FOR THE PROPOSED VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 81 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREA OF 5HA, 46 HA & 30HA) FOR CULTIVATION ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM SCHALKENBOSCH NO. 229, TULBAGH.
DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/2/B5/14/1011/26

Please find attached two hard copies of the draft scoping report as requested.

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TABLE 3: COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TABLE –DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

STAKEHOLDER/IAP	DATE	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning D'mitri Matthews Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	19 February 2026	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE APPLICATION FORM SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 81 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREA OF 5HA, 46 HA & 30HA) FOR CULTIVATION ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM SCHALKENBOSCH NO. 229, TULBAGH.	Noted.
		1. The Application form dated 2 February 2026, as received by the Directorate: Development Management Region 1 (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") on 9 February 2026, refers.	Noted.
		2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned documents by this Directorate.	Noted.
		3. From a review of the information submitted to this Directorate, the following is noted:	Noted.
		The proposal entails the clearance of approximately 81ha of indigenous vegetation for cultivation purposes. Portions of the land proposed for clearing have been previously ploughed, however, the topsoil has not been disturbed in the preceding 10 years.	Correct.
		4. Site Sensitivity Verification ("SSV")	
		4.1. It is noted that a Notice of Intent to Developed must still be submitted to Heritage Western Cape ("HWC"). In light of this it is unclear whether HWC will require additional studies. Confirmation must be obtained from HWC regarding the studies that will be required and the SSV Report must be updated once this confirmation has been obtained.	Correct. Once scoping has been accepted and preferred impact areas confirm, HWC NID will be submitted and if a Heritage Impact Assessment is required, such study will be conducted as a specialist study in the Environmental Impact Assessment Phase.

		4.2. It is noted that the Aquatic theme has been identified as low sensitivity and a compliance statement will be conducted. The SSV Report indicates that Dr Keet identified the aquatic features on the site. It is noted that Dr Keet's SACNASP registration is for Botanical Science. An Animal Impact Assessment will also be conducted. Please ensure that the specialists that will compile the specialist assessments meet the requirements of the protocols and has the appropriate SACNASP registration.	Correct. Noted and correct. An aquatic specialist that meet the SACNASP requirements will be appointed to conduct the compliance statement.
		5. Water use 5.1. The application form indicates that no water will be required for the proposed development. 5.2. The correctness of this statement must be confirmed as proof of existing lawful water use will be required. If additional water is required, the Water Use License must be provided. This information must be included in the final report for decision making.	Correct. Cultivate lands will be dryland and not irrigated. Await comment from DWS on if Water Use Authorization would be required because of the impact area being old existing agricultural lands and a 32m buffer is established, which was historically not the case. However, once DWS comments are received on the final a Water Use Authorization application for section c&i will commence in order to be concluded in the EIR phase. DWS did comment on pre-application that a water use authorization would be required, but this was before the 32m buffer areas were incorporated in the draft scoping report. The current operations on site doesn't not require water use authorization and irrigation of storage is not intended.
		6. Please note the following advice pertaining to the application: 6.1 Applicable Listed Activities You are reminded that only those activities applied for will be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to	Noted. Because no roads or services such as pipelines will be constructed, other listed activities are not

		ensure that the applicable listed activities are assessed as part of the EIA process. 6.2 Specialist Input/ Assessment Required Note that the specialist report / inputs must be appended to the EIA Report. Please ensure that specialist reports contain all information specified in Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. 7. The following requirements must be complied with in respect to all applications for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended): 7.1 Alternatives In terms of the NEMA and EIA Regulations, the investigation of alternatives is mandatory. This includes the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (the "no-go" option). All alternatives identified must be determined to be feasible and reasonable. In this regard it must be noted that this Directirate may grant authorisation for an alternative as if it had been applied for, or may grant authorisation in respect of the whole or part of the proposed project in the application. Alternatives are not limited to activity alternatives, but include layout alternatives, design, operational and technology alternatives. If, after identified alternatives have been investigated, no feasible and reasonable alternatives were found, no comparative assessment of alternatives, beyond the comparative assessment of the preferred alternative and the option of not proceeding, is required during the assessment. What would, however, be required in this instance is proof of the investigations undertaken, and motivation for there being	applicable. Application is just for clearing of indigenous vegetation. Noted. Noted. Noted. Please refer to draft scoping report for more detail on alternatives. Two feasible alternative area for clearing options were identified.

		no reasonable or feasible alternatives other than the preferred option and the no-go option. Refer to the Department's Guideline on Alternatives available on the Department's website. 7.2 Public Participation The Scoping Report must be subject to a Public Participation Process that must comply with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). In addition to the above, the EAP must submit a minimum of two printed copies of the draft Scoping Report to this Directorate for a 30-day comment period. The draft Scoping Report must also be made available to all relevant State Departments/Organs of State that administer laws relating to a matter affecting the environment, for a 30-day comment period. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") must notify this Directorate in writing of the date the draft Scoping Report was submitted to the relevant State Departments/Organs of State and clearly indicate whether or not such State Departments/Organs of State were notified of the 30-day comment period in terms of Section 24O of NEMA. It is imperative that State Departments/Organs of State are in possession of the draft Reports when the EAP issues them with the notice in terms of Section 24O of NEMA. Please note that the EAP is responsible for such consultation. Therefore, it is requested that the EAP include proof of such notification to the relevant State Departments/Organs of State in terms of Section 24O(2) and (3) of NEMA in the Scoping Report, where appropriate.	Noted. The regulation 41 requirements of Site Notice, neighbours notices and advert of which proof is included in this report was conducted. No request for registration was received and therefore the per-application draft scoping report and draft scoping report after EA submission were only sent to key departments as per the list below and not needed to be sent to any registered Interested and Affected Party. Please refer to above for proof of two hard copies that was submitted to DEA&DP as requested. Please refer to proof above of the pre-application scoping and draft scoping report and its appendixes sent to key departments as required.

		In terms of good practice, you are encouraged to engage with State Departments and other Organs of State early in the EIA process to solicit their inputs on any of their requirements to be addressed in the EIA process. Please note that this does not replace the requirement of making the draft Scoping Report available to State Departments/Organs of State as stipulated above.	Noted.
		A register of I&APs must be opened and maintained. The register must also be submitted to this Directorate.	Noted. Please refer to this report table 1 for register.
		The EAP must record and respond to all comments received. The comments and responses must be captured in a Comments and Responses Report and must also include a description of the public participation process followed. This report must also be included in the public participation information attached to the Scoping Report and EIA Report to be submitted for decision.	Noted. Please refer to table 2 and 3 for comments received and responses thereto.
		7.3 Plan of Study	
		A Plan of Study for EIA, which sets out the approach to the EIA in accordance with Appendix 2 of GN No. R. 326 of 7 April 2017, must be compiled and submitted together with the Scoping Report. The EAP must also ensure that the aspects indicated in the Plan of Study and which will be assessed by specialists are representative of the issues and concerns raised by interested and affected parties (I&APs) during the scoping process.	Noted. Please refer to draft scoping report for more detail on Plan of Study for EIA.
		7.4 Guidelines	
		When undertaking the EIA process, the EAP must take into account all applicable guidelines, including the guidelines developed by this Department. These can be downloaded from the Department's website (http://eadp-westerncape.kznsshf.gov.za/your-resource-library/policies-guidelines). In particular, the guidelines that may be	Noted. Please refer to draft scoping report for list of guidelines taken into account.

		applicable to the proposed development include, inter alia, the following: ➢ Circular EADP 0028/2014: One Environmental Management System. ➢ Guideline for the Review of Specialist Input in the EIA process (June 2005). ➢ Guideline for Involving Biodiversity Specialists in the EIA process (June 2005). ➢ Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005). ➢ Guideline on Alternatives (March 2013). ➢ Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013). ➢ Other. 7.5 Need & Desirability In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, when considering an application, this Directorate must take into account a number of specific considerations including inter alia, the need for and desirability of any proposed development. As such, the need for and desirability of the proposed activity must be considered and reported on in the Scoping and EIA Reports. The Scoping and EIA Reports must reflect how the strategic context of the site in relation to the broader surrounding area, has been considered in addressing need and desirability. Refer to the Department's Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013). 7.6 NEMA Principles In addition to the above, you must clearly show how the proposed development complies with the principles contained in Section 2 of the NEMA and must also show how the proposed development meets the requirements of sustainable development. 7.7 Scoping Report Requirements	Noted. Please refer to draft scoping report on more detail on need and desirability. Noted. Please refer to draft scoping report on more detail on section 2 of NEMA.

		The Scoping Report must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 2 of GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Failure to submit any information prescribed in Appendix 2 of GN No. 326 may result in Environmental Authorisation being refused.	Noted. Please refer to draft scoping report for more detail and proof.
		This Directorate awaits the submission of the Scoping Report as prescribed by Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 21 of GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017, this Directorate hereby stipulates that the Scoping Report must be submitted to this Department for decision within 44 days from the date of receipt of the application by this Directorate, calculated from 9 February 2026. If the Scoping Report is not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017 (as amended) 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. Please note that digital copies of the Scoping Report must be submitted to this Directorate.	Noted.
		8. General The Scoping and EIA phases of the EIA process are two distinctly separate phases, each having its own requirements and reports to be submitted. This Directorate will not accept Scoping and EIA Reports where the processes or information of the two phases were combined into a single process or report. Further, any preliminary specialist assessment/study that is submitted as part of the Scoping phase, will have to be updated in the EIA phase to address all the issues and	Noted. Please take note that the scoping report is a separate report and phased and not condense. As some specialist reports may be included as an appendix, in this case the Plant Species and Terrestrial Biodiversity assessment report was included because this report contains valuable information. The comments received will be captured and the specialist

		concerns identified during the scoping phase. As such, the submission of any specialist study is not encouraged/supported, unless determined otherwise or deemed necessary by the competent authority. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Directorate. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless this Directorate has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. 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. 9. This Directorate reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.	will comment and report on them in an updated report. Noted. Noted. Noted.
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning D'mitri Matthews Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	26 February 2026	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT ("SR") SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 81 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREA OF 5HA, 46 HA & 30HA) ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM SCHALKENBOSCH NO. 229, TULBAGH.	Noted.

		1. The draft SR dated February 2026, as received by the Directorate: Development Management Region 1 (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") on 18 February 2026, refers. 2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned documents by this Directorate. 3. Please note that this Directorate will consider the draft SR and issue a comment within the prescribed timeframe. 4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence concerning the proposed development. 5. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information based on any information received.	Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning D'mitri Matthews Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	20 March 2026	COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT ("SR") IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) ("EIA") FOR THE PROPOSED CLEARANCE OF VEGETATION OF APPROXIMATELY 81 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREAS OF 5HA, 46 HA & 30HA) ON REMAINDER OF FARM SCHALKENBOSCH NO. 229, TULBAGH 1. The draft SR dated February 2026, as received by the Directorate: Development Management Region 1 (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") on 18 February 2026, refers. 2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the draft SR and to provide comment on the report. 3. Following the review of the information submitted to this Directorate, the following is noted: 3.1. The proposal entails the clearance of approximately 81ha of indigenous vegetation for cultivation purposes.	Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted. Correct.

		3.2. Portions of the land proposed for clearing have been previously ploughed, however, the topsoil has not been disturbed in the preceding 10 years.	Correct.
		4. This Directorate has the following comments that must be addressed and included in the SR:	Noted.
		4.1 Activity description and applicable listed activities	
		4.1.1 The draft SR did not include any information regarding the required infrastructure (pipelines, pipeline routes and roads) and whether the required infrastructure will trigger additional listed activities.	Noted. That is because there are not any. The application is only to clear the vegetation. No roads, pipelines, irrigation, etc is required or included in the application.
		4.1.2 Should additional infrastructure be required, the activity description must be updated to include details of all the components of the proposed developed.	Noted. None required.
		4.1.3 Should additional listed activities be triggered, the application form must be amended to include all the relevant listed activities and the activities must be assessed as part of the process.	Noted. None required.
		4.2. Lawfulness of clearance	
		4.2.1. The activity description and the headings in the SR states "…. historically ploughed land where the topsoil was not legally disturbed the last 10 years."	Noted. As correctly described above by the department, the topsoil has not been disturbed in the preceding 10 years and therefore no illegal activity occurred. The text in final scoping report was amended to "*historically ploughed land where the topsoil was not disturbed in the preceding 10 years"*
		4.2.2. This wording creates the impression that illegal disturbance occurred within the last 10 years. The statement must therefore be clarified and corrected in the final SR to avoid any misinterpretation.	
		4.3. Confirmation must be provided with respect to whether netting will be used as part of the proposal.	No netting will be used.
		4.4. Existing Lawful use	
		4.4.1. No information has been provided as to whether additional water will be required or whether water is available for irrigation of the additional areas. This must be clarified in the final SR.	No additional water will be required. No irrigation intended. Updated in final scoping report.

		4.4.2. Proof of existing water use right or the water use license for new water must be included in the final EIAR.	Noted. Await comment from DWS on if Water Use Authorization would be required because of the impact area being old existing agricultural lands and a 32m buffer is established, which was historically not the case. However, once DWS comments are received on the final a Water Use Authorization application for section c&i will commence in order to be concluded in the EIR phase. DWS did comment on pre-application that a water use authorization would be required, but this was before the 32m buffer areas were incorporated in the draft scoping report.
		4.5. Content of a Scoping Report	
		4.5.1. Appendix 2(1)(g)(vii) states that the Scoping Report must include the positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment.	Noted. Final scoping report was updated to include the positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment under the alternatives section.
		4.5.2. Page 46, point 4.7.2. refers the reader to 6.1 for these details.	Noted.
		4.5.3. However, point 6.1. only includes the negative impacts associated with the activity.	Noted. Positive impacts were added in final scoping report under section 4.7.2.
		4.5.4. Section 4.7.2. must be updated to include details of the positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment.	Noted. Section 4.7.2. was updated to include details of the positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment.
		4.6. Plan of Study (“POS”)	
		4.6.1. The plan of study does not meet the requirements of Appendix 2(1)(h)(i) and (ii).	Noted.
		4.6.2. According to Appendix 2(1)(h) the POS must include a description of the alternatives to be considered and assessed within the preferred site and a description of the aspects to be assessed as part of the environmental impact assessment	Noted. The POS was amended in final scoping to include a description of the alternatives to be considered and assessed within the preferred site and a description of the aspects to be assessed as part of the environmental impact assessment process.

		process. However, this information has not been included in the POS. 4.6.3. Furthermore, the POS includes information that is not required in terms of the content requirements of the POS. 4.6.4. The POS must be amended to meet the requirements of Appendix 2(1)(h). 4.7. Public Participation Process requirements 4.7.1. It is noted that no pre-application process was undertaken and that a background information document ("BID") was circulated. It is further noted that a newspaper advertisement was placed on 25 June 2025 prior to the submission of an application form. 4.7.2. Regulation 41 sets out specific procedural requirements that must be complied with following the submission of an application, including, inter alia, the placement of a newspaper advertisement, placing site notices and notification to Interested and affected parties. 4.7.3. Please be advised that the process is considered flawed, as the requirements of Regulation 41 have not been met following the submission of the application form as a newspaper advertisement was not placed. 4.7.4. You are advised to withdraw the current application and submit a new application, which must be followed by a public participation process that complies with the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).	Noted. Was updated and information removed from final scoping report. Noted. Not correct. Please refer to proof above of the pre-application scoping report submitted for 30 days comment. This notification of the pre-application report sent for 30 days comments was acknowledge by DEA&DP admin. However, unfortunately no comment was received from DEA&DP Directorate: Development Management. As per email confirmation attached below as proof, the proof was provided that an advert was placed. This advert meets the requirements in terms regulation 41. This advert is also part of the regulation 41 requirements, which also include site notices and neighbours notices, which was sent and acknowledge by the DEA&DP as meeting the regulation 41 and only the advert was noted as not considered, which was not the case. The advert was placed and allow, or request interested and affected parties to register and provided a 30 days period in terms of the regulations. No request for registration in response to the advert was received. This advert, site notice and neighbours notices was placed during the pre-application draft

			scoping phase and meet the regulation 41 requirements.
		4.7.5. This Directorate encourages pre-application meetings to provide clarity on requirements to be met prior to the submission of applications.	Noted. A pre-application process by means of pre-application draft scoping report was following and therefore a need for pre-application meeting was not considered.
		4.8. Regulatory requirements:	
		4.8.1. Proof of the notifications and the copies of the notification letters sent to registered I&APs for the comment on the draft SR must be included in the final SR.	Noted. Please refer to this report for detail and proof.
		4.8.2. All representations and comments received during the commenting period for the must be in-process final SR and any responses by the EAP to those representations and comments must be tabulated in a comments and response report.	Noted. Please refer to this report for detail and proof.
		4.8.3. The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with I&APs and other role players which record the views of the participants.	Noted. No meeting required to date.
		4.8.4. Please be advised that a digitally signed and dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the SR to this Directorate for decision-making. It is important to note that by signing this declaration, the applicant is confirming that they are aware and have taken cognisance of the contents of the report. Furthermore, through signing this declaration, the applicant is making a commitment that they are both willing and able to implement the necessary mitigation, management and monitoring measures recommended within the report with respect to this application.	Noted. Update declarations included in final scoping report.

		4.8.5. In addition to the above, please ensure that an updated digitally signed and dated EAP and specialist declarations are also submitted with the final SR for decision-making. 5. You are reminded that the SR must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 2 of Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations 2014 (as amended). 6. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence concerning the proposed development. 7. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by this Directorate. 8. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information based on any information received.	Noted. Update declarations included in final scoping report. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.
CapeNature	Email dated 23/3/2026	Good afternoon, Nicolaas I hope you are doing well! Sorry that I did not provide you with CapeNature's comments for this application on Friday. I had many deadlines, in person meetings, site visits etc and I was also out of office for more than a week. I will provide you with our comments as soon as possible. Enjoy the rest of your week! Kind regards Leandra	 All well thanks Noted. Noted. However, in order to meet the regulated timelines, I must submit the final scoping report and cannot wait for comments. If comments are received I will forward them with a response to DEA&DP.

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4. Site Sensitivity Verification ("SSV")

   4.1. It is noted that a Notice of Intent to Developed must still be submitted to Heritage Western Cape ("HWC"). In light of this it is unclear whether HWC will require additional studies. Confirmation must be obtained from HWC regarding the studies that will be required and the SSV Report must be updated once this confirmation has been obtained.

   4.2. **It is noted that the Aquatic theme has been identified as low sensitivity and a compliance statement will be conducted. The SSV Report indicates that Dr Keet identified the aquatic features on the site. It is noted that Dr Keet's SACNASP registration is for Botanical Science. An Animal Impact Assessment will also be conducted. Please ensure that the specialists that will compile the specialist assessments meet the requirements of the protocols and has the appropriate SACNASP registration.**

5. Water use

   5.1. The application form indicates that no water will be required for the proposed development.

   5.2. The correctness of this statement must be confirmed as proof of existing lawful water use will be required. If additional water is required, the Water Use License must be provided. This information must be included in the final report for decision making.

6. Please note the following advice pertaining to the application:

   6.1 Applicable Listed Activities
   You are reminded that only those activities applied for will be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that the applicable listed activities are assessed as part of the EIA process.

   6.2 Specialist Input/ Assessment Required
   Note that the specialist report / inputs must be appended to the EIA Report. Please ensure that specialist reports contain all information specified in Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

7. The following requirements must be complied with in respect to all applications for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended):

   7.1 Alternatives
   In terms of the NEMA and EIA Regulations, the investigation of alternatives is mandatory. This includes the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (the "no-go" option). All alternatives identified must be determined to be feasible and reasonable. In this regard it must be noted that this Directorate may grant authorisation for an alternative as if it had been applied for, or may grant authorisation in respect of the whole or part of the proposed project in the application. Alternatives are not limited to activity alternatives, but include layout alternatives, design, operational and technology alternatives.

   If, after identified alternatives have been investigated, no feasible and reasonable alternatives were found, no comparative assessment of alternatives, beyond the comparative assessment of the preferred alternative and the option of not proceeding, is required during the assessment. What would, however, be required in this instance is proof of the investigations undertaken, and motivation for there being no reasonable or feasible alternatives other than the preferred option and the no-go option. Refer to the Department's Guideline on Alternatives available on the Department's website.

   7.2 Public Participation
   The Scoping Report must be subject to a Public Participation Process that must comply with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

   In addition to the above, the EAP must submit a minimum of two printed copies of the draft Scoping Report to this Directorate for a **30-day** comment period. The draft Scoping Report must also be made available to all relevant State Departments/Organs of State that administer laws relating to a matter affecting the environment, for a **30-day** comment period. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") must notify this Directorate in writing of the date the draft Scoping Report was submitted to the relevant State Departments/Organs of State and clearly indicate whether or not such State Departments/Organs of State were notified of the 30-day comment period in terms of Section 24O of NEMA. It is imperative that State Departments/Organs of State are in possession of the draft Reports when the EAP issues them with the notice in terms of Section 24O of NEMA. **Please note that the EAP is responsible for such consultation**. Therefore, it is requested that the EAP include proof of such notification to the relevant State Departments/Organs of State in terms of Section 24O(2) and (3) of NEMA in the Scoping Report, where appropriate.

In terms of good practice, you are encouraged to engage with State Departments and other Organs of State early in the EIA process to solicit their inputs on any of their requirements to be addressed in the EIA process. Please note that this does not replace the requirement of making the draft Scoping Report available to State Departments/Organs of State as stipulated above.

A register of I&APs must be opened and maintained. The register must also be submitted to this Directorate.

The EAP must record and respond to all comments received. The comments and responses must be captured in a Comments and Responses Report and must also include a description of the public participation process followed. This report must also be included in the public participation information attached to the Scoping Report and EIA Report to be submitted for decision.

7.3 Plan of Study

A Plan of Study for EIA, which sets out the approach to the EIA in accordance with Appendix 2 of GN No. R. 326 of 7 April 2017, must be compiled and submitted together with the Scoping Report. The EAP must also ensure that the aspects indicated in the Plan of Study and which will be assessed by specialists are representative of the issues and concerns raised by interested and affected parties (I&APs) during the scoping process.

7.4 Guidelines

When undertaking the EIA process, the EAP must take into account all applicable guidelines, including the guidelines developed by this Department. These can be downloaded from the Department's website (http://eadp-westerncape.kznsshf.gov.za/your-resource-library/policies-guidelines). In particular, the guidelines that may be applicable to the proposed development include, *inter alia*, the following:

- Circular EADP 0028/2014: One Environmental Management System.
- Guideline for the Review of Specialist Input in the EIA process (June 2005).
- Guideline for Involving Biodiversity Specialists in the EIA process (June 2005).
- Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005).
- Guideline on Alternatives (March 2013).
- Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013).
- Other.

7.5 Need & Desirability

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, when considering an application, this Directorate must take into account a number of specific considerations including *inter alia*, the need for and desirability of any proposed development. As such, the need for and desirability of the proposed activity must be considered and reported on in the Scoping and EIA Reports. The Scoping and EIA Reports must reflect how the strategic context of the site in relation to the broader surrounding area, has been considered in addressing need and desirability. Refer to the Department's Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013).

7.6 NEMA Principles

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

7.7 Scoping Report Requirements

The Scoping Report must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 2 of GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Failure to submit any information prescribed in Appendix 2 of GN No. 326 may result in Environmental Authorisation being refused.

This Directorate awaits the submission of the Scoping Report as prescribed by Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 21 of GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017, this Directorate hereby stipulates that the Scoping Report must be

submitted to this Department for decision within **44 days** from the date of receipt of the application by this Directorate, calculated from 9 February 2026.

If the Scoping Report is not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017 (as amended) 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.

Please note that digital copies of the Scoping Report must be submitted to this Directorate.

8. General

The Scoping and EIA phases of the EIA process are two distinctly separate phases, each having its own requirements and reports to be submitted. This Directorate will not accept Scoping and EIA Reports where the processes or information of the two phases were combined into a single process or report. Further, any preliminary specialist assessment/study that is submitted as part of the Scoping phase, will have to be updated in the EIA phase to address all the issues and concerns identified during the scoping phase. As such, the submission of any specialist study is not encouraged/supported, unless determined otherwise or deemed necessary by the competent authority.

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

Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Directorate. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless this Directorate has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. 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.

9. This Directorate reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Madam and Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT ("SR") SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 81 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREA OF 5HA, 46 HA & 30HA) ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM SCHALKENBOSCH NO. 229, TULBAGH.

1. The draft SR dated February 2026, as received by the Directorate: Development Management Region 1 (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") on 18 February 2026, refers.

2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned documents by this Directorate.

3. Please note that this Directorate will consider the draft SR and issue a comment within the prescribed timeframe.

4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence concerning the proposed development.

5. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information based on any information received.

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1. The draft SR dated February 2026, as received by the Directorate: Development Management Region 1 (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") on 18 February 2026, refers.

2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the draft SR and to provide comment on the report.

3. Following the review of the information submitted to this Directorate, the following is noted:

   3.1. The proposal entails the clearance of approximately 81ha of indigenous vegetation for cultivation purposes.

   3.2. Portions of the land proposed for clearing have been previously ploughed, however, the topsoil has not been disturbed in the preceding 10 years.

4. This Directorate has the following comments that must be addressed and included in the SR:

   4.1 Activity description and applicable listed activities

   4.1.1 The draft SR did not include any information regarding the required infrastructure (pipelines, pipeline routes and roads) and whether the required infrastructure will trigger additional listed activities.

   4.1.2 Should additional infrastructure be required, the activity description must be updated to include details of all the components of the proposed developed.

4.1.3 Should additional listed activities be triggered, the application form must be amended to include all the relevant listed activities and the activities must be assessed as part of the process.

4.2. Lawfulness of clearance

4.2.1. The activity description and the headings in the SR states "…. *historically ploughed land where the topsoil was not legally disturbed the last 10 years.*"

4.2.2. This wording creates the impression that illegal disturbance occurred within the last 10 years. The statement must therefore be clarified and corrected in the final SR to avoid any misinterpretation.

4.3. Confirmation must be provided with respect to whether netting will be used as part of the proposal.

4.4. Existing Lawful use

4.4.1. No information has been provided as to whether additional water will be required or whether water is available for irrigation of the additional areas. This must be clarified in the final SR.

4.4.2. Proof of existing water use right or the water use license for new water must be included in the final EIAR.

4.5. Content of a Scoping Report

4.5.1. Appendix 2(1)(g)(vii) states that the Scoping Report must include the positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment.

4.5.2. Page 46, point 4.7.2. refers the reader to 6.1 for these details.

4.5.3. However, point 6.1. only includes the negative impacts associated with the activity.

4.5.4. Section 4.7.2. must be updated to include details of the positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment.

4.6. Plan of Study ("POS")

4.6.1. The plan of study does not meet the requirements of Appendix 2(1)(h)(i) and (ii).

4.6.2. According to Appendix 2(1)(h) the POS must include a description of the alternatives to be considered and assessed within the preferred site and a description of the aspects to be assessed as part of the environmental impact assessment process. However, this information has not been included in the POS.

4.6.3. Furthermore, the POS includes information that is not required in terms of the content requirements of the POS.

4.6.4. The POS must be amended to meet the requirements of Appendix 2(1)(h).

4.7. Public Participation Process requirements

4.7.1. It is noted that no pre-application process was undertaken and that a background information document ("BID") was circulated. It is further noted that a newspaper advertisement was placed on 25 June 2025 prior to the submission of an application form.

4.7.2. Regulation 41 sets out specific procedural requirements that must be complied with following the submission of an application, including, *inter alia*, the placement of a newspaper advertisement, placing site notices and notification to Interested and affected parties.

4.7.3. **Please be advised that the process is considered flawed, as the requirements of Regulation 41 have not been met following the submission of the application form as a newspaper advertisement was not placed.**

4.7.4. **You are advised to withdraw the current application and submit a new application, which must be followed by a public participation process that complies with the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).**

4.7.5. **This Directorate encourages pre-application meetings to provide clarity on requirements to be met prior to the submission of applications.**

4.8. Regulatory requirements:

4.8.1. Proof of the notifications and the copies of the notification letters sent to registered I&APs for the comment on the draft SR must be included in the final SR.

4.8.2. All representations and comments received during the commenting period for the must be in-process final SR and any responses by the EAP to those representations and comments must be tabulated in a comments and response report.

4.8.3. The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with I&APs and other role players which record the views of the participants.

4.8.4. Please be advised that a digitally signed and dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the SR to this Directorate for decision-making. It is important to note that by signing this declaration, the applicant is confirming that they are aware and have taken cognisance of the contents of the report. Furthermore, through signing this declaration, the applicant is making a commitment that they are both willing and able to implement the necessary mitigation, management and monitoring measures recommended within the report with respect to this application.

4.8.5. In addition to the above, please ensure that an updated digitally signed and dated EAP and specialist declarations are also submitted with the final SR for decision-making.

5. You are reminded that the SR must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 2 of Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations 2014 (as amended).

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Good afternoon, Nicolaas

I hope you are doing well!

Sorry that I did not provide you with CapeNature's comments for this application on Friday. I had many deadlines, in person meetings, site visits etc and I was also out of office for more than a week.

I will provide you with our comments as soon as possible.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Kind regards
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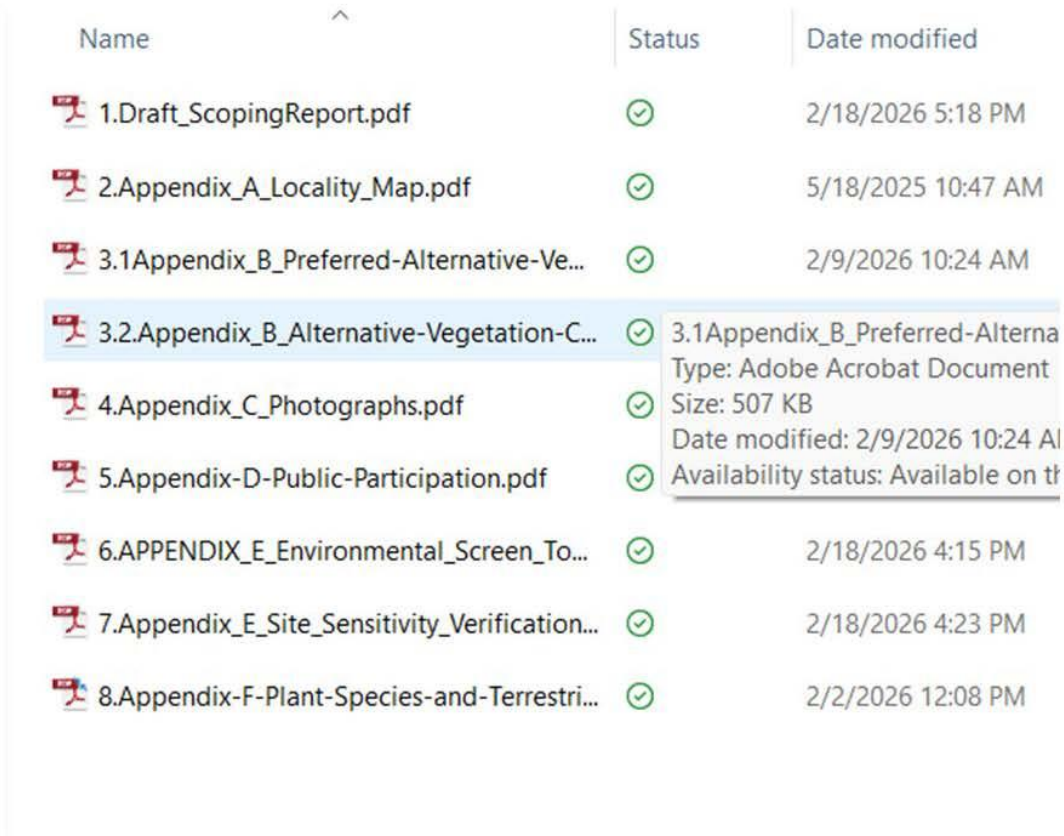
Dear Key department

This email serves as a notification of the availability of the Draft scoping report and appendices for **30-day** commenting period. Please take note of the details below which set out: - (1) How you can access the Draft scoping report and appendices, (2) the commenting period and deadline for the submission of comments, and (3) how to submit of comments.

The Draft scoping report and appendices are accessible via: -

(i) electronic download on our website at: https://enviro-eap.co.za/public-participation/. When landing on the Public Participation Page on the website please scroll down until you locate the project title as indicated above. ***(valid for full duration of 30 day or during the full commenting period)***.

(ii) The report and appendixes can be downloaded using share link Draft-Scoping-Report-Farm-Schalkenbosch-299-Tulbagh-Vegetation-Clearing with files as per screenshot below



Comments on the Draft scoping report and appendices must be submitted to the EAP within 30 days (excluding public holidays), by not later than on or before ***20 March 2026***.

Please take note that I did go onto the website and check that the report is available and that the Draft scoping report and appendices can be downloaded. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any problems accessing the documents or if you require a cd copy or another electronic link in order to access the report.

(2) COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS SUBMISSION
The commenting period of the Draft scoping report and appendices is **30 days EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS,** starting from the ***19 February 2026*** ending on the ***20 March 2026***. Your comments on the report and appendices must be provided within the regulatory 30-day commenting period or by no later than the **20*/03/2026.***

CONSULTATION WITH ORGANS OF STATE / KEY DEPARTMENTS [NEMA S24O]
To facilitate adequate consultation with State Departments that administers laws relating to a matter affecting the environment in accordance with the requirements of Section 24O of NEMA, please be advised that all registered interested and affected parties, organs of state, key departments, and/or stakeholders were [in receipt of this email] notified electronically of the availability of the draft scoping report and its appendices on this date **18 February 2026, commenting period commence on 19 February 2026.** As such all RI&APs and Stakeholders are considered to be "in possession" of the draft scoping report and appendices from the date of electronic notification.

(3) SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS
Please direct your comments in writing for the attention of the responsible EAP as per the contact information provided below:
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I trust the above is in order, kindly acknowledge receipt.

Vriendelike Groete / Kind regards

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TABLE 4: COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TABLE – EA APPLICATION AND DRAFT EIR

STAKEHOLDER/IAP	DATE	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning D'mitri Matthews Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	8 October 2026	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 81 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREA OF 5HA, 46 HA & 30HA) ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM SCHALKENBOSCH NO. 229, TULBAGH	Noted.
		1. The Application form dated 18 September 2026, as received by the Directorate: Development Management Region 1 (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") on 28 September 2026, refers.	Noted.
		2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned documents by this Directorate.	Noted.
		3. From a review of the information submitted to this Directorate, the following is noted:	Noted.
		3.1 The proposal entails the clearance of approximately 81ha of indigenous vegetation for cultivation purposes. Portions of the land proposed for clearing have been previously ploughed, however, the topsoil has not been disturbed in the preceding 10 years.	Correct.
		4. Please note the following advice pertaining to the application:	Noted.
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		of specific considerations including inter alia, the need for and desirability of any proposed development. As such, the need for and desirability of the proposed activity must be considered and reported on in the EIA Report. The EIA Report must reflect how the strategic context of the site in relation to the broader surrounding area, has been considered in addressing need and desirability. Refer to the Department's Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013).	Noted. Please refer to draft EIR for more detail on need and desirability.
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		In addition to the above, you must clearly show how the proposed development complies with the principles contained in Section 2 of the NEMA and must also show how the proposed development meets the requirements of sustainable development.	Noted. Please refer to draft EIR for more detail on NEMA principles.
		5.7 EIA Report Requirements	
		The Scoping Report must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 2 of GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Failure to submit any information prescribed in Appendix 2 of GN No. 326 may result in Environmental Authorisation being refused.	Noted.
		This Directorate awaits the submission of the EIA Report as prescribed by Regulation 23 of the EIA Regulations, GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 21 of GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017, this Directorate hereby stipulates that the EIA Report must be submitted to this Department for decision within 106 days from the date of receipt of the application by this Directorate, calculated from 28 September 2026.	Noted.
		If the EIA Report is not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of GN No. 326 of 7 April 2017 (as amended) and your file will	Noted.

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		The Scoping and EIA phases of the EIA process are two distinctly separate phases, each having its own requirements and reports to be submitted. This Directorate will not accept Scoping and EIA Reports where the processes or information of the two phases were combined into a single process or report. Further, any preliminary specialist assessment/study that is submitted as part of the Scoping phase, will have to be updated in the EIA phase to address all the issues and concerns identified during the scoping phase. As such, the submission of any specialist study is not encouraged/supported, unless determined otherwise or deemed necessary by the competent authority.	Noted. Scoping was conducted and accepted as a separate phase and the draft EIR is the start of the EIA phase.
		Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.	Noted.
		Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Directorate. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless this Directorate has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to	Noted.

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Dear Madam and Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED VEGETATION CLEARING OF APPROXIMATELY 81 HA (CONSISTING OF THREE AREA OF 5HA, 46 HA & 30HA) ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM SCHALKENBOSCH NO. 229, TULBAGH

1. The Application form dated 18 September 2026, as received by the Directorate: Development Management Region 1 (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") on 28 September 2026, refers.

2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned documents by this Directorate.

3. From a review of the information submitted to this Directorate, the following is noted:

   3.1 The proposal entails the clearance of approximately 81ha of indigenous vegetation for cultivation purposes. Portions of the land proposed for clearing have been previously ploughed, however, the topsoil has not been disturbed in the preceding 10 years.

4. Please note the following advice pertaining to the application:

   4.1 Applicable Listed Activities
   You are reminded that only those activities applied for will be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that the applicable listed activities are assessed as part of the EIA process.

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Yours faithfully

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