PRE-APPLICATION AND APPLICATION PHASES
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 description of the public participation process included in sections below itemises the steps and actions undertaken.

Advert was placed in the local newspaper. Ons Kontrei on 11 August 2023

AKTUELE NUUS

SAPD slaan toe op dwelmhuise

Berig: Kaptein Ludick

VANRHYNSDORP: Die SAPD het Vrydagaand, 4 Augustus 'n stasieoperasie gehad waar daar opgetree is teen dwelmhuise. Die bestuur, skofte asook misdaadvoorkoming en buurtwaglede het deelgeneem. Beslag is gelê by een huis op elektriese toerusting ter waarde van R7000. Na bewering is van hierdie items vroeër verlede week tydens 'n huisinbraak gesteel. Twee verdagtes is aangekeer en het Maandag, 7 Augustus in die hof te Klawer verskyn. Enige nuwe inligting kan aan speurdersersant Keyster deurgegee word

So word 'n raakvatter juffrou onthou

Berig: Emma Boonzaier *Foto: Verskaf*

VREDENDAL: Mietjie Klaase is op 7 Oktober 1961 gebore te Steilhoogte waar sy grootgeword en skoolgegaan het.
Sy het na skool haar onderwys studies voltooi by Zonnebloem College in Kaapstad. Daar ontmoet sy haar toekomstige man wat destyds in Alexanderbaai gewerk het. Die paartjie trou op 3 Desember 1986 op Vredendal. Sy begin later skoolhou by Naasdrift Primêr waar sy bekend is as Juffrou September.
Sy was vir meer as 30 jaar 'n grondslagfase-onderwyseres by Naasdrift Primêr. In haar vrye tyd het sy dit geniet om te lees, stap en om blokkiesraaisels te voltooi.
"Juffrou word onthou as 'n raakvatter juffrou wat elke kind in haar klas soos haar eie behandel. Sy sou 'n persoon vinnig aanspreek as hulle te hard met haar leerders was," vertel Maria Coetzee, voormalige skoolhoof van Naasdrift Primêr, oud-kollega en vriendin van September.
Sy was 'n nederige en behulpsame mens en wou altyd net die beste vir ander hê.
Sy het moeite gedoen om so veel as moontlik van haar leerders se lewens uit te vind. "As sy geweet het dat iets nie pluis is by die huis nie, sou sy dit onmiddellik opvolg of hulp soek," sê Coetzee.
September was 'n streng opvoeder wat goeie dissipline gehandhaaf het. Sy sou leerders in alle grade van die skool hard aanspreek oor hulle gedrag binne en buite die skool. Sy was 'n baie nederige persoon wat nooit haar prestasies en suksesse aan die groot klok gehang wou hê nie. Sy was 'n mentor vir baie, veral jong onderwysers wat by die skool begin het.
Sy is op 19 Julie oorlede na n kort siekbed. Sy laat 3 dogters, 3 kleinkinders, 'n suster, 3 broers en 'n wye vriendekring na. 'n Roudiens is gehou op 27 Julie.
"Ons sal haar onthou vir haar liefde en omgee vir haar kinders, kleinkinders, familie en skoolgemeenskap," aldus 'n familielid.



Mietjie September

Smit uiteindelik na Valkenberg

Berig: Annemarie Munnik

KLAWER: Daniel Smit het op Maandag, 7 Augustus weer in die landdroshof op Klawer verskyn.
Hy het op Maandag, 7 Februarie 2022 die eerste keer voor die hof verskyn op aanklag van regsverydeling, ontvoering, aanranding en moord op Jerobijin van Wyk.
Smit se prokureur het op Dinsdag, 26 April 2022 aansoek gedoen dat Smit, ná deeglike sielkundige evaluering tydens sy aanhouding in Vanrhynsdorp Korrektiewe dienste, verwys word na Valkenberg Psigiatriese Hospitaal vir waarneming. Intussen is die saak meer as een keer uitgestel tot Smit 'n bed in Valkenberg kry.
Gedurende die onlangse verhoor het die hof gehoor dat daar wel vir hom plek beskikbaar geword het in Valkenburg en hy is dieselfde dag oorgeplaas. Hier sal hy vir 30 dae geëvalueer word, waarna hy sal terugkeer na Vanrhynsdorp Korrektiewe Dienste. Die saak is tot 6 September uitgestel.

Vier-jarige sterf na speletjie

Berig: Kaptein Helfrich

CLANWILLIAM: 'n Vier-jarige seuntjie van die Warmhoek-plaas naby Clanwilliam het Donderdagaand, 3 Augustus gesterf nadat hy na bewering met sy kop teen 'n klip geval het tydens 'n speletjie vroeër die aand. Hy is dood verklaar met sy aankoms by die hospitaal. 'n Geregtelike doodsondersoek word gedoen.

Aanrander verskyn in hof

Berig: Kaptein Helfrich

LAMBERTSBAAI: 'n Vyf en twintigjarige man van Lambertsbaai is op vier aanklagte gearresteer nadat hy Woensdag, 2 Augustus om 20:30 'n 53-jarige vrou van die dorp probeer verkrag het. Die vrou het om hulp geskree en die polisie, wat op daardie stadium in daardie omgewing op patrollie was, het haar en die boosdoener in 'n park aangetref. Die beskuldigde het die vrou probeer verwurg, haar in die gesig geslaan en sand in haar oë gegooi. Die aanvaller het Vrydag, 4 Augustus in die hof op Clanwilliam verskyn op aanklagte van poging tot verkragting, aanranding, verset teen arrestasie en die besit van dwelms.

Beskerm jou kinders teen vuurwapens

Berig: Verskaf

Leer jou kinders van die gevare wat hulle kan teëkom, gevare soos warm stowe, gif, vuur en vuurwapens.
Leer jou kinders dat 'n vuurwapen 'n dodelike wapen is en nie 'n speelding nie.
Maak seker dat jou vuurwapens in 'n vuurwapenkluis gehou word en dat jou kinders nie die kluis se sleutels in die hande kry nie.
Leer jou kinders dat 'n windbuks steeds 'n gevaarlike wapen is. Hoewel windbuks gedereguleer is, word die misbruik van 'n windbuks as 'n oortreding beskou.
As jy baie jong kinders het, is dit raadsaam om hulle die volgende basiese veiligheidsreëls te leer as hulle 'n vuurwapen by die huis, by 'n vriend se huis of enige ander plek sien:
STOP! MOENIE AANRAAK NIE. VERLAAT DIE AREA. VERTEL 'N VOLWASSENE.
Help wapengeweld uitdryf om Suid-Afrika 'n veiliger plek te maak.
'n Persoon sal outomaties onbevoeg verklaar word om 'n vuurwapen te besit indien hy of sy in die hof skuldig bevind is aan, onder andere, enige misdryf wat geweld of seksuele misbruik behels; enige misdryf genoem in die Wet op Gesinsgeweld, 1998 waar die persoon tot gevangenisstraf gevonnis word sonder die keuse van 'n boete; en die misbruik van alkohol of dwelms en handel in dwelms.
Beskerm jouself en jou kinders. Rapporteer onwettige vuurwapens of die misbruik van 'n vuurwapen onmiddellik aan SAPD.

APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/6/7/2/F2/4/2094/23

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Location: The properties will be access via streets in town, especially Disa Avenue, Heuningtee Street and Bloekom Avenue.

Listed Activities: The application process for Environmental Authorization will follow a scoping Environmental Impact Assessment process. It includes the application for Water Use License in terms of the National Water Act. The proposed development constitutes Listed Activities 9, 12, 19, 24, 28 and 57 of Listing Notice 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), Listed Activity 15 of Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and Listed Activities 4 and 15 of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) replaced all previous rights to water use with an entitlement under the new Act water use authorization in terms of Section 21 of the NWA.

Exemption: No application for any exemption is sought.
Opportunity to participate: Interested and Affected Parties are invited to register interest for the respective application within the process, or provide written comments to Enviro-EAP within 30 days of this notice (excluding public holidays). The project title, your full name, contact details, plus indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest you may have in this application must please be provided and fully described. **Sections 11 and 18 of POPI Act, 2013 (Act No.14 of 2013)**: The personal information and comments provided will be included in reports to be submitted to the Competent Authority to enable informed decision-making. Also, if you choose to register as an I&AP your personal information will be made available to an appellant in the case of an appeal, and an applicant/EAP/independent person for purposes of being informed and given access to an audit report. This information may be made available in terms of section 11(1)(c) and 11(1)(d) of the POPIA, without requiring consent.

Contact: Nicolaas Hanekom
Enviro-EAP, PO Box 205, Agulhas 7287
Tel/Cell: 076 963 6450; mail: admin@enviro-eap.co.za

Enviro- EAP Environmental Consultants

Ons Kontrei en Road Bandits West Coast Chapter bied aan

Kuier, Karre en Karaat

Registreer jou unieke voertuig en staan 'n kans om een van drie diamante te wen.

Registrasievorm aanlyn beskikbaar by
http://onskontreikuierenk.wixsite.com/website
E-pos: onskontreikuierenkarredag@gmail.com



Saterdag, 9 September - Hoërskool Vredendal
Musiek deur Viljoen Retief
Ou voertuie en heerlike kosstalletjies

The notices boards were placed at six locations as per map below on site on 28 July 2023. The notices were placed at people gathering places (toilets, pick up spots, pathways and shops) to ensure that as most as possible squatters and neighbours see the notices and are aware of the application. Two notices were placed next to the roads to ensure that people driving past the sites are aware of the application.


Brothers Tuck Shop
Coca-Cola
WIN
PRIZES
AVAILABLE
R10.00


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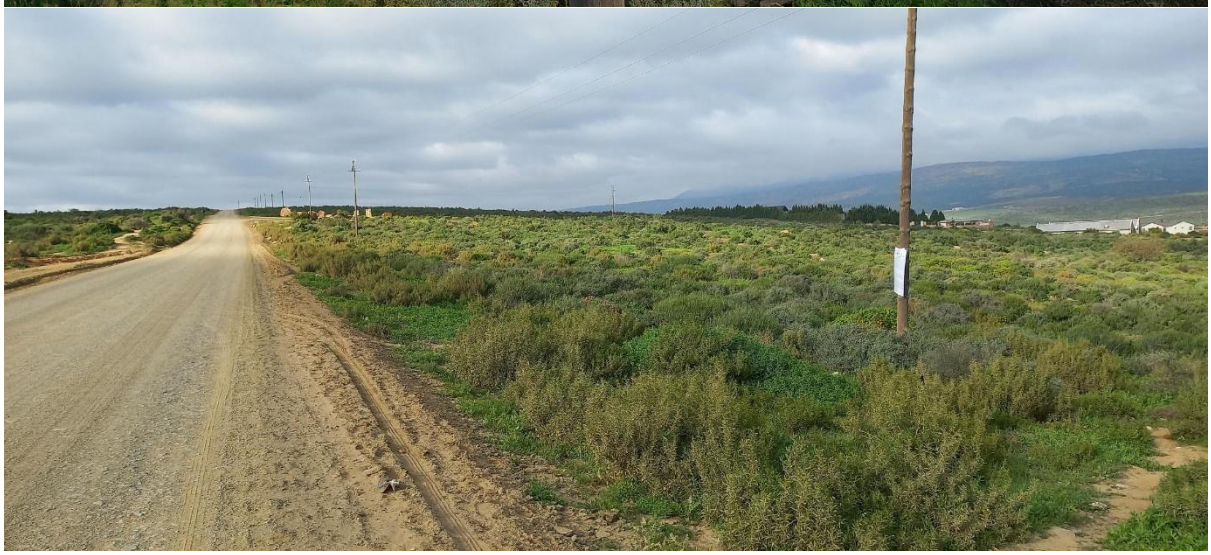
SITE NOTICE
20 JULY 2023
Enviro-EAP









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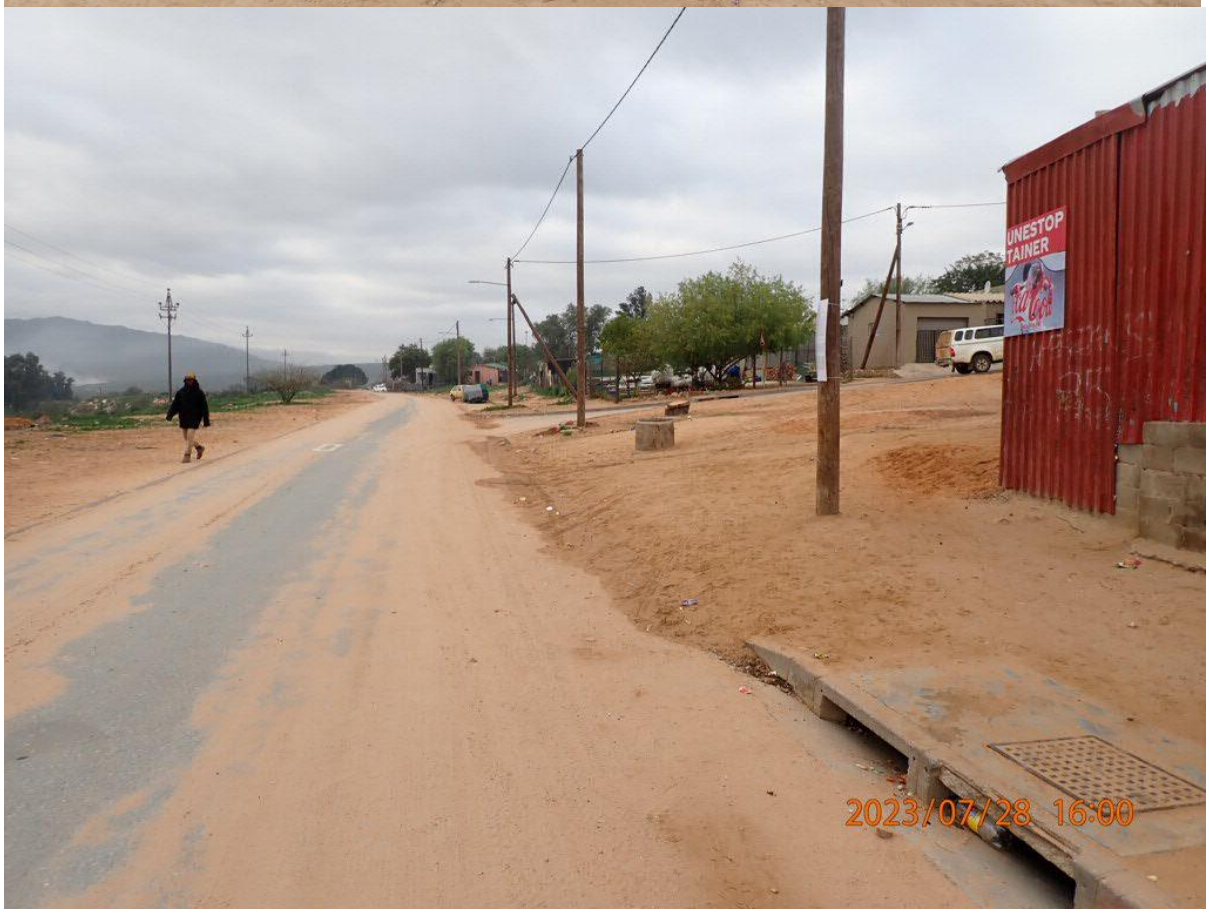
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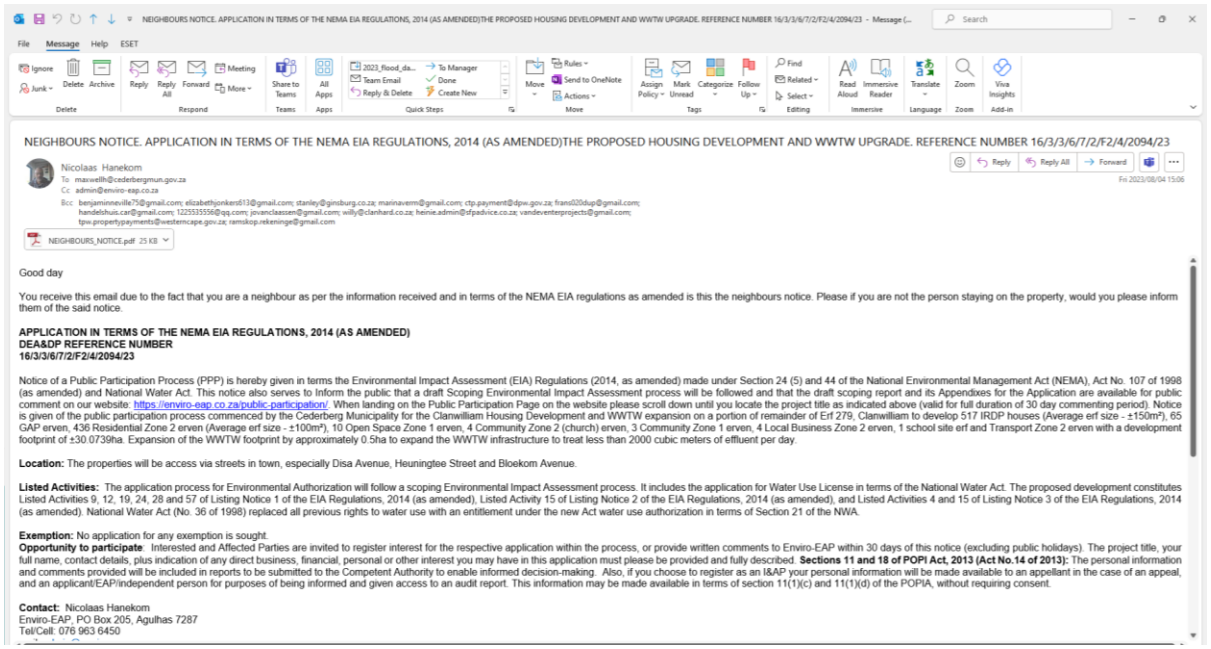
Site Notice placed at yellow dot.



The 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
West Coast District Municipality
Department of Water and Sanitation
Cederberg Bay Municipality
Department: Transport and Public Works, Western Cape Government

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.

15 Neighbouring properties was identify. Notices was sent via email and registered mail on 4 August 2023 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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Good day

You receive this email due to the fact that you are a neighbour as per the information received and in terms of the NEMA EIA regulations as amended is this the neighbours notice. Please if you are not the person staying on the property, would you please inform them of the said notice.

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PROOF OF POSTING - PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS EXPANSION ON ERF 279, CLANWILLILLAM APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER
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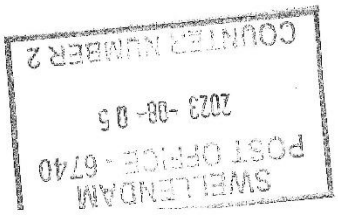
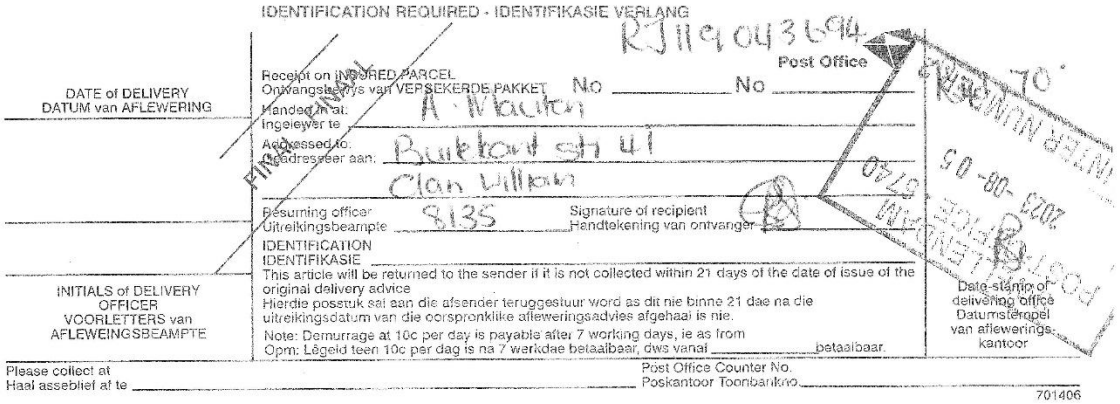
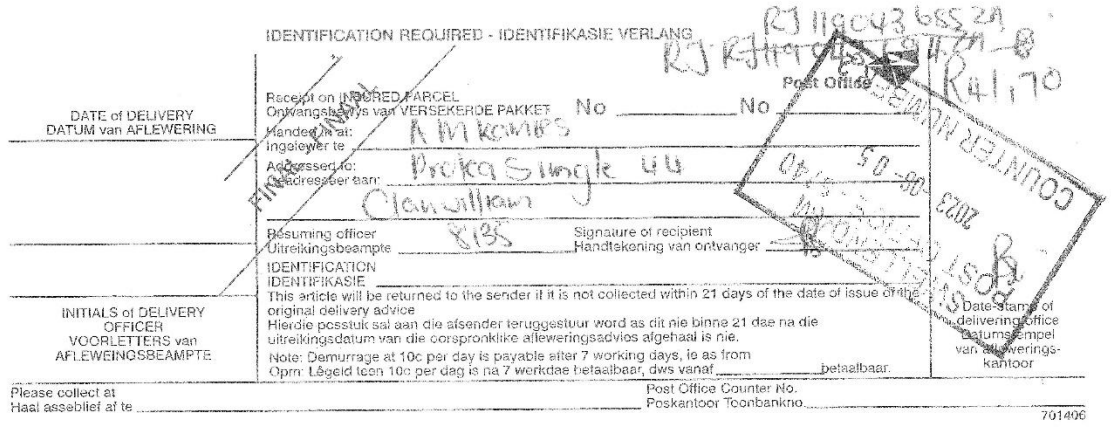






STEPS TAKEN TO NOTIFY POTENTIALLY INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

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 49 x 89 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.

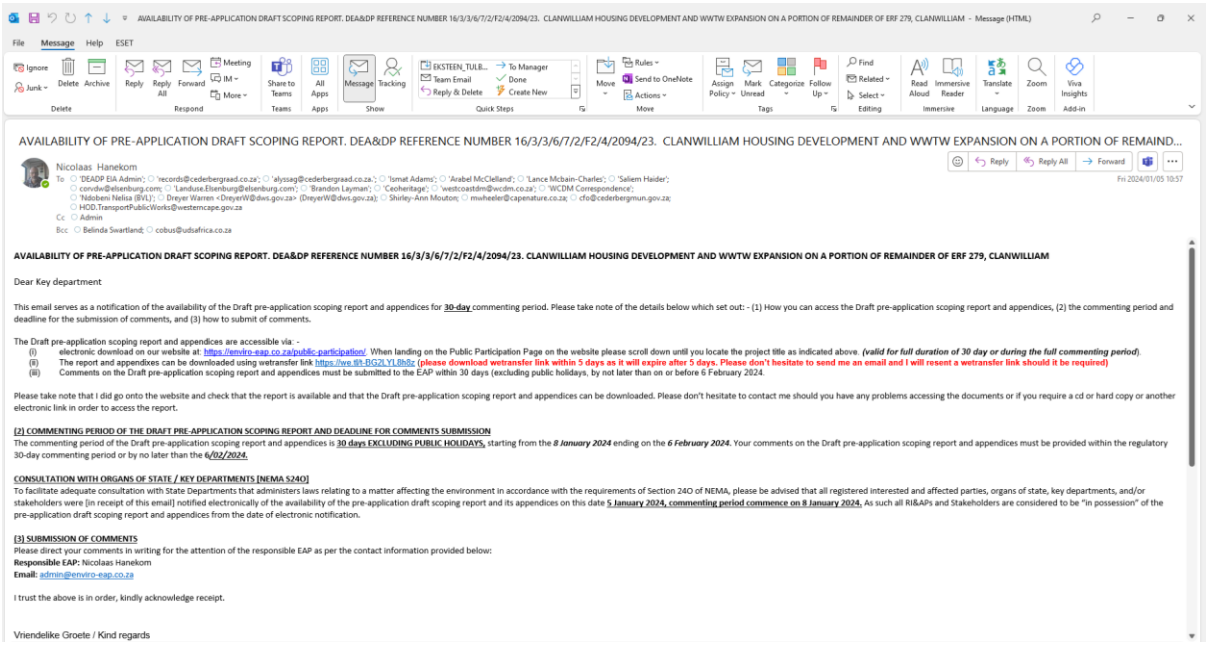
2. Giving written notice to owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken, the municipal councillor of the ward within which the site is located, the local municipality and those organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the project as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

Proof of sending pre-application scoping report



AVAILABILITY OF PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT. DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/6/7/2/F2/4/2094/23. CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAIND...

Nicolaas Hanekom

Fri 2024/01/05 10:57

AVAILABILITY OF PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT. DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/6/7/2/F2/4/2094/23. CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

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.

The Draft pre-application 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 wetransfer link https://we.tl/t-BG2LYLBh8z (please download wetransfer link within 5 days as it will expire after 5 days. Please don't hesitate to send me an email and I will resent a wetransfer link should it be required)**
(iii) **Comments on the Draft pre-application scoping report and appendices must be submitted to the EAP within 30 days (excluding public holidays, by not later than on or before 6 February 2024.**

Please take note that I did go onto the website and check that the report is available and that the Draft pre-application 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 or hard copy or another electronic link in order to access the report.

(2) COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE DRAFT PRE-APPLICATION SCOPING REPORT AND DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS SUBMISSION
The commenting period of the Draft pre-application scoping report and appendices is **30 days EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS,** starting from the ***8 January 2024*** ending on the ***6 February 2024***. Your comments on the Draft pre-application scoping report and appendices must be provided within the regulatory 30-day commenting period or by no later than the **6/02/2024.**

CONSULTATION WITH ORGANS OF STATE / KEY DEPARTMENTS [NEMA 52AO]
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 pre-application draft scoping report and its appendices on this date **5 January 2024, commenting period commence on 8 January 2024.** As such all RI&APs and Stakeholders are considered to be "in possession" of the pre-application 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:
Responsible EAP: Nicolaas Hanekom
Email: admin@enviro-eap.co.za

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

Vriendelike Groete / Kind regards

PROOF OF SENDING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

Nicolaas Hanekom

From:	Nicolaas Hanekom
Sent:	Monday, March 10, 2025 1:01 PM
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Good day All

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIR). DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2056/24. CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

Dear Key department

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

The Draft EIR 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 Folder Send-draft-EIR

(iii) Comments on the Draft EIR and appendices must be submitted to the EAP within 30 days (excluding public holidays, by not later than on or before 10 April 2025.

Please take note that I did go onto the website and check that the report is available and that the Draft EIR 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 or hard copy or another electronic link in order to access the report.

(2) COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE DRAFT EIR AND DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS SUBMISSION

The commenting period of the Draft EIR and appendices is **30 days EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS,** starting from the ***11 March 2025*** ending on the ***10 April 2025***. Your comments on the Draft EIR and appendices must be provided within the regulatory 30-day commenting period or by no later than the **10 April 2025.**

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 EIR and its appendices on this date **10 March 2025, commenting**

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period commence on 11 March 2025. As such all RI&APs and Stakeholders are considered to be "in possession" of the draft EIR 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:
Responsible EAP: Nicolaas Hanekom
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I trust the above is in order, kindly acknowledge receipt.

Vriendelike Groete / Kind regards

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Good day all.

I need to submit the final EIR. The comment period time has closed. However, if you do have any comments, please send to me by not later than 23 April 2025.

The DEA&DP has specifically again requested in their comments that CapeNature and the Department of Water and Sanitation comments must be included in final.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you need anything in order to comment. Your comments are greatly appreciated.

Vriendelike Groete / Kind regards

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

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TABLE 3: PRE-APPLICATION SCOPING REPORT COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT			
RI&AP or Key department	**Date of comment**	**Comment**	**Response**
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	Letter dated 15 January 2024	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT ("DSR") IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM. 1. The pre-application DSR and associated documents dated and received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 5 January 2024, refers. 2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned documents by this Department. 3. Please note that this Department will consider the pre-application DSR within the prescribed commenting period and advise you accordingly. 4. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A(1)(a) of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment. 5. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information based on any information received. Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.	Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	Letter dated 6 February 2024	COMMENT ON THE PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT ("DSR") FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM. 1.The pre-application DSR and associated documents dated and received by this Department via electronic correspondence on 5 January 2024 and this Department's acknowledgement thereof dated 15 January 2024, refer. 2. Following review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted: 2.1. The proposal entails the establishment of a housing development and associated infrastructure including the expansion of the WWTW on a portion of the Remainder of Erf no. 279, Clanwilliam. 2.2. The total development footprint is approximately 43ha. 2.3. The property is zoned Open Space and Undetermined and is located outside an urban area. 3. This Directorate's comments on the pre-application DSR are as follows: 3.1. Botanical Impacts The proposed development will result in the clearance of more than 20ha of indigenous vegetation. According to the pre-application DSR, the site is comprised of Citrusdal Vygieland, an ecosystem categorised as Least Threatened in terms of the National Vegetation Map of South Africa (2018). Further, no Species of Conservation Concern were detected in the preliminary site surveys undertaken on site. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment, which includes a Plant and Animal Species Assessment will be undertaken as part of the EIA phase in order to assess the potential botanical impacts	Noted. Noted. Noted. Correct. Correct. Correct. Correct.

		associated with the proposed development. Comment regarding the findings of the preliminary assessments including confirmation of the most recent conservation status of the indigenous vegetation on site, must be obtained from CapeNature.	Noted. CapeNature were requested for comments, but no comments were received to date. However, in terms of the revised National List of Threatened Terrestrial Ecosystems publish in Government Gazette No. 47526 dated 18 November 2022 (the latest and current list) Citrusdal Vygveld is not listed as critically endangered or endangered. This as well as CapeNatures comment will be included in the Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment report.
		3.2. Freshwater Impacts The site is located east of the Olifants River and west of the Jan Dissels River. According to the pre-app DSR, a non-perennial stream traversed the site and flowed from east to west into the Jan Dissels River However, the development of the golf course located adjacent to the property has impeded the flow of the river, which has impacted on the ecological function of the river. An artificial wetland is located on site resulting from the dysfunction of the stormwater infrastructure surrounding the site. According to the pre-application DSR, a water use authorisation is required in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998). Comment must be obtained from the Department of Water and Sanitation and proof of submission of the application for water use authorisation, must be included in the Scoping Report, submitted as part of the application process.	Correct. Correct. Comments was requested from Department of Water and Sanitation. None were received to date, but the comments will again be requested in draft scoping report and included in the comments and response report.
		3.3. Heritage and Visual Impacts 3.3.1. Based on the information contained in the Screening Tool Report, it is noted that the site has a very high sensitivity rating for the Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme. According to the Site Sensitivity Verification Report dated October 2023 and the pre-application DSR, a Notice of Intent to Develop will be submitted to Heritage Western Cape ("HWC"). 3.3.2. Based on the comments received from HWC, a Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") may be required to be undertaken as	Correct. A copy of the Heritage Western Cape NID submitted is included in the draft scoping report.

		part of the EIA phase with particular focus on the potential archeological and visual/landscape impacts associated with the proposed development. Should a HIA be required, the Plan of Study for EIA, must be updated accordingly.	Noted. Correct. Await Heritage Western Cape comments and if Heritage Impact Assessment is required, it will be included under specialist studies.
		3.4. Traffic Impacts According to the pre- application DSR, it is anticipated that the proposed development will result in increased traffic due to construction activities in site. However, there is no mention of the traffic impacts associated with the operational aspect of the proposed development.	Noted. I Traffic Impact Assessment will be conducted to assess both construction and operational phase impacts. This report will be included in the draft Environmental Impact Report.
		3.5. Service Capacity Confirmation of the availability of services such as water supply, electricity, effluent discharge, stormwater and waste disposal, from the relevant service providers must be provided together with the final Scoping Report or EIA Report submitted to this Department for decision-making.	Noted. Confirmation of services by the municipality will be provided in the EIR.
		3.6. Stormwater Management Details regarding stormwater management have not been included in the pre-application DSR.	Refer to draft scoping report that include details on stormwater management.
		4. Public Participation 4.1. Please ensure that the comments raised during the Public Participation Process are adequately addressed.	Noted. Please refer to this table for comments received and responses thereto.
		4.2. Please be reminded that a Public Participation Process must fulfil the requirements outlined in Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Proof of having complied with the said requirements must be included in future reports that will be submitted to this Department.	Noted. Please refer to this report and Appendix for proof of fulfilling the requirements outlined in Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
		4.3. Comments from, but not limited to, the following relevant authorities must be obtained during the Public Participation Process and included in the draft EIA Report: • Department of Water and Sanitation;	Noted. The departments listed was requested for comment, but none received to date. They will again receive a copy of the draft scoping report for comment which will then be included in this report.

		• Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Directorates: Pollution and Chemicals Management and Waste Management; • HWC; • CapeNature; and • Cederberg Municipality.	
		4.4.Please be reminded that the Plan of Study for EIA must comply with all of the requirements of Section 2 (1)(h)(i) to (j) of Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).	Noted. Please refer to the Plan of Study for EIA was updated in the draft scoping report.
		4.5. Your attention is drawn to Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) for the requirements with respect to the 'Content of the Scoping Report'. Please comply with these requirements.	Noted. The content of the scoping report does meet the requirements as in Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
		5. Please note, it is prohibited in terms of Section 24F of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the competent authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable for a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.	Noted.
		6. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the pre-application.	Noted.
		7. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments and request further information based on the information received.	Noted.

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Dear Sir

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Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully
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Confirmation of the availability of services such as water supply, electricity, effluent discharge, stormwater and waste disposal, from the relevant service providers must be provided together with the final Scoping Report or EIA Report submitted to this Department for decision-making.

3.6. Stormwater Management

Details regarding stormwater management have not been included in the pre-application DSR.

4. Public Participation

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PROOF OF NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR COMMENT SEND

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Good day All

Please take note that I did receive after sending this email the acknowledgement letter and the formal application reference number (16/3/3/2/F2/4/2056/24). This email is a reminder of the availability of the reports and indicate the correct reference number to be please used in comments.

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

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT. DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2056/24. CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

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. https://we.tl/t-X9cAZeUEbY ***(valid for full duration of 30 day or during the full commenting period)***.

(ii) The report and appendixes can be downloaded using wetransfer link https://we.tl/t-HLFKUSxdD7 (**please download wetransfer link within 5 days as it will expire after 5 days. Please don't hesitate to send me an email and I will resent a wetransfer link should it be required)**

(iii) 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 28 October 2024.

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 or hard 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 ***27 September 2024*** ending on the ***28 October 2024***. Your comments on the Draft scoping report and appendices must be provided within the regulatory 30-day commenting period or by no later than the ***28/10/2024.***

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 **26 September 2024, commenting period commence on 27 September 2024.** 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.

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AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT.
DEA&DP NOI REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/6/7/2/F2/4/2094/23.
CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

Good day,

Enclosed please find a CD copy of the draft Scoping report for the above-mentioned project. As requested by the department a CD since the department do not have an electronic filing system and it is needed by the department for filling and audit purpose.

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TABLE 4: DRAFT SCOPING REPORT COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT			
RI&AP or Key department	**Date of comment**	**Comment**	**Response**
Heritage Western Cape	16 July 2024	NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP: PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AND REZONING TO ALLOW FOR MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT ON ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(1) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) The matter above has reference. Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of your application for the above matter received. This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers Meeting held on 8 July 2024. You are hereby notified that, since there is reason to believe that the proposed subdivision and rezoning to allow for mixed-use development on Erf 279, Clanwilliam will impact on heritage resources, HWC requires that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that satisfies the provisions of Section 38(3) of the NHRA be submitted. Section 38(3) of the NHRA provides (3) The responsible heritage resources authority must specify the information to be provided in a report required in terms of subsection (2)(a): Provided that the following must be included: (a) The identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected; (b) an assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the heritage assessment criteria set out in section 6(2) or prescribed under section 7; (c) an assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage resources; (d) an evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development;	Noted. Noted. Noted that an Heritage Impact Assessment is required. The Plan of Scoping in the Scoping report included this terms of reference for Heritage Impact Assessment which will form part of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report during the next phase of the application.

		(e) the results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources; (f) if heritage resources will be adversely affected by the proposed development, The consideration of alternatives; and (g) plans for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after the completion of the proposed development. (Our emphasis) This HIA must in addition have specific reference to the following: - Archaeological Impact Assessment - Palaeontological Impact Assessment The HIA must have an overall assessment of the impacts to heritage resources which are not limited to the specific studies referenced above. The required HIA must have an integrated set of recommendations. The comments of relevant registered conservation bodies; all Interested and Affected parties; and the relevant Municipality must be requested and included in the HIA where provided. Proof of these requests must be supplied. If applicable, applicants are strongly advised to review and adhere to the time limits contained the Standard Operational Procedure (SOP) between DEADP and HWC. The SOP can be found using the following link http://www.hwc.org.za/node/293 Kindly take note of the HWC meeting dates and associated agenda closure date in order to ensure that comments are provided within as Reasonable time and that these times are factored into the project timeframes. HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.	

		Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.	
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	Letter dated 27 September 2024	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ("WWTW") ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM. 1. The application form and associated documents dated 5 August 2024 as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 16 September 2024, refers. 2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned documents by this Department. 3. Based on the information provided, the proposal entails the establishment of a housing development and associated infrastructure including the expansion of the WWTW on a portion of the Remainder of Erf No. 279, Clanwilliam. 3.1. The proposal is comprised of the following components: 3.1.1. 1315 Single Residential Zone 1 erven; 3.1.2. 18 Open Space Zone 1 erven; 3.1.3. 3 Community Zone 2 (church) erven; 3.1.4. 2 Community Zone 1 (crèche) erven; 3.1.5. 1 Community Zone 1 (school) erf; 3.1.6. 1 Community Zone 1 (community centre) erf; 3.1.7. 4 Business Zone 2 erven; 3.1.8. 1 Authority and Utility Zone erf; and 3.1.9. 1 Transport Zone 2 erf. 3.2. The proposal includes:	Noted. Correct. Noted. Noted. Correct.

		3.2.1. The expansion of the WWTW footprint by approximately 0.5ha to expand the WWTW infrastructure to treat less than 2000 cubic meters of effluent per day; and 3.2.2. the construction of internal roads of 8m, 10m and 16m wide. The main road connecting all roads will be 16m wide and approximately 1.1km long connecting Buitenkant street and Vuurpyl street which is connected to Bloekom Avenue which is the main access road of the town. 3.3. The proposal has a total development footprint of approximately 47ha. 4. Applicable Listed Activities: 4.1. Having considered the information contained in the Application Form, the Department concurs that the proposed development constitutes the following listed activities as defined in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, namely: 4.1.1. Activities 9, 12, 19, 24,and 28of Listing Notice 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended); 4.1.2. Activity 15 of Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended); and 4.1.3. Activities 4 and 15 of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). 4.2. Activity 57 of Listing Notice 1 is not triggered by the proposal as although the footprint is larger than 1000m², the capacity of the WWTW will not be increased by 15 000 m³ or more per day. 4.3. A Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting ("EIR") process must be followed in order to obtain an Environmental Authorisation. Only the activities applied for shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for and assessed as part of the EIA process.	Correct. Noted and thanks for concur of listed activities. Noted. Will be removed in EIR and submit updated EA application together with final EIR Noted. Correct.

		5. Water Use License Application ("WULA") 5.1. It is noted that proof of the submission of the WULA to the Department of Water and Sanitation has been included in the Application Form. 5.2. Please ensure that comment from the Department of Water and Sanitation is included in the Scoping Report. 6. Screening Tool, The Protocols, Site Sensitivity Verification ("SSV") and Specialist Assessments 6.1. Screening Tool Report 6.1.1. This Directorate notes that the Screening Tool Reports (dated 14 September 2024) has identified a number of specialist studies to be conducted. A motivation as to why certain specialist studies highlighted in the Screening Report will/will not be conducted has been provided in the SSV Report dated September 2024, included with the submission of the Application Form. 6.1.2. The following specialist assessments were identified in the Screening Tool Report (14 September 2024): 6.1.2.1. A Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment; 6.1.2.2. An Archaeological/ Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment; 6.1.2.3. A Palaeontology Impact Assessment; 6.1.2.4. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment; 6.1.2.5. An Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment; 6.1.2.6. A Socio- Economic Assessment; 6.1.2.7. A Plant Species Assessment; and 6.1.2.8. An Animal Species Assessment.	Noted. Correct. Noted. The department was requested for comment, but no comment were received in time and when the scoping report must be lodge. A site meeting is scheduled on the 27 November 2024 to discuss the water use authorization. As soon as comments were received they will be forwarded to the department. Correct.

		6.2. The Protocols 6.2.1. The "Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation" ("the Protocols") were published on 20 March 2020 (Government Notice No. 320 as published in Government Gazette No. 43110 on 20 March 2020) and the Protocols are applicable to your proposed development. 6.2.2. Be advised that the Protocols must be complied with for every new application that is submitted after 9 May 2020. 6.3. Screening Tool Report, SSV and Specialist Assessments 6.3.1. This Directorate notes that SSV Report dated September 2024 in which the environmental sensitivities of the site has been confirmed and / or disputed by the EAP has been provided. You are advised that this Directorate is in agreement with the findings of the EAP. 6.3.2. The motivation in the SSV Report dated September 2024, as to why certain specialist studies will not be conducted, indicates the following: 6.3.2.1. A Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment will not be undertaken as the proposed development is located on the edge of the town and urban area with access directly off an existing road. Heritage Western Cape ("HWC") has confirmed in their correspondence dated 14 July 2024 that a Heritage Impact Assessment will need to be undertaken, which must include an Archaeological Impact Assessment and a Paleontological Impact Assessment. According to the SSVR, a Heritage Impact Assessment will be conducted. 6.3.2.2. An Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment will be conducted.	Noted. Included in the terms of reference for specialist in plan of study for EIR. Noted. Included in the terms of reference for specialist in plan of study for EIR. Agreement noted with thanks. Correct. Noted. Correct. Correct.

		6.3.2.3. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment will be undertaken by the EAP, Nicolaas Hanekom.	Correct.
		6.3.2.4. A WULA is required for the proposed development for water uses in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no. 36 of 1998). A WULA enquiry has been submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation. Please be advised that should the Department of Water and Sanitation request the undertaking of a Hydrology Assessment, this will need to be undertaken.	Noted. If requested it will be included in the EIR phase.
		6.3.2.5. No plant and animal species of conservation concern were observed on the site during the time of the survey. A Plant Species Compliance Statement will be conducted as part of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment. An Animal Species Theme Assessment will be undertaken.	Correct.
		6.3.2.6. A Socio-Economic Assessment will not be undertaken as the proposal addresses the housing needs and access to basic services of the community. The associated impacts will be addressed in the Scoping Report and EIA Reports.	Correct.
		6.3.3. This Directorate agrees with the motivation provided in the application and the specialist input to be included in the Scoping/EIR Application. Please note that should any authority that have 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 must take precedence.	Noted and thanks for agreement.
		6.3.4. Furthermore, should you determine during the Scoping/EIR process that certain specialist studies would indeed be required, then the applicable requirements in terms of the Protocols and/or Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be met.	Noted.

		7. Guidelines You are advised that when undertaking the Scoping and EIR process, you must take into account the applicable guidelines including the guidelines developed by the Department. The Department's guidelines can be downloaded from the Department's website (http://westerncape.gov.za/eadp). In particular, the guidelines that may be applicable to the proposed development include, inter alia, the following: • Guideline for the Review of Specialist Input in the EIA process (June 2005); • Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005); • Guideline on Public Participation (March 2013); • Guideline on Alternatives (March 2013); and • Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013) 8 Exemptions The Department notes that you do not intend to apply for exemption from any of the requirements of the Public Participation Process as stipulated by Regulation 41, from any other provisions contained in the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) or the NEMA. Please note that should you fail to meet a requirement of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) or the NEMA and if no exemption from that provision was applied for, your application for environmental authorisation may be refused. 9. Alternatives 9.1. Be advised that in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the NEMA the investigation of alternatives is mandatory. All alternatives identified must therefore be investigated to determine if they are feasible and reasonable. In this regard it must be noted that the Department may grant authorisation for an alternative as if it has been applied for or may grant authorisation in respect of all or part of the activity	Noted. Guidelines listed below were used and will be further use in the EIR. Correct. Noted. Noted. Alternatives already included in scoping report and will be further assessed in EIR.

		applied for as specified in Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Alternatives are not limited to activity alternatives, but include layout alternatives, design, activity, operational and technology alternatives.	
		9.2. You are hereby reminded that it is mandatory to investigate and assess the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (i.e., the "no-go" option) in addition to other alternatives identified. Every EIA process must therefore identify and investigate alternatives, with feasible and reasonable alternatives to be comparatively assessed. If, however, after having identified and investigated alternatives, 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 that the investigation was undertaken and motivation indicating that no reasonable or feasible alternatives other than the preferred option and the 'no-go' option exist.	Noted. Alternatives already included in scoping report and will be further assessed in EIR.
		10. Public Participation Process ("PPP")	
		10.1. A draft Scoping Report must be submitted to this Directorate in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). This Directorate will provide comment on the draft Scoping Report within the specified commenting period.	Noted. Please refer to this report for more detail and proof.
		10.2. A draft Scoping Report must be made available to the relevant Organs of State and interested and affected parties ("I&APs") for a commenting period of 30 days and a copy of the draft Scoping Report must be submitted to this Directorate for commenting in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).	Noted. Please refer to this report for more detail and proof.

		10.3. The Department herewith provides the following comments: 10.3.1. Your attention is drawn to Circular 0027 of 2021 regarding the electronic administration of EIA applications. The Directorate: Development Management (Region 1 and 2) will continue with the electronic submission of correspondence and has for this reason established a dedicated e-mail address for the submission of all correspondence to the Directorates. For the Cape Town office, the e-mail address is DEADPEIAAdmin@westerncape.gov.za. 10.3.2. This electronic means of working is effective from 01 February 2022 and all general EIA queries, correspondence, applications, non-applications and reports must be e-mailed to the aforementioned email address. 10.3.3. Please ensure that where electronic copies cannot be accessed by I&APs, alternative access to copies of the Scoping Report and EIA Reports are made available. 10.3.4. E-mail notification to I&APs is strongly supported. However, other means of notification for those I&APs will be required, where no e-mail addresses are available, or where the likelihood of success of this electronic correspondence is expected to be low. 10.3.5. Where I&APs are unable to access electronic copies of the Scoping Report and EIA Reports, a hard copy of the report must be made available. Alternatively, the EAP will be required to engage with I&APs, with respect to alternative methods of accessing electronic copies of the Scoping Report and EIA Reports. 10.3.6. The EAP must notify this Department in writing of the date the Scoping Report and EIA Reports were submitted to the relevant State Departments and/or Organs of State and clearly indicate whether such State Departments and/or Organs of	Noted. Please refer to this report for more detail and proof. Noted. Please refer to this report for more detail and proof.

		State were notified of the commenting period in terms of Section 24O of the NEMA. 10.4. It is imperative that State Departments and/or Organs of State be in possession of the Reports when the EAP issues them with the notice in terms of Section 24O of the 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 and/or Organs of State in terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of the NEMA in the Scoping Report and EIA Reports, where appropriate. 10.5. In terms of good environmental practice, you are encouraged to engage with State Departments and/or 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 Scoping Report and EIA Reports available to State Departments and/or Organs of State, as stipulated above. The following State Departments and/or Organs of State must be consulted during the EIA process as part of the PPP: 10.5.1. Department of Water and Sanitation; 10.5.2. Cape Nature; 10.5.3. Heritage Western Cape; 10.5.4. This Department's Directorate Waste Management; 10.5.5. This Department's Directorate Pollution and Chemical Management; and 10.5.6. Cederberg Municipality. 10.6. A register of I&APs must be opened and maintained. The said register must be submitted to this Department. 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 include a description of the PPP followed. This report must be included in the public participation	Noted. Please refer to this report for more detail and proof. Noted. Please refer to this report for more detail and proof.

		information attached to the final Scoping Report and EIA Reports to be submitted for a decision.	
		11. You are referred to Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) for the requirements with respect to the 'Content of scoping reports'. You are advised that when undertaking the EIA process, you must take into account the Department's Circular EADP 0028/2014 on the "One Environmental Management System" and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) as well as any other guidance provided by the Department.	Noted. Please refer to draft scoping report for proof of compliance with Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) for the requirements with respect to the 'Content of scoping reports'.
		12. Collapsing of Scoping and EIA Phases Please note that the Scoping phase and EIA phases of the EIA processes are two distinctly separate phases each having its own requirements and reports to be submitted. This Directorate will not accept any Scoping and EIA Reports where processes or information of the two phases were collapsed into a single process or report. You are hereby advised that the Scoping Report must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 2 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the EIA report must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, (as amended).	Noted. This is the scoping phase and report and it is not collapse with the EIR.
		13. Mandatory Plan of Study for EIA You are reminded that the Plan of Study for EIA which sets out the approach to the EIA of the application in accordance with Appendix 2(2)(i) must be compiled and submitted together with the Scoping Report.	Noted. Included in the draft scoping report for comment.
		14. Need and Desirability In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), when considering an application, this Department 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	Noted.

		be considered and reported on in the Scoping and EIA Reports. The 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. 15. 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. 16. Social and Gender Considerations You are reminded that the social context of the proposed development must always be considered. This includes the impact that the development proposal may have on the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections ("STI") and Tuberculosis ("TB"), as well as equity and gender related concerns. 17. Climate Change 17.1. The Scoping and EIA Reports must report on the potential impacts on climate change. One of the objectives of the Western Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework published by this Department is to minimise the consumption of scarce environmental resources such as water, fuel, building materials, mineral resources, electricity, and land. To this effect and as part of the efforts to reduce the effects of climate change, you must, as part of the EIA process, identify energy efficient technologies that could be implemented for the proposed development. 17.2. Considering that South Africa is a water scarce country and that many catchments in the Western Cape are already water stressed, you must also consider implementing the use of water saving devices and technologies for the proposed development.	Noted. Please refer to draft scoping report for detail and proof. Noted. Please refer to draft scoping report for detail and proof. Noted. Please refer to draft scoping report for detail and proof.

		18. General 18.1. In accordance with Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Scoping Report must be submitted within 44 days of receipt of the application by this Department, calculated from 16 September 2024. 18.2. Further note, in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), an application in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) lapses and the Competent Authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). 18.3. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. 18.4. It is prohibited in terms of Section 24F of the NEMA for a person to commence with a Listed Activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Non-compliance in terms of the prohibition must be referred to this Department's Directorate: Environmental Law Enforcement for possible prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable for a fine not exceeding R10 000 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment. 19. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information based on any information received. Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.	Noted. Noted. Final Scoping report was submitted within the regulated period which is 30 October 2024. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.
Department of Environmental	Letter dated 7	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT ("DSR") FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING	Noted.

Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	October 2024	DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ("WWTW") ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM. 1. The DSR and associated documents dated and received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 27 September 2024, refers. 2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned documents by this Department. 3. Please note that this Department will consider the DSR within the prescribed commenting period and advise you accordingly. 4. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A(1)(a) of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment. 5. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information based on any information received. Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.	 Correct. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Muneeb Baderoon	Letter dated 25 October 2024	COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279 (DEA&DP REF. NO. 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2056/24), CLANWILLIAM 1. The draft Basic Scoping Report (SR), dated 15 September 2024, as received by the Department on 26 September 2024, refers.	Noted. Noted. Correct.

Waste Management Licensing		2. The Sub-directorate: Waste Management Licensing comments as follows:	
		2.1. Aquatic and Terrestrial Biodiversity Themes are listed in the Screening Tool as "Very High Sensitivity". Although waste impacts are described as (Low impact before mitigation and low impact with mitigation measures), the Directorate: Waste Management (the 'Directorate') requires the EMPr to be strictly implemented to protect aquatic and terrestrial aspects of the surrounding environment and to place strict requirements on the ECO in this regard.	Noted. EMPr will be send in EIR report as addendum for comment.
		2.2. The Directorate requires the EMPr to suitably address noise, dust, the placement and management of toilets, routine checklists and auditing, fuel and hazardous material storage, and spill prevention and clean-up.	Noted. EMPr will be send in EIR report as addendum for comment.
		2.3. A detailed waste management plan must address the storage, handling and disposal of removed vegetation, while the Cederberg Municipality must be consulted on how to deal with green waste and other possible organic waste in terms of its Organic Waste Diversion Plan. The Plan of Study (PoS) must assess the logistics around waste and its removal for beneficiation and/or disposal for both construction and operation phases.	Noted. EMPr will be send in EIR report as addendum for comment.
		2.4. According to the construction phase impacts, water quality of the downstream water bodies may be affected due to storm water flow from construction site. The PoS and EMPr must address the protection of surface water and groundwater.	Noted. EMPr will be send in EIR report as addendum for comment.
		3. The Department awaits the draft EIR and EMPr and reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.	Noted.
		4. Please contact Muneeb Baderoon should you have any enquiries regarding these comments.	Noted.

Our Ref: HM / WEST COAST / CEDERBERG / CLANWILLIAM / ERF 279
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP: HIA REQUIRED
In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the Western Cape Provincial Gazette 6061, Notice 298 of 2003

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP: PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AND REZONING TO ALLOW FOR MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT ON ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(1) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)

The matter above has reference.

Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of your application for the above matter received. This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers Meeting held on 8 July 2024.

You are hereby notified that, since there is reason to believe that the proposed subdivision and rezoning to allow for mixed-use development on Erf 279, Clanwilliam will impact on heritage resources, HWC requires that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that satisfies the provisions of Section 38(3) of the NHRA be submitted. Section 38(3) of the NHRA provides

*(3) The responsible heritage resources authority must specify the information to be provided in a report required in terms of subsection (2)(a)**: Provided that the following must be included:***

(a) The identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected;
(b) an assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the heritage assessment criteria set out in section 6(2) or prescribed under section 7;
(c) an assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage resources;
(d) an evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development;
(e) the results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources;
(f) if heritage resources will be adversely affected by the proposed development, The consideration of alternatives; and
(g) plans for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after the completion of the proposed development.

(Our emphasis)

This HIA must in addition have specific reference to the following:

- Archaeological Impact Assessment
- Palaeontological Impact Assessment

The HIA must have an overall assessment of the impacts to heritage resources which are not limited to the specific studies referenced above.

The required HIA must have an integrated set of recommendations.

The comments of relevant registered conservation bodies; all Interested and Affected parties; and the relevant Municipality must be requested and included in the HIA where provided. Proof of these requests must be supplied.

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If applicable, applicants are strongly advised to review and adhere to the time limits contained the Standard Operational Procedure (SOP) between DEADP and HWC. The SOP can be found using the following link http://www.hwc.org.za/node/293

Kindly take note of the HWC meeting dates and associated agenda closure date in order to ensure that comments are provided within as Reasonable time and that these times are factored into the project timeframes.

HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.
Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.

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16 July 2024

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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ("WWTW") ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.

1. The application form and associated documents dated 5 August 2024 as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 16 September 2024, refers.

2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned documents by this Department.

3. Based on the information provided, the proposal entails the establishment of a housing development and associated infrastructure including the expansion of the WWTW on a portion of the Remainder of Erf No. 279, Clanwilliam.

   3.1. The proposal is comprised of the following components:
      3.1.1. 1315 Single Residential Zone 1 erven;
      3.1.2. 18 Open Space Zone 1 erven;
      3.1.3. 3 Community Zone 2 (church) erven;
      3.1.4. 2 Community Zone 1 (crèche) erven;
      3.1.5. 1 Community Zone 1 (school) erf;
      3.1.6. 1 Community Zone 1 (community centre) erf;
      3.1.7. 4 Business Zone 2 erven;
      3.1.8. 1 Authority and Utility Zone erf; and
      3.1.9. 1 Transport Zone 2 erf.

   3.2. The proposal includes:
      3.2.1. The expansion of the WWTW footprint by approximately 0.5ha to expand the WWTW infrastructure to treat less than 2000 cubic meters of effluent per day; and
      3.2.2. the construction of internal roads of 8m, 10m and 16m wide. The main road connecting all roads will be 16m wide and approximately 1.1km long connecting Buitenkant street and Vuurpyl street which is connected to Bloekom Avenue which is the main access road of the town.

   3.3. The proposal has a total development footprint of approximately 47ha.

4. Applicable Listed Activities:

4.1. Having considered the information contained in the Application Form, the Department concurs that the proposed development constitutes the following listed activities as defined in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, namely:

4.1.1. Activities 9, 12, 19, 24,and 28of Listing Notice 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended);
4.1.2. Activity 15 of Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended); and
4.1.3. Activities 4 and 15 of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

4.2. Activity 57 of Listing Notice 1 is not triggered by the proposal as although the footprint is larger than 1000m², the capacity of the WWTW will not be increased by 15 000 m³ or more per day.

4.3. A Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting ("EIR") process must be followed in order to obtain an Environmental Authorisation. Only the activities applied for shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for and assessed as part of the EIA process.

5. Water Use License Application ("WULA")

5.1. It is noted that proof of the submission of the WULA to the Department of Water and Sanitation has been included in the Application Form.

5.2. Please ensure that comment from the Department of Water and Sanitation is included in the Scoping Report.

6. Screening Tool, The Protocols, Site Sensitivity Verification ("SSV") and Specialist Assessments

6.1. Screening Tool Report

6.1.1. This Directorate notes that the Screening Tool Reports (dated 14 September 2024) has identified a number of specialist studies to be conducted. A motivation as to why certain specialist studies highlighted in the Screening Report will/will not be conducted has been provided in the SSV Report dated September 2024, included with the submission of the Application Form.

6.1.2. The following specialist assessments were identified in the Screening Tool Report (14 September 2024):

6.1.2.1. A Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment;
6.1.2.2. An Archaeological/ Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment;
6.1.2.3. A Palaeontology Impact Assessment;
6.1.2.4. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment;
6.1.2.5. An Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment;
6.1.2.6. A Socio- Economic Assessment;
6.1.2.7. A Plant Species Assessment; and
6.1.2.8. An Animal Species Assessment.

6.2. The Protocols

6.2.1. The "*Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation*" ("the Protocols") were published on 20 March 2020 (Government Notice No. 320 as published in Government Gazette No. 43110 on 20 March 2020) and the Protocols are applicable to your proposed development.

6.2.2. Be advised that the Protocols must be complied with for every new application that is submitted after 9 May 2020.

6.3. Screening Tool Report, SSV and Specialist Assessments

6.3.1. This Directorate notes that SSV Report dated September 2024 in which the environmental sensitivities of the site has been confirmed and / or disputed by the EAP has been provided. You are advised that this Directorate is in agreement with the findings of the EAP.

6.3.2. The motivation in the SSV Report dated September 2024, as to why certain specialist studies will not be conducted, indicates the following:

6.3.2.1. A Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment will not be undertaken as the proposed development is located on the edge of the town and urban area with access directly off an existing road. Heritage Western Cape ("HWC") has confirmed in their correspondence dated 14 July 2024 that a Heritage Impact Assessment will need to be undertaken, which must include an Archaeological Impact Assessment and a Paleontological Impact Assessment. According to the SSVR, a Heritage Impact Assessment will be conducted.

6.3.2.2. An Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment will be conducted.

6.3.2.3. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment will be undertaken by the EAP, Nicolaas Hanekom.

6.3.2.4. A WULA is required for the proposed development for water uses in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no. 36 of 1998). A WULA enquiry has been submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation. **Please be advised that should the Department of Water and Sanitation request the undertaking of a Hydrology Assessment, this will need to be undertaken.**

6.3.2.5. No plant and animal species of conservation concern were observed on the site during the time of the survey. A Plant Species Compliance Statement will be conducted as part of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment. An Animal Species Theme Assessment will be undertaken.

6.3.2.6. A Socio-Economic Assessment will not be undertaken as the proposal addresses the housing needs and access to basic services of the community. The associated impacts will be addressed in the Scoping Report and EIA Reports.

6.3.3. This Directorate agrees with the motivation provided in the application and the specialist input to be included in the Scoping/EIR Application. **Please note that should any authority that have 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 must take precedence.**

6.3.4. Furthermore, should you determine during the Scoping/EIR process that certain specialist studies would indeed be required, then the applicable requirements in terms of the Protocols and/or Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be met.

7. Guidelines

You are advised that when undertaking the Scoping and EIR process, you must take into account the applicable guidelines including the guidelines developed by the Department. The Department's guidelines can be downloaded from the Department's website (http://westerncape.gov.za/eadp). In particular, the guidelines that may be applicable to the proposed development include, *inter alia*, the following:

- Guideline for the Review of Specialist Input in the EIA process (June 2005);
- Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005);
- Guideline on Public Participation (March 2013);
- Guideline on Alternatives (March 2013); and
- Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013)

8. Exemptions
The Department notes that you do not intend to apply for exemption from any of the requirements of the Public Participation Process as stipulated by Regulation 41, from any other provisions contained in the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) or the NEMA. Please note that should you fail to meet a requirement of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) or the NEMA and if no exemption from that provision was applied for, your application for environmental authorisation may be refused.

9. Alternatives
9.1. Be advised that in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the NEMA the investigation of alternatives is mandatory. All alternatives identified must therefore be investigated to determine if they are feasible and reasonable. In this regard it must be noted that the Department may grant authorisation for an alternative as if it has been applied for or may grant authorisation in respect of all or part of the activity applied for as specified in Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Alternatives are not limited to activity alternatives, but include layout alternatives, design, activity, operational and technology alternatives.

9.2. You are hereby reminded that it is mandatory to investigate and assess the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (i.e., the "no-go" option) in addition to other alternatives identified. Every EIA process must therefore identify and investigate alternatives, with feasible and reasonable alternatives to be comparatively assessed. If, however, after having identified and investigated alternatives, 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 that the investigation was undertaken and motivation indicating that no reasonable or feasible alternatives other than the preferred option and the 'no-go' option exist.

10. Public Participation Process ("PPP")
10.1. A draft Scoping Report must be submitted to this Directorate in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). This Directorate will provide comment on the draft Scoping Report within the specified commenting period.

10.2. A draft Scoping Report must be made available to the relevant Organs of State and interested and affected parties ("I&APs") for a commenting period of 30 days and a copy of the draft Scoping Report must be submitted to this Directorate for commenting in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

10.3. The Department herewith provides the following comments:
10.3.1. Your attention is drawn to Circular 0027 of 2021 regarding the electronic administration of EIA applications. The Directorate: Development Management (Region 1 and 2) will continue with the electronic submission of correspondence and has for this reason established a dedicated e-mail address for the submission of all correspondence to the Directorates. For the Cape Town office, the e-mail address is DEADPEIAAdmin@westerncape.gov.za.

10.3.2. This electronic means of working is effective from 01 February 2022 and all general EIA queries, correspondence, applications, non-applications and reports must be e-mailed to the aforementioned email address.

10.3.3. Please ensure that where electronic copies cannot be accessed by I&APs, alternative access to copies of the Scoping Report and EIA Reports are made available.

10.3.4. E-mail notification to I&APs is strongly supported. However, other means of notification for those I&APs will be required, where no e-mail addresses are available,

or where the likelihood of success of this electronic correspondence is expected to be low.

10.3.5. Where I&APs are unable to access electronic copies of the Scoping Report and EIA Reports, a hard copy of the report must be made available. Alternatively, the EAP will be required to engage with I&APs, with respect to alternative methods of accessing electronic copies of the Scoping Report and EIA Reports.

10.3.6. The EAP must notify this Department in writing of the date the Scoping Report and EIA Reports were submitted to the relevant State Departments and/or Organs of State and clearly indicate whether such State Departments and/or Organs of State were notified of the commenting period in terms of Section 24O of the NEMA.

10.4. It is imperative that State Departments and/or Organs of State be in possession of the Reports when the EAP issues them with the notice in terms of Section 24O of the 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 and/or Organs of State in terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of the NEMA in the Scoping Report and EIA Reports, where appropriate.

10.5. In terms of good environmental practice, you are encouraged to engage with State Departments and/or 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 Scoping Report and EIA Reports available to State Departments and/or Organs of State, as stipulated above. The following State Departments and/or Organs of State must be consulted during the EIA process as part of the PPP:

10.5.1. Department of Water and Sanitation;
10.5.2. Cape Nature;
10.5.3. Heritage Western Cape;
10.5.4. This Department's Directorate Waste Management;
10.5.5. This Department's Directorate Pollution and Chemical Management; and
10.5.6. Cederberg Municipality.

10.6. A register of I&APs must be opened and maintained. The said register must be submitted to this Department. 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 include a description of the PPP followed. This report must be included in the public participation information attached to the final Scoping Report and EIA Reports to be submitted for a decision.

11. You are referred to Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) for the requirements with respect to the 'Content of scoping reports'. You are advised that when undertaking the EIA process, you must take into account the Department's Circular EADP 0028/2014 on the "One Environmental Management System" and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) as well as any other guidance provided by the Department.

12. Collapsing of Scoping and EIA Phases
Please note that the Scoping phase and EIA phases of the EIA processes are two distinctly separate phases each having its own requirements and reports to be submitted. This Directorate will not accept any Scoping and EIA Reports where processes or information of the two phases were collapsed into a single process or report. You are hereby advised that the Scoping Report must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 2 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the EIA report must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, (as amended).

13. Mandatory Plan of Study for EIA
You are reminded that the Plan of Study for EIA which sets out the approach to the EIA of the application in accordance with Appendix 2(2)(i) must be compiled and submitted together with the Scoping Report.

14. Need and Desirability
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), when considering an application, this Department 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 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.

15. 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.

16. Social and Gender Considerations
You are reminded that the social context of the proposed development must always be considered. This includes the impact that the development proposal may have on the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections ("STI") and Tuberculosis ("TB"), as well as equity and gender related concerns.

17. Climate Change
17.1. The Scoping and EIA Reports must report on the potential impacts on climate change. One of the objectives of the Western Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework published by this Department is to minimise the consumption of scarce environmental resources such as water, fuel, building materials, mineral resources, electricity, and land. To this effect and as part of the efforts to reduce the effects of climate change, you must, as part of the EIA process, identify energy efficient technologies that could be implemented for the proposed development.

17.2. Considering that South Africa is a water scarce country and that many catchments in the Western Cape are already water stressed, you must also consider implementing the use of water saving devices and technologies for the proposed development.

18. General
18.1. In accordance with Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Scoping Report must be submitted within 44 days of receipt of the application by this Department, calculated from 16 September 2024.

18.2. Further note, in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), an application in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) lapses and the Competent Authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

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

18.4. It is prohibited in terms of Section 24F of the NEMA for a person to commence with a Listed Activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Non-compliance in terms of the prohibition must be referred to this Department's Directorate: Environmental Law Enforcement for possible prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable for a fine not exceeding R10 000 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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

Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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1. The DSR and associated documents dated and received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 27 September 2024, refers.
2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned documents by this Department.
3. Please note that this Department will consider the DSR within the prescribed commenting period and advise you accordingly.
4. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A(1)(a) of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
5. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information based on any information received.

Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.

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COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279 (DEA&DP REF. NO. 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2056/24), CLANWILLIAM

1. The draft Basic Scoping Report (SR), dated 15 September 2024, as received by the Department on 26 September 2024, refers.
2. The Sub-directorate: Waste Management Licensing comments as follows:
   2.1. Aquatic and Terrestrial Biodiversity Themes are listed in the Screening Tool as "Very High Sensitivity". Although waste impacts are described as (Low impact before mitigation and low impact with mitigation measures), the Directorate: Waste Management (the 'Directorate') requires the EMPr to be strictly implemented to protect aquatic and terrestrial aspects of the surrounding environment and to place strict requirements on the ECO in this regard.
   2.2. The Directorate requires the EMPr to suitably address noise, dust, the placement and management of toilets, routine checklists and auditing, fuel and hazardous material storage, and spill prevention and clean-up.
   2.3. A detailed waste management plan must address the storage, handling and disposal of removed vegetation, while the Cederberg Municipality must be consulted on how to deal with green waste and other possible organic waste in terms of its Organic Waste Diversion Plan. The Plan of Study (PoS) must assess the logistics around waste and its removal for beneficiation and/or disposal for both construction and operation phases.
   2.4. According to the construction phase impacts, water quality of the downstream water bodies may be affected due to storm water flow from construction site. The PoS and EMPr must address the protection of surface water and groundwater.
3. The Department awaits the draft EIR and EMPr and reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.
4. Please contact Muneeb Baderoon should you have any enquiries regarding these comments.

Yours faithfully,
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TABLE 4: DRAFT AND FINAL SCOPING REPORT COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT			
RI&AP or Key department	**Date of comment**	**Comment**	**Response**
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	Letter dated 12 December 2024	ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ("WWTW") ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.	Noted.
		1. The final Scoping Report as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 30 October 2024, and this Department's acknowledgement thereof dated 8 November 2024, refer.	Noted.
		2. This letter serves to inform you that the Scoping Report and Plan of Study for EIA is accepted by the Department.	Noted.
		3. You are hereby advised to proceed with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for EIA, including the Public Participation Process.	Noted. Please refer to draft EIR for more detail.
		4. The EIA Report must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.	Noted. Please refer to draft EIR for more detail.
		5. An Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") that contains all information set out in Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be compiled that addresses the potential environmental impacts of the activity on the environment throughout the project life cycle, i.e. the EMPr must address impacts in respect of the planning and design, pre-construction and construction activities. The Department would like to advise that in compiling the EMPr the Department's	Please refer to draft EIR, Appendix F for more detail.

		Guideline for Environmental Management Programmes must be taken into account. Please ensure that the mitigation measures and recommendations made by the specialists are included within the relevant sections of the EMPr (this includes the development of the Storm Water Management Plan).	
		6. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") must submit an electronic copy of the draft EIA Report and EMPr to the Department for a 30-day commenting period. The draft EIA Report and EMPr 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 EAP must notify the Department in writing of the date the draft EIA Report and EMPr 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.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof of sending for comments and comments received and responses.
		7. Confirmation from the local authority, Cederberg Municipality, in terms of the services capacity requirements to accommodate the proposed development must be obtained. Please ensure that this information is included in the draft EIA Report.	Noted. Letter requested from the municipality and will be included in final.
		8. 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 to be attached to the EIA Report submitted for a decision.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof of sending for comments and comments received and responses.

		9. Please ensure that comments from all the relevant Organs of State, including any comments from this Department are submitted with the EIA Report. 9.1. Comments from, but not limited to, the following relevant authorities must be obtained during the Public Participation Process and included in the Final EIA Report submitted for decision-making: • Cederberg Municipality; • CapeNature; • Heritage Western Cape; • Western Cape Department of Agriculture; • DEA&DP Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management; • DEA&DP Directorate: Waste Management; and • Department of Water and Sanitation. 9.2. The EMPr to be submitted with the draft EIA Report must include the mitigation measures and recommendations made by the organs of state. 10. The Department awaits the submission of the EIA Report as prescribed by the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 23(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIA Report and EMPr must be submitted to this Department for decision within a period of 106 days from the date of this letter. If, however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the EIA Report, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 156 days from the date of the acceptance of the Scoping Report by the Department) would be required for the submission of the EIA Report. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report and/or additional information.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof of sending for comments and comments received and responses. Noted. Please refer to this report for proof of sending for comments and comments received and responses. Noted. Is included, but will be updated with comments received. Noted.

		11. If the EIA Report and EMPr are not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted. 12. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. 13. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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. 14. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.	Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.
Department of Agriculture	Letter dated 12 February 2025.	The department (WCDoA) has no objection to the proposed application.	

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REFERENCE: 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2056/24
DATE: 12 DECEMBER 2024

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Dear sir

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ("WWTW") ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.

1. The final Scoping Report as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 30 October 2024, and this Department's acknowledgement thereof dated 8 November 2024, refer.

2. This letter serves to inform you that the Scoping Report and Plan of Study for EIA is accepted by the Department.

3. You are hereby advised to proceed with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for EIA, including the Public Participation Process.

4. The EIA Report must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.

5. An Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") that contains all information set out in Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be compiled that addresses the potential environmental impacts of the activity on the environment throughout the project life cycle, i.e. the EMPr must address impacts in respect of the planning and design, pre-construction and construction activities. The Department would like to advise that in compiling the EMPr the Department's Guideline for Environmental Management Programmes must be taken into account. Please ensure that the mitigation measures and recommendations made by the specialists are included within the relevant sections of the EMPr (this includes the development of the Storm Water Management Plan).

6. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") must submit an electronic copy of the draft EIA Report and EMPr to the Department for a 30-day commenting period. The draft EIA Report and EMPr 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 EAP must notify the Department in writing of the date the draft EIA Report and EMPr 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.

7. Confirmation from the local authority, Cederberg Municipality, in terms of the services capacity requirements to accommodate the proposed development must be obtained. Please ensure that this information is included in the draft EIA Report.

8. 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 to be attached to the EIA Report submitted for a decision.

9. Please ensure that comments from all the relevant Organs of State, including any comments from this Department are submitted with the EIA Report.

    9.1. Comments from, but not limited to, the following relevant authorities must be obtained during the Public Participation Process and included in the Final EIA Report submitted for decision-making:

    - Cederberg Municipality;
    - CapeNature;
    - Heritage Western Cape;
    - Western Cape Department of Agriculture;
    - DEA&DP Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management;
    - DEA&DP Directorate: Waste Management; and
    - Department of Water and Sanitation.

    9.2. The EMPr to be submitted with the draft EIA Report must include the mitigation measures and recommendations made by the organs of state.

10. The Department awaits the submission of the EIA Report as prescribed by the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 23(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIA Report and EMPr must be submitted to this Department for decision within a period of 106 days from the date of this letter. If, however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the EIA Report, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 156 days from the date of the acceptance of the Scoping Report by the Department) would be required for the submission of the EIA Report. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report and/or additional information.

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13. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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.

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

Yours faithfully

Eldon van Boom

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PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION:

DIVISION CLANWILLIAM

REMAINDER OF THE ERF NO 279

Your application of 03 October 2024 has reference.

From an agricultural perspective the Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDoA) has no objection to the proposed application.

Please note:

- Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
- The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.

Yours sincerely

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Mr. CJ van der Walt
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TABLE 5: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT			
RI&AP or Key department	**Date of comment**	**Comment**	**Response**
Priscilla van As Priscilla.VanAs@westerncape.gov.za Department of Infrastructure	Email dated 10/3/2025	Good Day Mr Hanekom Kindly include (Cc) Mr Clint Lotter (Clint Lotter@westerncape.gov.za) from this Department Infrastructure in future e-mails for information purpose on the planned (pipeline) housing projects of municipalities within region 2 .As I explained that the municipality submit a formal housing application to our department for assessment and approval of funding ,which is also referred to DEADP (Environmental and Planning)for both their comments, also our engineers and Human Settlements Directorate : Planning for their input and reports . Kind regards	Noted. Thank you for confirmation that the municipality submit a formal housing application to our department for assessment and approval of funding, which is also referred to DEADP (Environmental and Planning) for both their comments, also our engineers and Human Settlements Directorate: Planning for their input and reports. It is noted and already formed part of the application and reports.
Danne Joubert Cederberg Municipality	3/10/2025	Good day Nicolaas I have read through the reports and my comments as follows: Jan Smit is not working at Department Agriculture anymore, he has retired. The new contact people for that department for this region are: Hannes.Pienaar@westerncape.gov.za and Ashraf.Mohamed@westerncape.gov.za. - "The National Vegetation Map of South Africa (2018) identifies the natural vegetation occurring within the area as Citrusdal Vygieveld, with a Least Threatened ecosystem status. The	Noted. Noted. However, I always send the reports to Elsenburg Land Use, Mr. Cor van der Walt in terms of the protocols for comment. Their comments was received as included in table below. Correct.

		proposed construction and housing on west site and expansion of WWTW will however be on transformed areas impacted by existing WWTW infrastructure and squatters and not impact on any indigenous vegetation. The eastern housing site will impact on indigenous vegetation, but the impact will be of medium significance and no Species of Conservation Concern was recorded at the time of the site surveys. The aquatic biodiversity features are not ecologically connected and does not support ecological processes and fine-scale habitats as a result of the transformed state of the river". This directly from your Aquatic biodiversity impact assessment for noting purposes that you do confirm there are no plant and animal species of conservation concern observed on site during the time of the survey. - "The result of the PES assessments that were completed for the aquatic ecosystem that could potentially be affected by the proposed development is reflected in table above. Modifications have reached a critical level and the lotic system has been modified completely with an almost complete loss of natural habitat and biota. In the worst instances the basic ecosystem functions have been destroyed and the changes are irreversible". This is a concern as you mention in your Aquatic biodiversity assessment that there is almost a complete loss of natural habitat and biota as well as that basic ecosystem functions have been destroyed and	Correct. Correct. It was transformed when the golf course was constructed. Correct. It was transformed when the golf course was constructed. Correct. Correct. The reason be is that some moderate sensitive Citrusdal Vygieveld, with a Least Threatened ecosystem status will be permanently cleared.

		the changes are irreversible. So therefore this proposed housing development and WTW expansion will cause ecosystem changes that are permanent of nature.	
Janine Greeff | Regional Content Researcher Projects	Email dated 18/3/2025	Hi Nicolaas, I hope you are well. I came across a project on your website for "Clanwilliam housing development and WWTW expansion on a portion of remainder of erf 279, Clanwilliam" I do not have any objections but would like to please be registered as an interested party. Please register me with the email address projects@l2b.co.za I follow building and construction related projects from conceptual / feasibility up until completion. Please can you also provide me with the below. - Client Company Name: Cederberg Municipality - EIA Company Name: Enviro-EAP - Town Planning Company Name: ? - Developer Company Name: ? Thank you. Have a lovely day.	Good morning Janine This is to acknowledge receipt and confirm that you are registered. Your no objection is noted. - Town Planning Company Name: CK Rumboll and associated. - Developer Company Name: Cederberg Municipality
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	19 MARCH 2025	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.	Noted. Noted.

		1. The Draft EIA Report and associated documents dated and received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 10 March 2025, refers. 2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned documents by this Directorate. 3. Please note that this Directorate will consider the Draft EIA Report within the prescribed commenting period and advise you accordingly. 4. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A(1)(a) of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment. 5. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information based on any information received. Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.	Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.
Department of Agriculture Landuse management	12/2/2025	Your application of 03 October 2024 has reference.	Noted.

Cor van der Walt		From an agricultural perspective the Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDoA} has no objection to the proposed application. Please note: • Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. • The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.	No objection noted.
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	10 April 2025	COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM. 1. The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIR") and associated documents dated and received by this Department via electronic correspondence on 10 March 2025 and this Directorate's acknowledgment thereof dated 19 March 2025, refer. 2. This Directorate's comments are as follows: 2.1. Project description It is noted there may be minor discrepancies in the details of the project description in the Application Form and the Draft EIR. Should the	Noted. Noted. Noted. The EA application was amended to include the details of the project description in EIR. The updated EA application will be submitted with the final EIR.

		project description in the Application Form not correspond with the details described in the Draft EIR, please ensure that a revised Application Form is submitted with the Final EIR. 2.2. Botanical Impacts 2.2.1. A site assessment was conducted by Mr. Nicolaas Hanekom from Enviro-EAP on 6 October 2019 and 28 July 2023 to verify the vegetation type and identify potential botanical constraints and informed the Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment Report dated February 2025. 2.2.2. The Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment Report identified that the proposed development will result in the clearance of indigenous vegetation comprised of Citrusdal Vygieveld (Least Threatened). Page 30 of the report indicates the terrestrial Ecological Support Areas that were mapped on the site are either incorrectly mapped or will be affected. Please correct this error. 2.2.3. On page 30 of the report, it is noted that the proposed mitigation measures include demarcation of "no-go" areas prior to the commencement of clearance activities. However, the reason why these areas are considered "no-go" and the location thereof areas is not explicit in the report. Furthermore, the report indicates that the on-site survey found no species of conservation concern present.	Correct. Noted. Report was amended to refer to will be affected. Noted. The no-go areas is the wetland area, boundary of the site and non-perennial river mapped as no go areas in Appendix B. Correct. No species of conservation concern were recorded during the surveys.

		2.2.4. Comments from CapeNature regarding the findings of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Report must be obtained and included in the final EIR. 2.3. Water Use License Application ("WULA") 2.3.1. This Directorate's previous correspondence on this proposed development dated 27 September 2024, has made reference to the WULA process. On page 34 of the Comments and Response Report reference is made to an on-site meeting held to discuss the WULA on 27 November 2024. Comments on the proposed development and the outcome of this meeting must be obtained from the Department of Water and Sanitation and included in the Final EIR. 2.3.2. Please ensure that proof of submission of the WULA to the Department of Water and Sanitation is included in the Final EIR. 2.4. Heritage Impacts 2.4.1. The findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") dated November 2024 compiled by CTS Heritage note that "none of the identified heritage resources fall within proposed development areas and as such no direct impact on heritage resources is anticipated. However, due to the scale of the proposed development and the nature of the receiving environment, the Chance Fossil Finds Procedure must be implemented should any heritage remains be discovered during on site	Noted. CapeNature comments was requested. They were again notify and request to comment. No comments were received to date. Once comments are received it will be responded to and submitted to the department. Noted. The site meeting was held. I am still waiting for DWS to open up the step 3 to upload the technical documents. The municipality (Danne) contacted me and informed me that DWS were requesting more detail on the WWTW. Cobus Louw, the engineer on the project did send information and detail after telephone discussion. Once step 3 are open I will upload the technical documents for DWS to make a decision. Refer to email below for more detail.

		construction activities. Please ensure that this document is included in the Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") submitted with the Final EIR. 2.4.2. Please ensure that a final comment on the findings of the HIA is obtained from HWC and submitted with the Final EIR.	Noted. It was included in the EMPr. HWC PROCEDURE: CHANCE FINDS OF PALAEONTOLOGICAL MATERIAL June 2016 page 24 Noted. HWC was again requested to comment on the draft EIR, but no comments were received to date. However, normally HWC does not provide any further comments once a decision was issued on the HIA. The comments, if received will be forwarded to the department as soon as it was received.
		2.5. Traffic Impacts The findings of the Traffic Impact Assessment dated 5 September 2024 compiled by Urban Development Solutions Africa indicates that the anticipated traffic impacts associated with the proposed development can be accommodated. The report notes several additional and/or upgraded access points to and from the existing public road network are proposed for the future. The report notes that no capacity upgrades are required at the major road intersections viz. Graafwater Way/Main Road intersection, Ou Kaapse Way/Voortrekker Street/Denne Street intersection and Ou Kaapse Way/De Villiers Street/Bloekom Street intersection. Comments on the findings of the report and confirmation of the recommendations made by the traffic impact specialist must be obtained from the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure and	Noted. Please refer to the department's comments above. No further comments were received from 'HOD.TransportPublicWorks@westerncape.gov.za'

		included within the relevant sections of the EMPr and the Final EIR. 2.6. Need and Desirability Although the draft EIR indicates that the proposed development is an infill development, no further motivation as to how the proposal aligns with the strategic objectives of the Cederberg Municipality's Spatial Development Framework and Integrated Development Plan.	Noted. Please refer to final EIR for more detail on further motivation as to how the proposal aligns with the strategic objectives of the Cederberg Municipality's Spatial Development Framework and Integrated Development Plan. The information in Appendix H (rezoning application) information was included in the final EIR. Cederberg Municipal Spatial Development Framework (2023-2027) The Cederberg Municipal Spatial Development Framework provides the planning guidelines that guide forward planning and development in Clanwilliam and the Cederberg Municipal Area as a whole. Broad overarching objectives of the MSDF, informed by the strategic objectives of the IDP include; densification within the urban edge and protecting the place identity and town character are all supported by this development proposal. The spatial objectives of the SDF translate into certain development proposals for all the Cederberg towns. Clanwilliam is identified as a sub-regional node and its functions, within the Cederberg region, includes being the main administrative town, agricultural service and commercial centre, cultural history, tourism and light industrial (Rooibos tea, leather shoes). Considering that the development area is located within the urban edge of Clanwilliam, there are proposals at settlement level. With reference to the Spatial Proposal Map for Clanwilliam, the

			development area is located within Zone I. This zone is "earmarked for proposed mixed use development with supporting institutional and commercial uses such as a correctional services facility (juvenile detention centre) and a cemetery site the zone is also home to the Khayelitsha informal settlement. Infill medium density residential expansion is proposed along the DR 2183/ R539, with cemetery site. Allow for expansion of the cemetery site. This Zone also includes a secondary business node along Park Street and development should be sensitive to furrows within this zone". With reference to the land use zone table, the Cederberg Spatial Development Framework provides additional support for the establishment of a wide range of land uses within this designated zone. This, in turn, highlights the support for creating sustainable, livable and compact settlements (as proposed in this application). By doing so, the development supports the creation of an integrated residential development, with supporting amenities. Refer to the below extract from the land use zone table for Clanwilliam. Considering the above, the development proposal is deemed to be consistent with the Cederberg Municipal Spatial Development Framework (2023-2027). 2.7. Service Capacity 2.7.1. Correspondence from the Cederberg Municipality dated 16 October 2023 regarding the unallocated service capacity related to the proposed development, is noted.	Noted.

		2.7.2. The Engineering Services Report detailing the bulk services required to accommodate the proposed development compiled by Urban Development Solutions Africa is dated September 2024. Please ensure that an updated service confirmation letter is obtained from the Cederberg Municipality and included in the Final EIR. 2.7.3. Furthermore, service confirmation letter in terms of electricity must be obtained from the relevant service provider. 3. Public Participation 3.1. Please ensure that all comments raised during the Public Participation Process are adequately addressed in the Final EIR. 3.2. Comments from, but not limited to, the following relevant authorities must be obtained during the Public Participation Process and included in the final EIR: • CapeNature; • Department of Infrastructure; • Heritage Western Cape; • Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ("DEA&DP") Directorate: Waste Management; • DEA&DP Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management; • Department of Water and Sanitation; and • Cederberg Municipality. 3.3. The final EIR must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations,	Noted. Updated services confirmation letter was requested. Updated services confirmation letter was requested. Noted. Please refer to this report for more detail and proof. Noted. Please refer to this report for more detail and proof.

		2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.	Noted. Please refer to final EIR for proof of containing all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
		3.4. The following regulatory requirements are to be provided in the Final EIR:	Noted.
		3.4.1. Details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), including a copy of the advertisement, site notice/s, copies of the notification letters to Interested and Affected Parties including any proof of the supporting documents i.e., proof of delivery and comments received for all phases (pre-application, as well as the Scoping Phase) of the application must be included in the final EIR.	Noted. Please refer to this report for more detail and proof.
		3.4.2. A summary of the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them in the Final EIR.	Noted. Please refer to this report for more detail and proof.
		3.4.3. All representations and comments received must be included in the Final EIR 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 more detail and proof.
		3.4.4. The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with Interested and Affected Parties and other role players.	Noted. No meetings were held.
		3.4.5. Please be advised that the signed and duly dated applicant declaration is required to be	Noted. Please refer to final EIR.

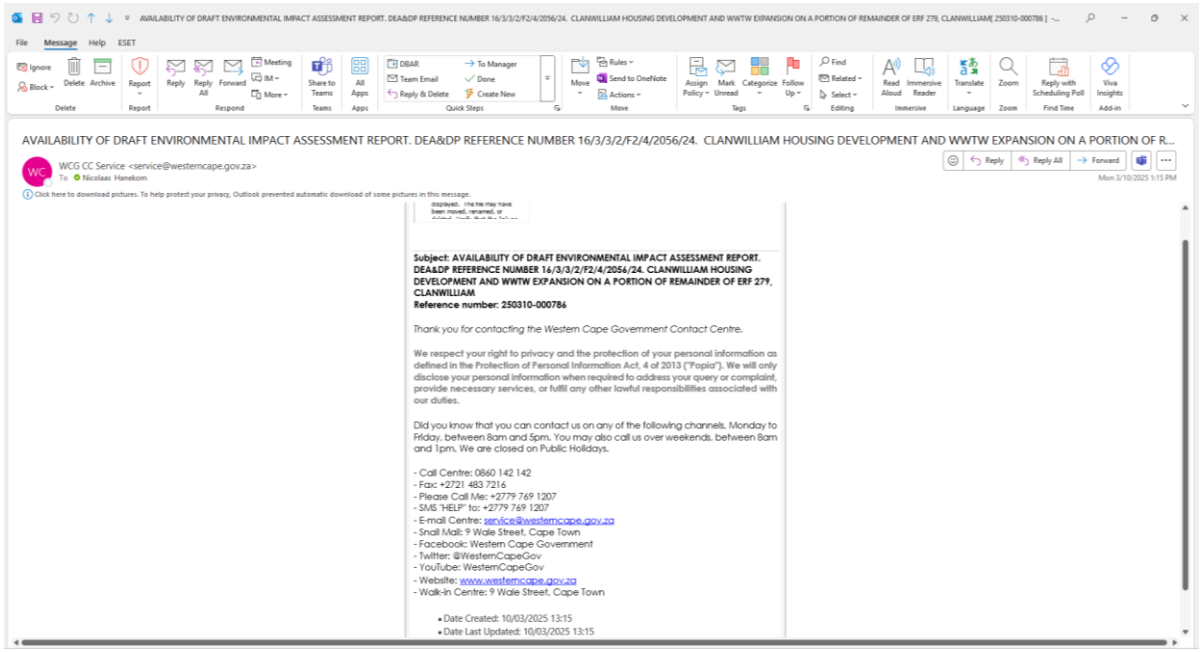
		submitted with the final EIR to this Department for decision-making. It is important to note that by signing this declaration, the applicant is confirming that they are aware and have taken cognisance of the contents of the report submitted for decision-making. Furthermore, through signing this declaration, 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.	
		3.4.6. In addition to the above, please ensure that signed and duly dated EAP and specialist declarations are also submitted with the final EIR for decision-making.	Noted. Please refer to final EIR.
		4. The Department awaits the submission of the EIR as prescribed by the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 23(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIR and EMPr must be submitted to this Department for decision within a period of 106 days from the date of the acceptance of the Scoping Report (i.e. by 22 April 2025). If, however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the EIR, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 156 days from the date of the acceptance of the Scoping Report by the Department) would be required for the submission of the EIR. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-	Noted.

		day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report and/or additional information.	
		5. If the EIR and EMPr are not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted.	Noted.
		6. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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.	Noted.
		7. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.	Noted.
		8. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments and request further information based on any information received.	Noted.

Department of Water and Sanitation	11/04/2025	COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM	Noted.
		Reference is made to the above-mentioned document dated February 2025 with Reference Number: 16/3/3/2/f2/4/2056/24.	Correct.
		This Department has perused the above-mentioned document and has the following comments:	Noted.
		1. Please note that any development within the 1:100-year flood line or within 500m from any boundary of a wetland or water resource triggers water use activities and must be authorized and registered in terms of Sections 21 (c) “impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse” and (i) “altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse” of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).	Noted. Please refer to proof that water use authorization application with Clanwilliam Housing project and Waste Water Treatment Works Expansion (WU38062) already commenced on e-wulaas system and site meeting was already held.
		2. According to the report “a large portion of the treated effluent is used to irrigate the adjacent golf course, and the remaining water is discharged into the Jan Dissels River which is located 350 m from the Clanwilliam WWTP”. These activities trigger water uses in terms of Sections 21 (e) “engaging in a controlled activity i.e. irrigation” and (f) “Discharging waste or water containing waste into a water resource” of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).	Noted. Correct and included in the water use authorization application. Please refer to proof that water use authorization application with Clanwilliam Housing project and Waste Water Treatment Works Expansion (WU38062) already commenced on e-wulaas system and site meeting was already held.

		3. According to the report, the Clanwilliam WWTP is currently equipped with two treatment modules, each comprising an oxidation ditch and a clarifier. The plant has a rated design capacity of 2400m3 /day. This activity triggers a water use in terms of Section 21 (g) "disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource." of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).	Noted. Correct and included in the water use authorization application. Please refer to proof that water use authorization application with Clanwilliam Housing project and Waste Water Treatment Works Expansion (WU38062) already commenced on e-wulaas system and site meeting was already held.
		4. The Applicant is hereby advised to apply and obtain a Water Use Authorisation as prescribed in Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), the application should be submitted online via the Departmental Electronic Water Use License Application and Authorisation System (e-WULAAS) by following the link: http://164.151.129.107/ewulaas/.	Noted. Correct and included in the water use authorization application. Please refer to proof that water use authorization application with Clanwilliam Housing project and Waste Water Treatment Works Expansion (WU38062) already commenced on e-wulaas system and site meeting was already held.
		5. According to the report, analysis of the treated effluent water quality results of the previous 15 months, shows that the Clanwilliam WWTP has not complied with any of the General Limit Value requirements for this period. It is recommended that wastewater treatment process for the Clanwilliam WWTP be improved.	Noted. Correct. Upgrades were already made and this application is to apply for authorization to upgrade the WWTW to ensure compliance with threated water quality.
		6. Pollution caused by spills from the pipelines used for conveyance of effluent must be prevented.	Noted.
		7. All the disturbed areas must be re-vegetated with the indigenous vegetation suitable for the area.	Noted. Disturbed areas topsoil will be stored and spread over the development areas after construction is completed to allow for germination of seeds and re-vegetated with the on site vegetation. This

			management and mitigation measures were included in in final draft EMPr.
		8. Please note that no abstraction of surface or groundwater may take place or storage of water be created without prior authorisation from this Department, unless it is a Schedule 1 or Existing Lawful Use as described in Section 32 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).	Noted. No abstraction of surface or groundwater is included or applied for in this application.
		9. Stormwater must be managed on-site and not be allowed to runoff into the natural environment unless it is clean and not polluted.	Noted. Stormwater will be managed on-site in stormwater management system and not be allowed to runoff into the natural environment unless it is clean and not polluted.
		10. Please note that no ground and surface water contamination may occur due to any activities such as oil spillage, littering, sewage and chemical ablution facilities.	
		11. The comments issued shall not be construed as exempting the developer from compliance with the provisions of any other applicable Act, Ordinance, Regulation or By-law.	Noted.
		12. The person who owns, controls, occupies or uses the land in question is responsible for taking measures to prevent any occurrence of pollution to water resources.	Noted.
		13. Please note that all requirements as stipulated in the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) must be adhered to.	Noted.
		14. Please 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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Good Day Mr Hanekom

Kindly include (Cc) Mr Clint Lotter (Clint Lotter@westerncape.gov.za) from this Department Infrastructure in future e-mails for information purpose on the planned (pipeline) housing projects of municipalities within region 2 .As I explained that the municipality submit a formal housing application to our department for assessment and approval of funding ,which is also referred to DEADP (Environmental and Planning)for both their comments, also our engineers and Human Settlements Directorate : Planning for their input and reports .

Kind regards

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Good day All

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIR). DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2056/24. CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

Dear Key department

Nicolaas Hanekom

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Good day Nicolaas

I have read through the reports and my comments as follows:

- Jan Smit is not working at Department Agriculture anymore, he has retired. The new contact people for that department for this region are: Hannes.Pienaar@westerncape.gov.za and Ashraf.Mohamed@westerncape.gov.za.
- *"The National Vegetation Map of South Africa (2018) identifies the natural vegetation occurring within the area as Citrusdal Vygieveld, with a Least Threatened ecosystem status. The proposed construction and housing on west site and expansion of WWTW will however be on transformed areas impacted by existing WWTW infrastructure and squatters and not impact on any indigenous vegetation. The eastern housing site will impact on indigenous vegetation, but the impact will be of medium significance and no Species of Conservation Concern was recorded at the time of the site surveys. The aquatic biodiversity features are not ecologically connected and does not support ecological processes and fine-scale habitats as a result of the transformed state of the river"*. This directly from your Aquatic biodiversity impact assessment for noting purposes that you do confirm there are no plant and animal species of conservation concern observed on site during the time of the survey.
- *"The result of the PES assessments that were completed for the aquatic ecosystem that could potentially be affected by the proposed development is reflected in table above. Modifications have reached a critical level and the lotic system has been modified completely with an almost complete loss of natural habitat and biota. In the worst instances the basic ecosystem functions have been destroyed and the changes are irreversible"*. This is a concern as you mention in your Aquatic biodiversity assessment that there is almost a complete loss of natural habitat and biota as well as that basic ecosystem functions have been destroyed and the changes are irreversible. So therefore this proposed housing development and WTW expansion will cause ecosystem changes that are permanent of nature.

Regards,

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From: Janine Greeff <janineg@l2b.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 8:14 AM
To: Nicolaas Hanekom
Subject: Erf 279, Clanwilliam

Hi Nicolaas,

I hope you are well.

I came across a project on your website for "**Clanwilliam housing development and WWTW expansion on a portion of remainder of erf 279, Clanwilliam**"

I do not have any objections but would like to please be registered as an interested party. Please register me with the email address projects@l2b.co.za

I follow building and construction related projects from conceptual / feasibility up until completion.

Please can you also provide me with the below.

- Client Company Name: Cederberg Municipality

- EIA Company Name: Enviro-EAP

- Town Planning Company Name: ?

- Developer Company Name: ?

Thank you.

Have a lovely day.

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Kind Regards
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DATE: 19 MARCH 2025

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Attention: Mr. Gerrit Matthyse

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E-mail: cfo@cederbergmun.gov.za

Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.

1. The Draft EIA Report and associated documents dated and received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 10 March 2025, refers.

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

3. Please note that this Directorate will consider the Draft EIA Report within the prescribed commenting period and advise you accordingly.

4. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A(1)(a) of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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

Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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Att: Nicolaas Hanekom

PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION:
DIVISION CLANWILLIAM
REMAINDER OF THE ERF NO 279

Your application of 03 October 2024 has reference.

From an agricultural perspective the Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDoA) has no objection to the proposed application.

Please note:

- Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
- The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.

Yours sincerely

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Attention: Mr. Gerrit Matthyse

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Dear Sir

COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.

1. The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIR") and associated documents dated and received by this Department via electronic correspondence on 10 March 2025 and this Directorate's acknowledgment thereof dated 19 March 2025, refer.

2. This Directorate's comments are as follows:

   2.1. Project description
   It is noted there may be minor discrepancies in the details of the project description in the Application Form and the Draft EIR. Should the project description in the Application Form not correspond with the details described in the Draft EIR, please ensure that a revised Application Form is submitted with the Final EIR.

   2.2. Botanical Impacts

   2.2.1. A site assessment was conducted by Mr. Nicolaas Hanekom from Enviro-EAP on 6 October 2019 and 28 July 2023 to verify the vegetation type and identify potential botanical constraints and informed the Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment Report dated February 2025.

   2.2.2. The Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment Report identified that the proposed development will result in the clearance of indigenous vegetation comprised of Citrusdal Vygieveld (Least Threatened). Page 30 of the report indicates the terrestrial Ecological Support Areas that *were mapped on the site are either incorrectly mapped or will be affected*. Please correct this error.

   2.2.3. On page 30 of the report, it is noted that the proposed mitigation measures include demarcation of "no-go" areas prior to the commencement of clearance activities. However, the reason why these areas are considered "no-go" and the location thereof areas is not explicit in the report. Furthermore, the report indicates that the on-site survey found no species of conservation concern present.

   2.2.4. Comments from CapeNature regarding the findings of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Report must be obtained and included in the final EIR.

2.3. Water Use License Application ("WULA")

2.3.1. This Directorate's previous correspondence on this proposed development dated 27 September 2024, has made reference to the WULA process. On page 34 of the Comments and Response Report reference is made to an on-site meeting held to discuss the WULA on 27 November 2024. Comments on the proposed development and the outcome of this meeting must be obtained from the Department of Water and Sanitation and included in the Final EIR.

2.3.2. Please ensure that proof of submission of the WULA to the Department of Water and Sanitation is included in the Final EIR.

2.4. Heritage Impacts

2.4.1. The findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") dated November 2024 compiled by CTS Heritage note that "*none of the identified heritage resources fall within proposed development areas and as such no direct impact on heritage resources is anticipated. However, due to the scale of the proposed development and the nature of the receiving environment, the Chance Fossil Finds Procedure must be implemented should any heritage remains be discovered during on site construction activities*. Please ensure that this document is included in the Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") submitted with the Final EIR.

2.4.2. Please ensure that a final comment on the findings of the HIA is obtained from HWC and submitted with the Final EIR.

2.5. Traffic Impacts

The findings of the Traffic Impact Assessment dated 5 September 2024 compiled by Urban Development Solutions Africa indicates that the anticipated traffic impacts associated with the proposed development can be accommodated. The report notes several additional and/or upgraded access points to and from the existing public road network are proposed for the future. The report notes that no capacity upgrades are required at the major road intersections viz. Graafwater Way/Main Road intersection, Ou Kaapse Way/Voortrekker Street/Denne Street intersection and Ou Kaapse Way/De Villiers Street/Bloekom Street intersection. Comments on the findings of the report and confirmation of the recommendations made by the traffic impact specialist must be obtained from the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure and included within the relevant sections of the EMPr and the Final EIR.

2.6. Need and Desirability

Although the draft EIR indicates that the proposed development is an infill development, no further motivation as to how the proposal aligns with the strategic objectives of the Cederberg Municipality's Spatial Development Framework and Integrated Development Plan.

2.7. Service Capacity

2.7.1. Correspondence from the Cederberg Municipality dated 16 October 2023 regarding the unallocated service capacity related to the proposed development, is noted.

2.7.2. The Engineering Services Report detailing the bulk services required to accommodate the proposed development compiled by Urban Development Solutions Africa is dated September 2024. Please ensure that an updated service confirmation letter is obtained from the Cederberg Municipality and included in the Final EIR.

2.7.3. Furthermore, service confirmation letter in terms of electricity must be obtained from the relevant service provider.

3. Public Participation

3.1. Please ensure that **all comments** raised during the Public Participation Process are adequately addressed in the Final EIR.

3.2. Comments from, but not limited to, the following relevant authorities must be obtained during the Public Participation Process and included in the final EIR:

- CapeNature;
- Department of Infrastructure;
- Heritage Western Cape;
- Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ("DEA&DP") Directorate: Waste Management;
- DEA&DP Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management;
- Department of Water and Sanitation; and
- Cederberg Municipality.

3.3. The final EIR must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.

3.4. The following regulatory requirements are to be provided in the Final EIR:

3.4.1. Details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), including a copy of the advertisement, site notice/s, copies of the notification letters to Interested and Affected Parties including any proof of the supporting documents i.e., proof of delivery and comments received for all phases (pre-application, as well as the Scoping Phase) of the application must be included in the final EIR.

3.4.2. A summary of the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them in the Final EIR.

3.4.3. All representations and comments received must be included in the Final EIR and any responses by the EAP to those representations and comments must be tabulated in a comments and response report.

3.4.4. The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with Interested and Affected Parties and other role players.

3.4.5. Please be advised that the signed and duly dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the final EIR to this Department 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 submitted for decision-making. 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.

3.4.6. In addition to the above, please ensure that signed and duly dated EAP and specialist declarations are also submitted with the final EIR for decision-making.

4. The Department awaits the submission of the EIR as prescribed by the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 23(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIR and EMPr must be submitted to this Department for decision within a period of 106 days from the date of the acceptance of the Scoping Report (i.e. by 22 April 2025). If, however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the EIR, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 156 days from the date of the acceptance of the Scoping Report by the Department) would be required for the submission of the EIR. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report and/or additional information.

5. If the EIR and EMPr are not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted.

6. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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.

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

8. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments and request further information based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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Attention: Mr Nicolaas Hanekom

Enviro EAP (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 205
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Dear Sir

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

Reference is made to the above-mentioned document dated February 2025 with *Reference Number: 16/3/3/2/f2/4/2056/24.*

This Department has perused the above-mentioned document and has the following comments:

1. Please note that any development within the 1:100-year flood line or within 500m from any boundary of a wetland or water resource triggers water use activities and must be authorized and registered in terms of Sections 21 (c) "impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse" and (i) "altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse" of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

2. According to the report "a large portion of the treated effluent is used to irrigate the adjacent golf course, and the remaining water is discharged into the Jan Dissels River which is located 350 m from the Clanwilliam WWTP". These activities trigger water uses in terms of Sections 21 (e) "engaging in a controlled activity i.e. irrigation" and (f) "Discharging waste or water containing waste into a water resource" of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

3. According to the report, the Clanwilliam WWTP is currently equipped with two treatment modules, each comprising an oxidation ditch and a clarifier. The plant has a rated design capacity of 2400m^3 /day. This activity triggers a water use in terms of Section 21 (g) "disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource." of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

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4. The Applicant is hereby advised to apply and obtain a Water Use Authorisation as prescribed in Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), the application should be submitted online via the Departmental Electronic Water Use License Application and Authorisation System (e-WULAAS) by following the link: http://164.151.129.107/ewulaas/.

5. According to the report, analysis of the treated effluent water quality results of the previous 15 months, shows that the Clanwilliam WWTP has not complied with any of the General Limit Value requirements for this period. It is recommended that wastewater treatment process for the Clanwilliam WWTP be improved.

6. Pollution caused by spills from the pipelines used for conveyance of effluent must be prevented.

7. All the disturbed areas must be re-vegetated with the indigenous vegetation suitable for the area.

8. Please note that no abstraction of surface or groundwater may take place or storage of water be created without prior authorisation from this Department, unless it is a Schedule 1 or Existing Lawful Use as described in Section 32 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

9. Stormwater must be managed on-site and not be allowed to runoff into the natural environment unless it is clean and not polluted.

10. Please note that no ground and surface water contamination may occur due to any activities such as oil spillage, littering, sewage and chemical ablution facilities.

11. The comments issued shall not be construed as exempting the developer from compliance with the provisions of any other applicable Act, Ordinance, Regulation or By-law.

12. The person who owns, controls, occupies or uses the land in question is responsible for taking measures to prevent any occurrence of pollution to water resources.

13. Please note that all requirements as stipulated in the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) must be adhered to.

14. Please note that this Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to the comments made above in the light of subsequent information received.

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

Yours Sincerely,



REGIONAL HEAD: **WESTERN CAPE**
Signed by: **Rafieka Johaar**
Designation: **Control Environmental Officer**
Date: 11/04/2025

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Subject:	Clanwilliam WWTW - WULA & EIA
Attachments:	Tech Report_Refurbishment & Upgrade_Clanwilliam WWTW_Rev05.pdf

Dear **Thuliswa**,

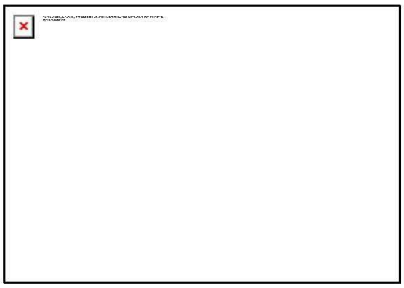
Our discussion yesterday regarding the upgrade of the Clanwilliam WWTW's refers.

Attached is the Technical Report that contains all the information you require. Please let me know as soon as possible if there is any other information you need.

We will install a water meter to quantify the amount of water that is pumped to the golf course, there is currently no meter on the irrigation pipeline feeding the golf course.

I will also follow up with a WhatsApp message tomorrow to enquire if you received the report.

Kind Regards



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PROOF OF SENDING DRAFT EIR FOR 30 DAYS COMMENT

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Good day All

My sincere apologies. After sending the email I checked the folder and realized that the draft EIR report with the previous reference number dated April 2025 was attached. My sincere apologies for the inconvenience. The folder on our website is correct.

Please use the share folder link below to download the correct draft EIR dated June 2025 with the new reference number.

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Again my sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Vriendelike Groete / Kind regards

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AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIR). DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2021/25. CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

Please take note as per previous email send that the previous application has lapsed and that I submitted a new application with reference number as per below. Your comments on the previous draft were incorporated and is attached under Appendix D of the new draft Environmental Impact Assessment report.

Dear Key department

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

The Draft EIR 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 Folder Clanwilliam-Housing-Second-Draft-EIR-with-new-reference-number

(iii) Comments on the Draft EIR and appendices must be submitted to the EAP within 30 days (excluding public holidays, by not later than on or before **17 July 2025**.

Please take note that I did go onto the website and check that the report is available and that the Draft EIR 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 or hard copy or another electronic link in order to access the report.

(2) COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE DRAFT EIR AND DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS SUBMISSION

The commenting period of the Draft EIR and appendices is **30 days EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS,** starting from the ***18 June 2025*** ending on the ***17 July 2025***. Your comments on the Draft EIR and appendices must be provided within the regulatory 30-day commenting period or by no later than the **17 July 2025.**

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 EIR and its appendices on this date **17 June 2025, commenting period commence on 18 June 2025.** As such all RI&APs and Stakeholders are considered to be "in possession" of the draft EIR 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:

Responsible EAP: Nicolaas Hanekom
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I trust the above is in order, kindly acknowledge receipt.

Vriendelike Groete / Kind regards

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Dear Key department and registered Interested and Affected parties.

This email serves as a notification to you that the previous application with reference number above has lapse. That I have submitted a new application. In accordance with Regulation 21(2)(d) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIA Report must be submitted within two years of the acceptance of the Scoping Report, calculated from 12 December 2024. The scoping report is accepted, and I will submit the final Environmental Impact Assessment report before the 12 December 2026. I will soon send out a draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (including all comments and responses thereto received to date on the previous draft reports) with the new reference number for 30 days comment.

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

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TABLE 5: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT. DEA&DP REF.NO. 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2021/25 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT			
RI&AP or Key department	**Date of comment**	**Comment**	**Response**
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	26 May 2025	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ("WWTW") ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.	Noted.
		1. The application form and associated documents dated 13 May 2025 as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 15 May 2025, refers.	Noted.
		2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned documents by this Department.	Noted.
		3. This Directorate notes the application is the re-submission of a lapsed application (Referenced: 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2056/24) and is submitted in accordance with Regulation 21(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Please ensure that proof of notification to all previously registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") of the re-submission of the application is provided to this Directorate as a matter of urgency.	Noted. Please refer to email for proof included in this report below this table.

		4. Based on the information provided, the proposal entails the establishment of a housing development and associated infrastructure including the expansion of the WWTW on a portion of the Remainder of Erf No. 279, Clanwilliam. 4.1. The proposal is comprised of the following components: 4.1.1. Area 1: CLANWILLIAM HOUSING IRDP PROJECT • 118 Single Residential Zone 1 erven - Average erf size: ±208m² • 650 Single Residential Zone 2 erven - Average erf size: ±150m² • 21 Open Space Zone 1 erven • 11 Open Space Zone 1 erven • 5 Community Zone II (church) erven • 1 Community Zone I (crèche) erven • 1 Community Zone I (school) erf • 1 Community Zone I (community centre) erf • 1 Community Zone III (clinic) erf • 3 Local Business Zone II erven • 2 Authority & Utility Zone erf • Transport Zone II erven 4.1.2. Area 2: CLANWILLIAM HOUSING IRDP PROJECT • 30 Single Residential Zone 1 erven - Average erf size: ±208m² • 42 Single Residential Zone 2 erven - Average erf size: ±150m² • 2 Open Space Zone 1 erven • Transport Zone II erven	Correct. Correct.

		4.2. Area 3: CLANWILLIAM HOUSING UISP PROJECT • 463 Single Residential Zone II erven - Average erf size: ±120m² • 3 Open Space Zone I erven • 2 Community Zone II (church) erven • 2 Community Zone I (crèche) erven • 1 Local Business Zone II erven • Transport Zone II erven 4.3. The proposal further includes: 4.3.1. The expansion of the WWTW footprint by approximately 0.5ha to expand the WWTW infrastructure to treat less than 2000 cubic meters of effluent per day; and 4.3.2. The construction of internal roads of 8m, 10m and 16m wide. The main road connecting all roads will be 16m wide and approximately 1.1km long connecting Buitenkant street and Vuurpyl street which is connected to Bloekom Avenue which is the main access road of the town. 4.4. The proposal has a total development footprint of approximately 49.6ha. 5. Applicable Listed Activities: 5.1. Having considered the information contained in the Application Form, the Department concurs that the proposed development constitutes the following listed activities as defined in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, namely:	Correct. Noted and thanks for concur.

		5.1.1. Activities 9, 12, 19, 24 and 28 of Listing Notice 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended); 5.1.2. Activity 15 of Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended); and 5.1.3. Activities 4 and 15 of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). 5.2. Activity 57 of Listing Notice 1 is not triggered by the proposal as although the footprint is larger than 1000m², the capacity of the WWTW will not be increased by 15 000 m³ or more per day. 5.3. A Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting ("EIR") process must be followed in order to obtain an Environmental Authorisation. Only the activities applied for shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for and assessed as part of the EIA process. 6. Project description 6.1. The project description as described on Page 1 of the Application Form must correspond with the details of the project description on Page 5 and the project description in the Screening Tool Report, in particular the total development footprint. 7. Water Use License Application ("WULA") 7.1. It is noted that proof of the submission of the WULA to the Department of Water and Sanitation has been included in the Application Form.	Noted. Take note that the scoping phase was concluded and that the scoping report was accepted. The draft EIR will be sent for 30 days comment. Noted. Project description in EA application, which is also included in the EIR is the correct project description. The information will differ in the screen tool report because tow reports were generated for the different areas. Correct.

		7.2. Please ensure that comment from the Department of Water and Sanitation is included in the EIA Report. 8. Screening Tool, The Protocols, Site Sensitivity Verification ("SSV") and Specialist Assessments 8.1. Screening Tool Report 8.1.1. This Directorate notes that the Screening Tool Reports (dated 15 May 2025) has identified a number of specialist studies to be conducted. A motivation as to why certain specialist studies highlighted in the Screening Report will/will not be conducted has been provided in the SSV Report dated May 2025, included with the submission of the Application Form. 8.1.2. The following specialist assessments were identified in the Screening Tool Report (15 May 2025): 8.1.2.1. A Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment; 8.1.2.2. An Archaeological/ Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment; 8.1.2.3. A Palaeontology Impact Assessment; 8.1.2.4. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment; 8.1.2.5. An Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment; 8.1.2.6. A Socio- Economic Assessment; 8.1.2.7. A Plant Species Assessment; and 8.1.2.8. An Animal Species Assessment. 8.2. The Protocols 8.2.1. The "Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections	Noted. DWS comments rea included in this report, but comments that may be received on the new draft EIR will also be included if received. Noted. Correct. Correct. Noted. Please refer to specialist studies for proof of protocols terms of references followed.

		24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation" ("the Protocols") were published on 20 March 2020 (Government Notice No. 320 as published in Government Gazette No. 43110 on 20 March 2020) and the Protocols are applicable to your proposed development.	
		8.2.2. Be advised that the Protocols must be complied with for every new application that is submitted after 9 May 2020.	Noted. Please refer to specialist studies for proof of protocols terms of references followed.
		8.3. Screening Tool Report, SSV and Specialist Assessments	
		8.3.1. This Directorate notes that SSV Report dated May 2025 in which the environmental sensitivities of the site has been confirmed and / or disputed by the EAP has been provided. You are advised that this Directorate is in agreement with the findings of the EAP.	Noted.
		8.3.2. The motivation in the SSV Report dated May 2025, as to why certain specialist studies will not be conducted, indicates the following:	Noted.
		8.3.2.1. A Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment will not be undertaken as the proposed development is located on the edge of the town and urban area with access directly off an existing road. Heritage Western Cape has confirmed in their correspondence dated 14 July 2024 that a Heritage Impact Assessment will need to be undertaken, which must include an Archaeological Impact Assessment and a Paleontological Impact Assessment. According	Correct.

		to the SSVR, a Heritage Impact Assessment will be conducted.	Correct.
		8.3.2.2. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment will be undertaken by the EAP, Nicolaas Hanekom.	Correct.
		8.3.2.3. An Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment will be conducted by the EAP, Mr. Nicolaas Hanekom. Confirmation that Mr. Hanekom has the necessary qualifications and expertise to conduct the aforementioned assessment must be included in the draft report.	Correct. Confirmation of the necessary qualifications and registrations are included in the specialist report, specialist CV and SACNASP registration certificate proof
		8.3.2.4. A WULA is required for the proposed development for water uses in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no. 36 of 1998). A WULA enquiry has been submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation. Please be advised that should the Department of Water and Sanitation request the undertaking of a Hydrology or Groundwater Assessment, this will need to be undertaken.	Correct. Noted. None requested to date.
		8.3.2.5. No plant and animal species of conservation concern were observed on the site during the time of the survey. A Plant Species Compliance Statement will be conducted as part of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment. An Animal Species Theme Assessment will be undertaken.	Correct.
		8.3.2.6. A Socio-Economic Assessment will not be undertaken as the proposal addresses the housing needs and access to basic services of the	Correct.

		community. The associated impacts will be addressed in the EIA Report.	
		8.3.3. This Directorate agrees with the motivation provided in the application and the specialist input to be included in the Scoping/EIR Application. Please note that should any authority that have 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 must take precedence.	Noted and thanks for agreeing.
		8.3.4. Furthermore, should you determine during the Scoping/EIR process that certain specialist studies would indeed be required, then the applicable requirements in terms of the Protocols and/or Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be met.	Noted. Please refer to specialist reports for proof that the applicable requirements in terms of the Protocols and/or Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) were complied with (terms of references in specialist studies).
		9. Guidelines You are advised that when undertaking the Scoping and EIR process, you must take into account the applicable guidelines including the guidelines developed by the Department. The Department's guidelines can be downloaded from the Department's website (http://westerncape.gov.za/eadp). In particular, the guidelines that may be applicable to the proposed development include, inter alia, the following: • Guideline for the Review of Specialist Input in the EIA process (June 2005); • Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005);	Noted. Please refer to draft EIR for guidelines applicable to the application and its applicability.

		• Guideline on Public Participation (March 2013); • Guideline on Alternatives (March 2013); and • Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013) 10. Exemptions The Department notes that you do not intend to apply for exemption from any of the requirements of the Public Participation Process as stipulated by Regulation 41, from any other provisions contained in the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) or the NEMA. Please note that should you fail to meet a requirement of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) or the NEMA and if no exemption from that provision was applied for, your application for environmental authorisation may be refused. 11. Alternatives 11.1. Be advised that in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the NEMA the investigation of alternatives is mandatory. All alternatives identified must therefore be investigated to determine if they are feasible and reasonable. In this regard it must be noted that the Department may grant authorisation for an alternative as if it has been applied for or may grant authorisation in respect of all or part of the activity applied for as specified in Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Alternatives are not limited to activity alternatives, but include layout	Correct. Noted. Please refer to relevant section in draft EIR for alternatives assessed and described.

		alternatives, design, activity, operational and technology alternatives. 11.2. You are hereby reminded that it is mandatory to investigate and assess the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (i.e., the "no-go" option) in addition to other alternatives identified. Every EIA process must therefore identify and investigate alternatives, with feasible and reasonable alternatives to be comparatively assessed. If, however, after having identified and investigated alternatives, 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 that the investigation was undertaken and motivation indicating that no reasonable or feasible alternatives other than the preferred option and the 'no-go' option exist. 12. Public Participation Process ("PPP") 12.1. A draft EIA Report must be made available to the relevant Organs of State and interested and affected parties ("I&APs") for a commenting period of 30 days and a copy of the draft EIA Report must be submitted to this Directorate for commenting in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).	Noted. Please refer to assessment of alternatives section in draft EIR for proof of assessment of no go option. Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.

		12.2. The Department herewith provides the following comments:	
		12.2.1. Your attention is drawn to Circular 0027 of 2021 regarding the electronic administration of EIA applications. The Directorate: Development Management (Region 1 and 2) will continue with the electronic submission of correspondence and has for this reason established a dedicated e-mail address for the submission of all correspondence to the Directorates. For the Cape Town office, the e-mail address is DEADPEIAAdmin@westerncape.gov.za.	Noted.
		12.2.2. This electronic means of working is effective from 01 February 2022 and all general EIA queries, correspondence, applications, non-applications and reports must be e-mailed to the aforementioned email address.	Noted.
		12.2.3. Please ensure that where electronic copies cannot be accessed by I&APs, alternative access to copies of the EIA Report are made available.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.
		12.2.4. E-mail notification to I&APs is strongly supported. However, other means of notification for those I&APs will be required, where no e-mail addresses are available, or where the likelihood of success of this electronic correspondence is expected to be low.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.
		12.2.5. Where I&APs are unable to access electronic copies of the EIA Report, a hard copy of the report must be made available. Alternatively, the EAP will be required to engage	Noted.

		with I&APs, with respect to alternative methods of accessing electronic copies of the EIA Report.	
		12.2.6. The EAP must notify this Department in writing of the date the Scoping Report and EIA Reports were submitted to the relevant State Departments and/or Organs of State and clearly indicate whether such State Departments and/or Organs of State were notified of the commenting period in terms of Section 24O of the NEMA.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.
		12.3. It is imperative that State Departments and/or Organs of State be in possession of the Reports when the EAP issues them with the notice in terms of Section 24O of the 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 and/or Organs of State in terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of the NEMA in the EIA Report, where appropriate.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.
		12.4. In terms of good environmental practice, you are encouraged to engage with State Departments and/or 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 EIA Report available to State Departments and/or Organs of State, as stipulated above. The following State Departments and/or Organs of State must be consulted during the EIA process as part of the PPP:	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.

		12.4.1. Department of Water and Sanitation; 12.4.2. CapeNature; 12.4.3. Heritage Western Cape; 12.4.4. This Department's Directorate Waste Management; 12.4.5. This Department's Directorate Pollution and Chemical Management; and 12.4.6. Cederberg Municipality.	
		12.5. A register of I&APs must be opened and maintained. The said register must be submitted to this Department. 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 include a description of the PPP followed. This report must be included in the public participation information attached to the final Scoping Report and EIA Reports to be submitted for a decision.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.
		13. The EIA Report must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.	Noted. Please refer draft EIR for proof that the report contains all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
		14. Need and Desirability In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), when considering an application, this Department must take into account a number of specific considerations including, inter alia, the need for and desirability of any proposed	Noted. Please refer to draft EIR for description and information on need and desirability of the application.

		development. As such, the need for and desirability of the proposed activity must be considered and reported on in the EIA Report. The 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.	
		15. 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.	Noted. Please refer to draft EIR for more detail on the principles contained in Section 2 of the NEMA.
		16. Social and Gender Considerations You are reminded that the social context of the proposed development must always be considered. This includes the impact that the development proposal may have on the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections ("STI") and Tuberculosis ("TB"), as well as equity and gender related concerns.	Noted. Please refer to socio-economic section in draft EIR for more detail on HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections ("STI") and Tuberculosis ("TB"), as well as equity and gender related concerns.
		17. Climate Change 17.1. The EIA Report must report on the potential impacts on climate change. One of the objectives of the Western Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework published by this Department is to minimise the consumption of scarce environmental resources such as water, fuel, building materials, mineral resources, electricity, and land. To this effect and as part of the efforts to reduce the effects of	Noted. Please refer to relevant section in draft EIR on climate change. The proposed development will not be impacted by or impact on climate change.

		climate change, you must, as part of the EIA process, identify energy efficient technologies that could be implemented for the proposed development.	
		17.2. Considering that South Africa is a water scarce country and that many catchments in the Western Cape are already water stressed, you must also consider implementing the use of water saving devices and technologies for the proposed development.	Noted. Water saving technology alternatives included in EIR.
		18. General	
		18.1. In accordance with Regulation 21(2)(d) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIA Report must be submitted within two years of the acceptance of the Scoping Report, calculated from 12 December 2024.	Noted. Final EIR will be submitted before 12 December 2026.
		18.2. Further note, in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), an application in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) lapses and the Competent Authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).	Noted.
		18.3. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.	Noted.
		18.4. It is prohibited in terms of Section 24F of the NEMA for a person to commence with a Listed Activity unless the Competent Authority	Noted.

		has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Non-compliance in terms of the prohibition must be referred to this Department's Directorate: Environmental Law Enforcement for possible prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable for a fine not exceeding R10 000 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment. 19. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information based on any information received. Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.	Noted.
Cederberg Municipality	Email dated 18 June 2025	Comments from Cederberg Municipality for this EIR: - Mitigation measures must be followed for the animal species impacts, plant species impacts, terrestrial biodiversity impacts and the aquatic biodiversity impacts in order to eliminate plant, animal and habitat losses. - Water use licence application must be approved by DWS for the Clanwilliam WWTW upgrade project.	Noted. Noted. Please take note that all mitigation measures re included in the EMPr. Noted. Water use authorization already commence on e-wulaas and in process.
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	27 June 2025	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A	Noted.

		PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM. 1. The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIR") and associated documents as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 17 June 2025, refer. 2. This Department will consider the draft EIR and provide comments within the prescribed commenting period and advise you accordingly. 3. Please note it is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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. 4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence regarding the application. 5. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.	Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams	17 July 2025	COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING	Noted.

Directorate: Development Management, Region 1		DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM. 1. The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIR") and associated documents dated and received by this Department via electronic correspondence on 17 June 2025 and this Directorate's acknowledgment thereof dated 27 June 2025, refer. 2. This Directorate's comments are as follows: 2.1. Project description It is noted there may be minor discrepancies in the details of the project description in the Application Form and the Draft EIR. On page 5 of the Application Form, the description of the proposed development refers to ("…the Proposed Clanwilliam Housing in three areas…"), while pages 2 and 15 of the draft EIR refers to ("…the Proposed Clanwilliam Housing in two areas…"). Since the project description in the Application Form does not correspond with the details described in the Draft EIR, please ensure that a revised Application Form is submitted with the Final EIR. 2.2. Botanical Impacts 2.2.1. The Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment Report dated February 2025 identified that the proposed development will result in the clearance of indigenous vegetation comprised of Citrusdal Vygieveld (Least Threatened). Page 85	Noted. Noted. The activity description as changed again to accommodate Heritage Western Cape Comment on HIA and was updated in second draft EIR and will once comments has closed and not further changes is required finalise and updated and include in EA application and submitted together with final EIR. Correct. Correct.

		of the draft EIR indicates that "the terrestrial ESA's that were mapped on the development area will be affected." On page 86 of the draft EIR, the proposed mitigation measures notes, "Demarcate no-go areas before any land clearing occurs under the supervision of an ECO." "demarcation must be clearly visible and effective and no-go area must remain demarcated throughout construction phase. The no-go areas is the wetland area, boundary of the site and non-perennial river mapped."	Correct.
		2.2.2. However, there details regarding the recommended buffers required for these "no-go" areas have not been provided. Comment on the proposed mitigation measures, the recommended buffers and "no-go" areas must be obtained from CapeNature. The Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") must include the recommended buffers and no-go areas.	Noted. Please take note that the peer review on the aquatic biodiversity assessment recommended 15m buffers, except for the GAP erven boundaries. The EMPr was also updated to include this 15m buffer on no go areas.
		2.2.3. In the Comments and Response Report submitted with the draft EIR, it states that, "the no-go areas is the wetland area, boundary of the site and non-perennial river are mapped as no go areas in Appendix B." However, this is not clearly demarcated on the map provided in Appendix B. A detailed map indicating the delineation of the "no-go" areas must be included in the Final EIR and the EMPr.	Noted. Please refer to second draft EIR and EMPr for updates to the no-go areas map.
		2.2.4. Furthermore, the correspondence from Cederberg Municipality's Environmental Management representative, dated 10 March	Noted.

		2025 highlights concerns that the proposed development will result in a "a complete loss of natural habitat and biota", "ecosystems destroyed and result in irreversible changes" and "ecosystem changes that are permanent in nature". The responses to these concerns on page 67 of the Comments and Response Report are inadequate. A detailed response indicating how the mitigation hierarchy has been applied, the recommended impact management actions, the recommendations and mitigation measures required to reduce the associated impacts to an acceptable level including aspects related to the need and desirability of the proposed development inter alia, must be noted in the response. 2.2.5. The Report indicates that the on-site survey found no species of conservation concern present. Comments from CapeNature regarding the methodology, assumptions, and the findings/ recommendations of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Report must be obtained and included in the final EIR.	Please take note that the development will result in the completely loss of the least threatened citrusdal vygie veld. Please refer to update terrestrial biodiversity assessment for updated mitigation measures. Because the vegetation will be lost, the impact was assessed on the loss of the vegetation. The vegetation that will be lost was not mapped under the WCBSP 2023 as a terrestrial Critical Biodiversity Area or Ecological Support area. Only as an Aquatic Ecological Support Area in terms of ground water protection. The Department of Water and Sanitation did not raise any comment or concern on impacts on ground water as a result of the development. Because the vegetation has a least threatened ecosystem protection status, was not mapped as terrestrial CBA or ESA and no species of conservation concern was mapped, no biodiversity offset as mitigation is required and the mitigation measures included in the specialist reports and in the EMPr is the only mitigation measures. Correct. Please refer to CapeNatures comment below and responses and updates to reports that will be include when a second draft EIR is sent for comment.

		2.3. Aquatic Biodiversity Impacts 2.3.1. Page 86 of the draft EIR notes that the "no-go areas is the wetland area, boundary of the site and non-perennial river mapped". However, these recommendations were not highlighted as proposed mitigation measures in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated February 2025 compiled by Mr. Nicolaas Hanekom. The recommendations of the report notes, "The development is appropriate and will not affect the status of the aquatic biodiversity features identified on site as a result of existing disturbances to the non-perennial river.". Comment regarding accuracy of this statement and the recommended proposed "no-go" areas must be obtained from CapeNature. 2.3.2. The comment received from the DWS dated 11 April 2025 highlighted concerns related to the water quality of the treated effluent water emanating from the Clanwilliam Wastewater Treatment Plant ("WWTP"), which has not complied with the General Limited Value requirements. Reference is made to a statement in a report which states that "a large portion of the treated effluent is used to irrigate the adjacent golf course, and the remaining water is discharged into the Jan Dissels River which is located 350 m from the Clanwilliam WWTP." The impacts associated with the use of treated effluent water emanating from the Clanwilliam WWTP for irrigation purposes and the discharge thereof into the Jan Dissels River have not been	Correct. Noted. Please take note that the aquatic biodiversity report was peer reviewed and updated and recommended buffers and mitigation measures were updated. Correct. It was reported as such and form part of the need and desirability for the proposed upgrade and expansion of the WWTW. Correct. Noted. Please refer to update aquatic biodiversity assessment and EIR for impacts assessed in terms of irrigation and release of treated effluent.

		addressed in draft EIR and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment. In addition to this, the Report does not address how the proposed expansion of the Clanwilliam WWTP intends to improve the treated effluent water quality and does not address the impacts associated with the volume increase of effluent discharge (as a result of the proposed expansion) into the Jan Dissels River.	Noted. Please refer to Appendix G, Technical Report for Funding Refurbishment and Upgrade Clanwilliam WWTP for the necessary detail.
		2.3.3. Page 26 of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment notes that "stormwater run-off will be channeled to the existing Jan Dissels River flowing to the east of the proposed development using existing non-perennial river.". Page 28 of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment report notes that, "stormwater outlets between the existing housing and golf course was blocked by the golf course resulted in an artificial wetland established over the years between the golf course and the existing housing.". Page 39 of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment report notes that, "the site development plan was amended to allow for continued recreational activities in the non-perennial river course at the golf course and the artificial wetland was kept open to act as stormwater detention pond. The existing stormwater outlet and flow towards the Olifants River will be used.". On page 39 of the Report, the specialist notes that the impacts associated with cumulative stormwater and utilization of the artificial wetland as a	Noted. Please refer to peer review updated aquatic biodiversity assessment report for more detail and amendments made as a result of the peer review.

		stormwater detention pond will not affect the status of the aquatic biodiversity features and hydrology of the non-perennial river on the site. Comment in this regard must be obtained from CapeNature and the DWS and included in the final EIR.	
		2.4. Water Use License Application ("WULA")	
		2.4.1. The proposal triggers Sections 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) ("NWA") and requires a Water Use License. This Directorate's previous correspondence on this proposed development dated 27 September 2024 and 10 April 2025, has made reference to the WULA process. On page 72 of the Comments and Response Report reference is made to an on-site meeting held to discuss the WULA on 27 November 2024. Comments on the proposed development and the outcome of this meeting notes that the Department of Water and Sanitation ("DWS") has requested more information from the municipality regarding the proposed WWTW. Details in this regard must be included in the final EIR.	Correct. Application process already commence on e-wulaas and site inspection already conducted with DWS officials. Correct. Correct. The technical report, which was updated as Appendix (revision 5) was sent to DWS on 24 April 2025
		2.4.2. Based on the comment received from the DWS dated 11 April 2025, it is uncertain whether the current operations of the existing Clanwilliam Wastewater Treatment Plant have the necessary approvals in terms of Section 21 (e) and (g) of the NWA, 1998. Furthermore, it notes that an analysis of the treated effluent water quality results of the Clanwilliam	Noted. Correct. Correct.

		Wastewater Treatment Plant has not complied with the General Limit Value requirements for the past 15 months. Details regarding how the proposed expansion of the WWTP will improve the treated effluent water quality must be addressed in the final EIR.	Noted. Please refer to Appendix G, Technical Report for Funding Refurbishment and Upgrade Clanwilliam WWTP for the necessary detail. Please also take not that DWS is contributing to the funding of these upgrades.
		2.4.3. Proof of submission of the WULA to DWS is included in the draft EIR. Please ensure that the WUL Application particulars are included in the final EIR. This must include a status update on the WUL application.	Noted.
		2.5. Heritage Impacts	
		2.5.1. The findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") dated November 2024 compiled by CTS Heritage are noted. Please ensure that a final comment on the findings of the HIA is obtained from Heritage Western Cape and submitted with the Final EIR.	Noted. Please take note that the HIA was updated in August 2025 to address HWC comments. HWC comments resulted in a change in the preferred Site Development Plan. Please refer to second draft EIR for more detail under heritage impact assessment recommendations section.
		2.6. Traffic Impacts	
		The findings of the Traffic Impact Assessment ("TIA") dated 5 September 2024 compiled by Urban Development Solutions Africa are noted. Comments on the findings of the TIA Report and confirmation of the recommendations made by the traffic impact specialist must be obtained from the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure and included within the relevant sections of the EMPr and the Final EIR.	Noted. Report sent to the department, but no comments were received to date.
		2.7. Need and Desirability	
		Details regarding the alignment of the proposal with the strategic objectives of the Cederberg	Noted. Correct.

		Municipality's Spatial Development Framework and Integrated Development Plan are noted on Page 75 of the Comments and Response Report submitted with the final EIR. The correspondence from the Department of Infrastructure dated 10 March 2025, refers to the request for the municipality to submit a formal housing application to their department for assessment and approval of funding. Further details in this regard must be expanded on in the Need and Desirability aspects of the final EIR. 2.8. Service Capacity 2.8.1. Based on our previous correspondence dated 10 April 2025, the letter from the Cederberg Municipality dated 16 October 2023 regarding the unallocated service capacity is noted. However, it does not address the services related to electricity. As such, service confirmation letter in terms of electricity must be obtained from the relevant service provider. 2.8.2. As requested in our previous correspondences, please ensure that an updated service confirmation letter is obtained from the Cederberg Municipality and included in the Final EIR. 3. Public Participation 3.1. Please ensure that all comments raised during the Public Participation Process are adequately addressed in the Final EIR. 3.2. Comments from, but not limited to, the following relevant authorities must be obtained	Correct. This requirement is in terms of the Human Settlements program. The municipality apply for funding for the development of human settlement for the infrastructure and houses to people qualifying on the waiting list or for formal services to squatters. Noted. Noted. Update letter was requested to include electricity. Noted. Please refer to this report for proof. Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.

		during the Public Participation Process and included in the final EIR: • CapeNature; • Western Cape Department of Infrastructure; • Heritage Western Cape; • Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ("DEA&DP") Directorate: Waste Management; • DEA&DP Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management; • The DWS; and • Cederberg Municipality.	
		3.3. The final EIR must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.
		3.4. The following regulatory requirements are to be provided in the Final EIR:	
		3.4.1. Details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), including a copy of the advertisement, site notice/s, copies of the notification letters to Interested and Affected Parties including any proof of the supporting documents i.e., proof of delivery and comments received for all phases (pre-application, as well as the Scoping Phase) of the application must be included in the final EIR.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.

		3.4.2. A summary of the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them in the Final EIR.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof.
		3.4.3. All representations and comments received must be included in the Final EIR 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 proof.
		3.4.4. The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with Interested and Affected Parties and other role players.	Noted. No meetings held to date.
		3.4.5. Please be advised that the signed and duly dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the final EIR to this Department 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 submitted for decision-making. 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.
		3.4.6. In addition to the above, please ensure that signed and duly dated EAP and specialist declarations are also submitted with the final EIR for decision-making.	Noted.

		4. The Department awaits the submission of the EIR as prescribed by the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 21(2)(d) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIA Report must be submitted within two years of the acceptance of the Scoping Report, calculated from 12 December 2024.	Noted.
		5. If the EIR and EMPr are not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted.	Noted.
		6. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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.	Noted.

		7. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. 8. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments and request further information based on any information received	Noted. Noted.
CapeNature	22 July 2025	RE: CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM DEA&DP ref: 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2021/25 Herewith comment on this application: 1. Both the botanical assessment and terrestrial assessment do not provide an indication of the delineation of habitat and condition of habitat on site that will be impacted. The development site is large and will have differential ecological condition – with certain areas fully transformed or degraded to other areas more intact, and areas where species of conservation concern are present, as well as areas were breeding is present or could occur. The terrestrial assessment has referred to the botanical assessment for habitat indications but the abovementioned is not included in the botanical assessment. There is also no indication on whether there is alignment to what is on site and the mapped vegetation type. Impacts on highly degraded areas should be different to those of intact or degraded areas. An analysis of ecological condition on site is necessary as this will inform impact assessment. Once ecological condition on site is established, one can factor in	Noted. Please refer to updated terrestrial biodiversity assessment report and plant species compliance statement that include the onsite habitat classifications map and detail. Please take note that no SCC were recorded during the surveys. Possible animal SCC that may be impacted habitat was mapped in the updated and peer reviewed animal species impact assessment report. Noted. Habitat conditions were updated in terrestrial biodiversity assessment. Noted. The habitat map and detail included in terrestrial biodiversity assessment provide alignment to vegetation types. Please refer to updated terrestrial biodiversity assessment report for an analysis of the ecological condition of the citrusdal vygie veld on site.

		spatial mapping information such as CBAs which will also further inform impact assessment. 2. Integrate the faunal, botanical and terrestrial biodiversity assessments to reduce the duplication between reports. 3. Utilise the revised WCBSP for analysis of CBAs affected. 4. Squatter activities are mentioned but not indicated in the reports where these area are on site – these areas would likely fall within transformed delineation of ecological condition on site. 5. In the botanical assessment the list of plant species identified is included, but there is no indication of where these occur on site in terms of ecological sensitivity and diversity. 6. Regarding the faunal assessment: 6.1 Reference is made to protected species found – what are the protected species? 6.2 The specialist indicated no species as per screening tool observed on site, but later in report indicates that Afrotis afra was present. 6.3 The relevance of habitat on site for some species are given but not others.	Noted. Please take note that no terrestrial CBA or ESA was mapped on the development site. Noted. However, please take note that the specialist reports must meet the protocol requirements and the protocols require different specialist reports. The WCBSP 2023 does not record or map any terrestrial CBA or ESA on site. Only ESA in terms of ground water and the DWS did not raise any concern or impact on groundwater from the proposed development. Noted. Please refer to habitat map that include squatter and infrastructure areas. Noted. The plants species compliance statement and terrestrial biodiversity assessment was updated and a survey route map included. The species listed were recorded on these survey routes within the citrusdal vygie veld habitat mapped in habitat map. No protected species were recorded during the survey. The peer review updated animal species impact assessment however list possible SCC that could be affected. Take note that Afrotis afra was not listed in screen tool report. This species was recorded not on the development impact area but further south of the site away from the town of Clanwilliam. The species was recorded as possibly occurring on the western area that is fully occupied by squatters and no animal species habitat left.

		6.4 Section 4.4.12 – please delineate and present these areas. Once again, a delineation of habitat/viable vegetation areas on site would facilitate faunal sensitivity mapping. 6.5 Page 19 – it is indicated species likely to occur and then in the same paragraph indicated that species are not likely to occur. 6.6 Section 4.4.2 – why are the invertebrates unlikely to occur, and if present and their habitat is removed – then the development will negatively affect these species. 6.7 Impact assessment table – revise – unclear which is pre-mitigation and post-mitigation impact. It is also unclear why pre-mitigation impact is medium negative? 7. Cumulative impacts all specialist reports - the specialist has not quantified and analysed cumulative impact. 8. Regarding aquatic assessment: 8.1 Please ensure that a Pr. Sci. Nat. freshwater specialist conducts the freshwater assessment.	Noted. Please refer to peer review animal species report and the requirement in the peer review report and the updated habitat requirements for species. Noted. Please refer to updated peer reviewed animal species impact assessment report that delineation the habitat/viable vegetation areas. Noted. Please refer. Please refer to updated animal species impact assessment which was updated to correct the wording. Take note that it is only the invertebrates listed in screen tool report unlikely to occur. As recorded in the updated animal species report, their habitats are not present on site. Please refer to updated impact assessment table are requested by peer review specialist for more detail. Noted. Please refer to updated and peer reviewed animal species impact assessment for more detail. Please take note that SACNASP confirm in an email that Nicolaas Hanekom with the professional field under ecological science is the suitable SACNASP registration for this assessment. However, the report was peer reviewed and updated to accommodate the peer review. Most significant changes were correct delineation of wetlands and confirmation that it is valley bottom wetland and not artificial, the assessment of this wetland and accommodation of buffers, which has resulted in the amendment of the layout and roads, services and sewerage line was removed from the layout and open space erf created

			to accommodate stormwater detention pond before stormwater is released into valley bottom wetland to create 15m buffer as requested by peer review specialist.
		CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.	Noted.
Heritage Western Cape	30 September 2025	HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED REZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND REDEVELOPMENT OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(1) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)	Noted.
		The matter above has reference.	
		This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers' Committee (HOMs) meeting held on 29 September 2025.	Noted.
		INTERIM COMMENT	
		The Committee resolved to endorse the Subdivision Plan numbered CED/11931/ZN, dated September 2025, prepared by C.K. Rumboll & Vennote as meeting the first requirement of the IACom Final Comment dated 17 September 2025 issued under case number HWC24051407EJV0618.	Noted. This is the preferred Site Development Plan (refer to responses above) that address HWC comments on HIA.
		The second requirement of the Final Comment, which reads: "Due to the position of the proposed development between two areas that have been identified as having heritage value, additional design detail be submitted to HWC for approval as a condition of a positive comment	Noted. This condition was added as a recommendation to include as EA condition as this will be required before houses in constructed.

		on this HIA. The architecture of the proposed development should adhere to the Guidelines included as Appendix 3" has yet to be met and the design detail must be submitted to HWC in due course.	
		NOTE:	
		•The applicant is required to inform any party who has expressed a bona fide interest in any heritage-related aspect of this record of decision	Noted.
		•If any archaeological material or evidence of burials are discovered during earth-moving activities all works must be stopped and Heritage Western Cape must be notified immediately.	
		•This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining any necessary approval from any other applicable statutory authority.	Noted.
		This comment is valid for 5 years from the date of this comment. This period may be extended on good reason being shown and at the discretion of HWC, provided that application for extension must be made prior to the effluxion of the 5-year period.	Noted.
		HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.	Noted.
		Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.	Noted.

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Good day All

NOTIFICATION. LAPSE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION. DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2056/24. CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

Dear Key department and registered Interested and Affected parties.

This email serves as a notification to you that the previous application with reference number above has lapse. That I have submitted a new application. In accordance with Regulation 21(2)(d) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIA Report must be submitted within two years of the acceptance of the Scoping Report, calculated from 12 December 2024. The scoping report is accepted, and I will submit the final Environmental Impact Assessment report before the 12 December 2026. I will soon send out a draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (including all comments and responses thereto received to date on the previous draft reports) with the new reference number for 30 days comment.

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

Vriendelike Groete / Kind regards

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REFERENCE: 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2021/25
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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ("WWTW") ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.

1. The application form and associated documents dated 13 May 2025 as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 15 May 2025, refers.

2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned documents by this Department.

3. This Directorate notes the application is the re-submission of a lapsed application (Referenced: 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2056/24) and is submitted in accordance with Regulation 21(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Please ensure that proof of notification to all previously registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") of the re-submission of the application is provided to this Directorate as a matter of urgency.

4. Based on the information provided, the proposal entails the establishment of a housing development and associated infrastructure including the expansion of the WWTW on a portion of the Remainder of Erf No. 279, Clanwilliam.

   4.1. The proposal is comprised of the following components:
   4.1.1.Area 1: CLANWILLIAM HOUSING IRDP PROJECT
   - 118 Single Residential Zone 1 erven - Average erf size: ±208m²
   - 650 Single Residential Zone 2 erven - Average erf size: ±150m²
   - 21 Open Space Zone 1 erven
   - 11 Open Space Zone 1 erven
   - 5 Community Zone II (church) erven
   - 1 Community Zone I (crèche) erven
   - 1 Community Zone I (school) erf
   - 1 Community Zone I (community centre) erf
   - 1 Community Zone III (clinic) erf
   - 3 Local Business Zone II erven
   - 2 Authority & Utility Zone erf
   - Transport Zone II erven

4.1.2. Area 2: CLANWILLIAM HOUSING IRDP PROJECT
- 30 Single Residential Zone 1 erven - Average erf size: ±208m²
- 42 Single Residential Zone 2 erven - Average erf size: ±150m²
- 2 Open Space Zone 1 erven
- Transport Zone II erven

4.2. Area 3: CLANWILLIAM HOUSING UISP PROJECT
- 463 Single Residential Zone II erven - Average erf size: ±120m²
- 3 Open Space Zone I erven
- 2 Community Zone II (church) erven
- 2 Community Zone I (crèche) erven
- 1 Local Business Zone II erven
- Transport Zone II erven

4.3. The proposal further includes:
4.3.1. The expansion of the WWTW footprint by approximately 0.5ha to expand the WWTW infrastructure to treat less than 2000 cubic meters of effluent per day; and
4.3.2. The construction of internal roads of 8m, 10m and 16m wide. The main road connecting all roads will be 16m wide and approximately 1.1km long connecting Buitenkant street and Vuurpyl street which is connected to Bloekom Avenue which is the main access road of the town.

4.4. The proposal has a total development footprint of approximately 49.6ha.

5. Applicable Listed Activities:

5.1. Having considered the information contained in the Application Form, the Department concurs that the proposed development constitutes the following listed activities as defined in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, namely:

5.1.1. Activities 9, 12, 19, 24 and 28 of Listing Notice 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended);
5.1.2. Activity 15 of Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended); and
5.1.3. Activities 4 and 15 of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

5.2. Activity 57 of Listing Notice 1 is not triggered by the proposal as although the footprint is larger than 1000m², the capacity of the WWTW will not be increased by 15 000 m³ or more per day.

5.3. A Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting ("EIR") process must be followed in order to obtain an Environmental Authorisation. Only the activities applied for shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for and assessed as part of the EIA process.

6. Project description
6.1. The project description as described on Page 1 of the Application Form must correspond with the details of the project description on Page 5 and the project description in the Screening Tool Report, in particular the total development footprint.

7. Water Use License Application ("WULA")
7.1. It is noted that proof of the submission of the WULA to the Department of Water and Sanitation has been included in the Application Form.

7.2. Please ensure that comment from the Department of Water and Sanitation is included in the EIA Report.

8. Screening Tool, The Protocols, Site Sensitivity Verification ("SSV") and Specialist Assessments
8.1. Screening Tool Report
8.1.1. This Directorate notes that the Screening Tool Reports (dated 15 May 2025) has identified a number of specialist studies to be conducted. A motivation as to why certain specialist

studies highlighted in the Screening Report will/will not be conducted has been provided in the SSV Report dated May 2025, included with the submission of the Application Form.

8.1.2. The following specialist assessments were identified in the Screening Tool Report (15 May 2025):
8.1.2.1. A Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment;
8.1.2.2. An Archaeological/ Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment;
8.1.2.3. A Palaeontology Impact Assessment;
8.1.2.4. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment;
8.1.2.5. An Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment;
8.1.2.6. A Socio- Economic Assessment;
8.1.2.7. A Plant Species Assessment; and
8.1.2.8. An Animal Species Assessment.

8.2. The Protocols

8.2.1. The "*Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation*" ("the Protocols") were published on 20 March 2020 (Government Notice No. 320 as published in Government Gazette No. 43110 on 20 March 2020) and the Protocols are applicable to your proposed development.

8.2.2. Be advised that the Protocols must be complied with for every new application that is submitted after 9 May 2020.

8.3. Screening Tool Report, SSV and Specialist Assessments

8.3.1. This Directorate notes that SSV Report dated May 2025 in which the environmental sensitivities of the site has been confirmed and / or disputed by the EAP has been provided. You are advised that this Directorate is in agreement with the findings of the EAP.

8.3.2. The motivation in the SSV Report dated May 2025, as to why certain specialist studies will not be conducted, indicates the following:

8.3.2.1. A Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment will not be undertaken as the proposed development is located on the edge of the town and urban area with access directly off an existing road. Heritage Western Cape has confirmed in their correspondence dated 14 July 2024 that a Heritage Impact Assessment will need to be undertaken, which must include an Archaeological Impact Assessment and a Paleontological Impact Assessment. According to the SSVR, a Heritage Impact Assessment will be conducted.

8.3.2.2. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment will be undertaken by the EAP, Nicolaas Hanekom.

8.3.2.3. An Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment will be conducted by the EAP, Mr. Nicolaas Hanekom. Confirmation that Mr. Hanekom has the necessary qualifications and expertise to conduct the aforementioned assessment must be included in the draft report.

8.3.2.4. A WULA is required for the proposed development for water uses in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no. 36 of 1998). A WULA enquiry has been submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation. **Please be advised that should the Department of Water and Sanitation request the undertaking of a Hydrology or Groundwater Assessment, this will need to be undertaken.**

8.3.2.5. No plant and animal species of conservation concern were observed on the site during the time of the survey. A Plant Species Compliance Statement will be

conducted as part of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment. An Animal Species Theme Assessment will be undertaken.

8.3.2.6. A Socio-Economic Assessment will not be undertaken as the proposal addresses the housing needs and access to basic services of the community. The associated impacts will be addressed in the EIA Report.

8.3.3. This Directorate agrees with the motivation provided in the application and the specialist input to be included in the Scoping/EIR Application. **Please note that should any authority that have 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 must take precedence**.

8.3.4. Furthermore, should you determine during the Scoping/EIR process that certain specialist studies would indeed be required, then the applicable requirements in terms of the Protocols and/or Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be met.

9. Guidelines
You are advised that when undertaking the Scoping and EIR process, you must take into account the applicable guidelines including the guidelines developed by the Department. The Department's guidelines can be downloaded from the Department's website (http://westerncape.gov.za/eadp). In particular, the guidelines that may be applicable to the proposed development include, *inter alia*, the following:

- Guideline for the Review of Specialist Input in the EIA process (June 2005);
- Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005);
- Guideline on Public Participation (March 2013);
- Guideline on Alternatives (March 2013); and
- Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013)

10. Exemptions
The Department notes that you do not intend to apply for exemption from any of the requirements of the Public Participation Process as stipulated by Regulation 41, from any other provisions contained in the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) or the NEMA. Please note that should you fail to meet a requirement of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) or the NEMA and if no exemption from that provision was applied for, your application for environmental authorisation may be refused.

11. Alternatives
11.1. Be advised that in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the NEMA the investigation of alternatives is mandatory. All alternatives identified must therefore be investigated to determine if they are feasible and reasonable. In this regard it must be noted that the Department may grant authorisation for an alternative as if it has been applied for or may grant authorisation in respect of all or part of the activity applied for as specified in Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Alternatives are not limited to activity alternatives, but include layout alternatives, design, activity, operational and technology alternatives.

11.2. You are hereby reminded that it is mandatory to investigate and assess the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (i.e., the "no-go" option) in addition to other alternatives identified. Every EIA process must therefore identify and investigate alternatives, with feasible and reasonable alternatives to be comparatively assessed. If, however, after having identified and investigated alternatives, 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 that the investigation was undertaken and motivation indicating that no reasonable or feasible alternatives other than the preferred option and the 'no-go' option exist.

12. Public Participation Process ("PPP")

12.1. A draft EIA Report must be made available to the relevant Organs of State and interested and affected parties ("I&APs") for a commenting period of 30 days and a copy of the draft EIA Report must be submitted to this Directorate for commenting in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

12.2. The Department herewith provides the following comments:

12.2.1. Your attention is drawn to Circular 0027 of 2021 regarding the electronic administration of EIA applications. The Directorate: Development Management (Region 1 and 2) will continue with the electronic submission of correspondence and has for this reason established a dedicated e-mail address for the submission of all correspondence to the Directorates. For the Cape Town office, the e-mail address is DEADPEIAAdmin@westerncape.gov.za.

12.2.2. This electronic means of working is effective from 01 February 2022 and all general EIA queries, correspondence, applications, non-applications and reports must be e-mailed to the aforementioned email address.

12.2.3. Please ensure that where electronic copies cannot be accessed by I&APs, alternative access to copies of the EIA Report are made available.

12.2.4. E-mail notification to I&APs is strongly supported. However, other means of notification for those I&APs will be required, where no e-mail addresses are available, or where the likelihood of success of this electronic correspondence is expected to be low.

12.2.5. Where I&APs are unable to access electronic copies of the EIA Report, a hard copy of the report must be made available. Alternatively, the EAP will be required to engage with I&APs, with respect to alternative methods of accessing electronic copies of the EIA Report.

12.2.6. The EAP must notify this Department in writing of the date the Scoping Report and EIA Reports were submitted to the relevant State Departments and/or Organs of State and clearly indicate whether such State Departments and/or Organs of State were notified of the commenting period in terms of Section 24O of the NEMA.

12.3. It is imperative that State Departments and/or Organs of State be in possession of the Reports when the EAP issues them with the notice in terms of Section 24O of the 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 and/or Organs of State in terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of the NEMA in the EIA Report, where appropriate.

12.4. In terms of good environmental practice, you are encouraged to engage with State Departments and/or 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 EIA Report available to State Departments and/or Organs of State, as stipulated above. The following State Departments and/or Organs of State must be consulted during the EIA process as part of the PPP:

12.4.1. Department of Water and Sanitation;
12.4.2. CapeNature;
12.4.3. Heritage Western Cape;
12.4.4. This Department's Directorate Waste Management;
12.4.5. This Department's Directorate Pollution and Chemical Management; and
12.4.6. Cederberg Municipality.

12.5. A register of I&APs must be opened and maintained. The said register must be submitted to this Department. 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 include a description of the PPP followed. This report must be included in the public participation information attached to the final Scoping Report and EIA Reports to be submitted for a decision.

13. The EIA Report must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.

14. Need and Desirability
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), when considering an application, this Department 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 EIA Report. The 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.

15. 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.

16. Social and Gender Considerations
You are reminded that the social context of the proposed development must always be considered. This includes the impact that the development proposal may have on the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections ("STI") and Tuberculosis ("TB"), as well as equity and gender related concerns.

17. Climate Change
    17.1. The EIA Report must report on the potential impacts on climate change. One of the objectives of the Western Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework published by this Department is to minimise the consumption of scarce environmental resources such as water, fuel, building materials, mineral resources, electricity, and land. To this effect and as part of the efforts to reduce the effects of climate change, you must, as part of the EIA process, identify energy efficient technologies that could be implemented for the proposed development.

    17.2. Considering that South Africa is a water scarce country and that many catchments in the Western Cape are already water stressed, you must also consider implementing the use of water saving devices and technologies for the proposed development.

18. General
    18.1. In accordance with Regulation 21(2)(d) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), **the EIA Report must be submitted within two years of the acceptance of the Scoping Report, calculated from 12 December 2024.**

    18.2. Further note, in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), an application in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) lapses and the Competent Authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

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

    18.4. It is prohibited in terms of Section 24F of the NEMA for a person to commence with a Listed Activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Non-compliance in terms of the prohibition must be referred to this

Department's Directorate: Environmental Law Enforcement for possible prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable for a fine not exceeding R10 000 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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

Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Taryn Dreyer

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Hi Nicolaas

Comments from Cederberg Municipality for this EIR:

- Mitigation measures must be followed for the animal species impacts, plant species impacts, terrestrial biodiversity impacts and the aquatic biodiversity impacts in order to eliminate plant, animal and habitat losses.
- Water use licence application must be approved by DWS for the Clanwilliam WWTW upgrade project.

Thank you,

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REFERENCE: 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2021/25
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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.

1. The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIR") and associated documents as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 17 June 2025, refer.

2. This Department will consider the draft EIR and provide comments within the prescribed commenting period and advise you accordingly.

3. Please note it is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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.

4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence regarding the application.

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

Yours faithfully
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COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.

1. The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIR") and associated documents dated and received by this Department via electronic correspondence on 17 June 2025 and this Directorate's acknowledgment thereof dated 27 June 2025, refer.

2. This Directorate's comments are as follows:

   2.1. Project description
   It is noted there may be minor discrepancies in the details of the project description in the Application Form and the Draft EIR. On page 5 of the Application Form, the description of the proposed development refers to ("*...the Proposed Clanwilliam Housing in three areas...*"), while pages 2 and 15 of the draft EIR refers to ("*...the Proposed Clanwilliam Housing in two areas...*").

   Since the project description in the Application Form does not correspond with the details described in the Draft EIR, please ensure that a revised Application Form is submitted with the Final EIR.

   2.2. Botanical Impacts

   2.2.1. The Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment Report dated February 2025 identified that the proposed development will result in the clearance of indigenous vegetation comprised of Citrusdal Vygieveld (Least Threatened). Page 85 of the draft EIR indicates that "*the terrestrial ESA's that were mapped on the development area will be affected.*" On page 86 of the draft EIR, the proposed mitigation measures notes, "*Demarcate no-go areas before any land clearing occurs under the supervision of an ECO.*" "*demarcation must be clearly visible and effective and no-go area must remain demarcated throughout construction phase.* ***The no-go areas is the wetland area, boundary of the site and non-perennial river mapped***."

   2.2.2. However, there details regarding the recommended buffers required for these "no-go" areas have not been provided. Comment on the proposed mitigation measures, the recommended buffers and "no-go" areas must be obtained from CapeNature. The Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") must include the recommended buffers and no-go areas.

   2.2.3. In the Comments and Response Report submitted with the draft EIR, it states that, "*the no-go areas is the wetland area, boundary of the site and non-perennial river are mapped as no go areas in Appendix B.*" However, this is not clearly demarcated on the map provided

in Appendix B. A detailed map indicating the delineation of the "no-go" areas must be included in the Final EIR and the EMPr.

2.2.4. Furthermore, the correspondence from Cederberg Municipality's Environmental Management representative, dated 10 March 2025 highlights concerns that the proposed development will result in a "*a complete loss of natural habitat and biota*", "*ecosystems destroyed and result in irreversible changes*" and "*ecosystem changes that are permanent in nature*". The responses to these concerns on page 67 of the Comments and Response Report are inadequate. A detailed response indicating how the mitigation hierarchy has been applied, the recommended impact management actions, the recommendations and mitigation measures required to reduce the associated impacts to an acceptable level including aspects related to the need and desirability of the proposed development *inter alia*, must be noted in the response.

2.2.5. The Report indicates that the on-site survey found no species of conservation concern present. Comments from CapeNature regarding the methodology, assumptions, and the findings/ recommendations of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Report must be obtained and included in the final EIR.

2.3. Aquatic Biodiversity Impacts

2.3.1. Page 86 of the draft EIR notes that the "*no-go areas is the wetland area, boundary of the site and non-perennial river mapped*". However, these recommendations were not highlighted as proposed mitigation measures in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated February 2025 compiled by Mr. Nicolaas Hanekom. The recommendations of the report notes, "*The development is appropriate and will not affect the status of the aquatic biodiversity features identified on site as a result of existing disturbances to the non-perennial river.*". Comment regarding accuracy of this statement and the recommended proposed "no-go" areas must be obtained from CapeNature.

2.3.2. The comment received from the DWS dated 11 April 2025 highlighted concerns related to the water quality of the treated effluent water emanating from the Clanwilliam Wastewater Treatment Plant ("WWTP"), which has not complied with the General Limited Value requirements. Reference is made to a statement in a report which states that "*a large portion of the treated effluent is used to irrigate the adjacent golf course, and the remaining water is discharged into the Jan Dissels River which is located 350 m from the Clanwilliam WWTP.*"

The impacts associated with the use of treated effluent water emanating from the Clanwilliam WWTP for irrigation purposes and the discharge thereof into the Jan Dissels River have not been addressed in draft EIR and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment. In addition to this, the Report does not address how the proposed expansion of the Clanwilliam WWTP intends to improve the treated effluent water quality and does not address the impacts associated with the volume increase of effluent discharge (as a result of the proposed expansion) into the Jan Dissels River.

2.3.3. Page 26 of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment notes that "*stormwater run-off will be channeled to the existing Jan Dissels River flowing to the east of the proposed development using existing non-perennial river.*". Page 28 of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment report notes that, "*stormwater outlets between the existing housing and golf course was blocked by the golf course resulted in an artificial wetland established over the years between the golf course and the existing housing.*". Page 39 of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment report notes that, "*the site development plan was amended to allow for continued recreational activities in the non-perennial river course at the golf course and the artificial wetland was kept open to act as stormwater detention pond. The existing stormwater outlet and flow towards the Olifants River will be used.*". On page 39 of the Report, the specialist notes that the impacts associated with cumulative stormwater and utilization of the artificial wetland as a stormwater detention pond will not affect the status

of the *aquatic biodiversity features* and *hydrology* of the non-perennial river on the site. Comment in this regard must be obtained from CapeNature and the DWS and included in the final EIR.

2.4. Water Use License Application ("WULA")

2.4.1. The proposal triggers Sections 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) ("NWA") and requires a Water Use License. This Directorate's previous correspondence on this proposed development dated 27 September 2024 and 10 April 2025, has made reference to the WULA process. On page 72 of the Comments and Response Report reference is made to an on-site meeting held to discuss the WULA on 27 November 2024. Comments on the proposed development and the outcome of this meeting notes that the Department of Water and Sanitation ("DWS") has requested more information from the municipality regarding the proposed WWTW. Details in this regard must be included in the final EIR.

2.4.2. Based on the comment received from the DWS dated 11 April 2025, it is uncertain whether the current operations of the existing Clanwilliam Wastewater Treatment Plant have the necessary approvals in terms of Section 21 (e) and (g) of the NWA, 1998. Furthermore, it notes that an analysis of the treated effluent water quality results of the Clanwilliam Wastewater Treatment Plant has not complied with the General Limit Value requirements for the past 15 months. Details regarding how the proposed expansion of the WWTP will improve the treated effluent water quality must be addressed in the final EIR.

2.4.3. Proof of submission of the WULA to DWS is included in the draft EIR. Please ensure that the WUL Application particulars are included in the final EIR. This must include a status update on the WUL application.

2.5. Heritage Impacts

2.5.1. The findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") dated November 2024 compiled by CTS Heritage are noted. Please ensure that a final comment on the findings of the HIA is obtained from Heritage Western Cape and submitted with the Final EIR.

2.6. Traffic Impacts

The findings of the Traffic Impact Assessment ("TIA") dated 5 September 2024 compiled by Urban Development Solutions Africa are noted. Comments on the findings of the TIA Report and confirmation of the recommendations made by the traffic impact specialist must be obtained from the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure and included within the relevant sections of the EMPr and the Final EIR.

2.7. Need and Desirability

Details regarding the alignment of the proposal with the strategic objectives of the Cederberg Municipality's Spatial Development Framework and Integrated Development Plan are noted on Page 75 of the Comments and Response Report submitted with the final EIR. The correspondence from the Department of Infrastructure dated 10 March 2025, refers to the request for the municipality to submit a formal housing application to their department for assessment and approval of funding. Further details in this regard must be expanded on in the Need and Desirability aspects of the final EIR.

2.8. Service Capacity

2.8.1. Based on our previous correspondence dated 10 April 2025, the letter from the Cederberg Municipality dated 16 October 2023 regarding the unallocated service capacity is noted. However, it does not address the services related to electricity. As such, service confirmation letter in terms of electricity must be obtained from the relevant service provider.

2.8.2. As requested in our previous correspondences, please ensure that an updated service confirmation letter is obtained from the Cederberg Municipality and included in the Final EIR.

3. Public Participation

3.1. Please ensure that **all comments** raised during the Public Participation Process are adequately addressed in the Final EIR.

3.2. Comments from, but not limited to, the following relevant authorities must be obtained during the Public Participation Process and included in the final EIR:

- CapeNature;
- Western Cape Department of Infrastructure;
- Heritage Western Cape;
- Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ("DEA&DP") Directorate: Waste Management;
- DEA&DP Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management;
- The DWS; and
- Cederberg Municipality.

3.3. The final EIR must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.

3.4. The following regulatory requirements are to be provided in the Final EIR:

3.4.1. Details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), including a copy of the advertisement, site notice/s, copies of the notification letters to Interested and Affected Parties including any proof of the supporting documents i.e., proof of delivery and comments received for all phases (pre-application, as well as the Scoping Phase) of the application must be included in the final EIR.

3.4.2. A summary of the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them in the Final EIR.

3.4.3. All representations and comments received must be included in the Final EIR and any responses by the EAP to those representations and comments must be tabulated in a comments and response report.

3.4.4. The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with Interested and Affected Parties and other role players.

3.4.5. Please be advised that the signed and duly dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the final EIR to this Department 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 submitted for decision-making. 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.

3.4.6. In addition to the above, please ensure that signed and duly dated EAP and specialist declarations are also submitted with the final EIR for decision-making.

4. The Department awaits the submission of the EIR as prescribed by the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 21(2)(d) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIA Report must be submitted within two years of the acceptance of the Scoping Report, calculated from 12 December 2024.

5. If the EIR and EMPr are not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted.

6. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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.

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

8. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments and request further information based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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Attention: Nicolaas Hanekom

Dear Nicolaas

RE: CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

DEA&DP ref: 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2021/25

Herewith comment on this application:

1. Both the botanical assessment and terrestrial assessment do not provide an indication of the delineation of habitat and condition of habitat on site that will be impacted. The development site is large and will have differential ecological condition – with certain areas fully transformed or degraded to other areas more intact, and areas where species of conservation concern are present, as well as areas were breeding is present or could occur. The terrestrial assessment has referred to the botanical assessment for habitat indications but the abovementioned is not included in the botanical assessment. There is also no indication on whether there is alignment to what is on site and the mapped vegetation type. Impacts on highly degraded areas should be different to those of intact or degraded areas. An analysis of ecological condition on site is necessary as this will inform impact assessment. Once ecological condition on site is established, one can factor in spatial mapping information such as CBAs which will also further inform impact assessment.

2. Integrate the faunal, botanical and terrestrial biodiversity assessments to reduce the duplication between reports.

3. Utilise the revised WCBSP for analysis of CBAs affected.

4. Squatter activities are mentioned but not indicated in the reports where these area are on site – these areas would likely fall within transformed delineation of ecological condition on site.

5. In the botanical assessment the list of plant species identified is included, but there is no indication of where these occur on site in terms of ecological sensitivity and diversity.

6. Regarding the faunal assessment:

   6.1 Reference is made to protected species found – what are the protected species?

   6.2 The specialist indicated no species as per screening tool observed on site, but later in report indicates that *Afrotis afra* was present.

6.3 The relevance of habitat on site for some species are given but not others.

6.4 Section 4.4.12 – please delineate and present these areas. Once again, a delineation of habitat/viable vegetation areas on site would facilitate faunal sensitivity mapping.

6.5 Page 19 – it is indicated species likely to occur and then in the same paragraph indicated that species are not likely to occur.

6.6 Section 4.4.2 – why are the invertebrates unlikely to occur, and if present and their habitat is removed – then the development will negatively affect these species.

6.7 Impact assessment table – revise – unclear which is pre-mitigation and post-mitigation impact. It is also unclear why pre-mitigation impact is medium negative?

7. Cumulative impacts all specialist reports - the specialist has not quantified and analysed cumulative impact.

8. Regarding aquatic assessment:

8.1 Please ensure that a Pr. Sci. Nat. freshwater specialist conducts the freshwater assessment.

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

Kind Regards,

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RESPONSE TO HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: INTERIM COMMENT
In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the Western Cape Provincial Gazette 6061, Notice 298 of 2003

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED REZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND REDEVELOPMENT OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(1) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)

The matter above has reference.

This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers' Committee (HOMs) meeting held on 29 September 2025.

INTERIM COMMENT
The Committee resolved to endorse the Subdivision Plan numbered CED/11931/ZN, dated September 2025, prepared by C.K. Rumboll & Vennote as meeting the first requirement of the IACom Final Comment dated 17 September 2025 issued under case number HWC24051407EJV0618.

The second requirement of the Final Comment, which reads: "Due to the position of the proposed development between two areas that have been identified as having heritage value, additional design detail be submitted to HWC for approval as a condition of a positive comment on this HIA. The architecture of the proposed development should adhere to the Guidelines included as Appendix 3" has yet to be met and the design detail must be submitted to HWC in due course.

NOTE:

- The applicant is required to inform any party who has expressed a bona fide interest in any heritage-related aspect of this record of decision
- If any archaeological material or evidence of burials are discovered during earth-moving activities all works must be stopped and Heritage Western Cape must be notified immediately.
- This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining any necessary approval from any other applicable statutory authority.

This comment is valid for 5 years from the date of this comment. This period may be extended on good reason being shown and at the discretion of HWC, provided that application for extension must be made prior to the effluxion of the 5-year period.

HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.

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Assistant Director: Professional Services

Heritage Western Cape
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30 September 25

PROOF OF SENDING DRAFT EIR FOR 30 DAYS COMMENT AND WEBSITE PROOF

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Good day All

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Dear Key department

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

The Second Draft EIR 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 Folder as per screen shot below



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(iii) Comments on the Draft EIR and appendices must be submitted to the EAP within 30 days (excluding public holidays, by not later than on or before **25 May 2026**.

Please take note that I did go onto the website and check that the report is available and that the Second Draft EIR 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 or hard copy or another electronic link in order to access the report.

(2) COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE SECOND DRAFT EIR AND DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS SUBMISSION

The commenting period of the Second Draft EIR and appendices is **30 days EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS,** starting from the ***23 April 2026*** ending on the ***25 May 2026***. Your comments on the Second Draft EIR and appendices must be provided within the regulatory 30-day commenting period or by no later than the **25 May 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 Second draft EIR and its appendices on this date **22 April 2026, commenting period commence on 23 April 2026.** As such all RI&APs and Stakeholders are considered to be "in possession" of the Second draft EIR 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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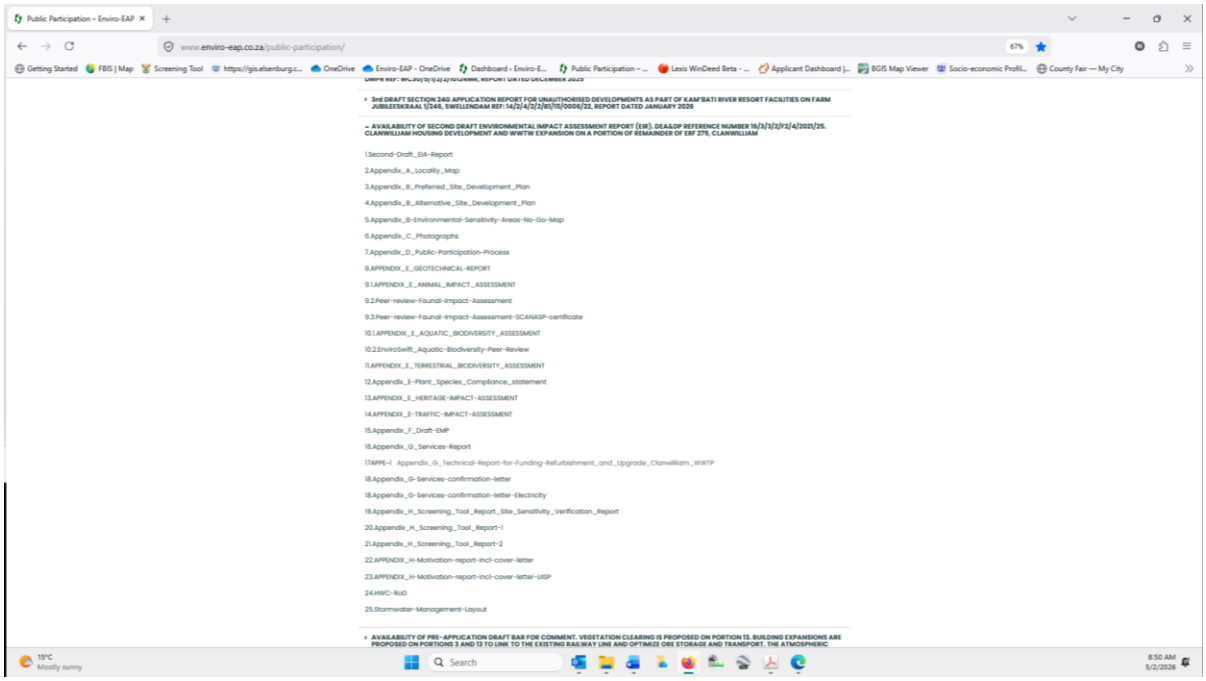
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AVAILABILITY OF SECOND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIR). DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2021/25. CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM
1.Second-Draft_EIA-Report
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AVAILABILITY OF PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT BAR FOR COMMENT. VEGETATION CLEARING IS PROPOSED ON PORTION 13. BUILDING EXPANSIONS ARE PROPOSED ON PORTIONS 3 AND 13 TO LINK TO THE EXISTING RAILWAY LINE AND OPTIMIZE ORE STORAGE AND TRANSPORT. THE ATMOSPHERIC
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TABLE 6: SECOND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT. DEA&DP REF.NO. 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2021/25 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT			
RI&AP or Key department	**Date of comment**	**Comment**	**Response**
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	04 May 2026	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE SECOND REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM. 1. The second revised draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIR") and associated documents as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 22 April 2026, refer. 2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned documents by this Directorate. 3. The Directorate will consider the second revised draft EIR and provide comments within the prescribed commenting period and advise you accordingly. 4. Please note it is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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	Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.

		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. 5. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence regarding the application. 6. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.	 Noted. Noted.
Breede Olifants Catchment Management Agency Anelisa Makhosonke	15 May 2026	COMMENTS ON THE CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM Your application dated 22 April 2026 has reference. The Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) has evaluated the submitted documents and has the following comments: 1. Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) acknowledges receipt of your application dated 22 April 2026 for the Clanwilliam housing development and WWTW expansion on a portion of remainder of Erf 279, Clanwilliam which was received by this office on 28 April 2026. 2. This office supports the proposed Clanwilliam housing development and WWTW expansion on a portion of remainder of Erf 279, Clanwilliam.	Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted and thanks for support.

		3. BOCMA has no objections at this stage to the proposed Clanwilliam housing development and WWTW expansion on a portion of remainder of Erf 279, Clanwilliam application submitted to BOCMA by Nicolaas Hanekom subject to compliance to the following conditions:	No objection noted with thanks.
		4. According to page 25, Figure 5 of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Report, the map indicates that the proposed development is located very close to and may overlap the Critical Biodiversity Areas (Rivers and Wetlands) on the eastern side of the development site. Please note that, any development within 1:100-year floodline or within the riparian habitat constitutes a water use licence in terms of section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) and will require authorisation before any development may commence.	Noted. Correct. Please take note that a water use license application is already in process on e-wulaas system (WU38062) because of this.
		5. Given the proximity of the development footprint to the river corridor, there is a potential risk of encroachment into the riparian buffer zone which could reduce the protective function of the watercourse. Construction activities as well as trenching and excavation may further contribute to increased sedimentation and disturbance of shallow subsurface flow paths, potentially impacting the water quality.	Noted. Please refer to Appendix E (Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum) Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026 for full assessment and mitigation measures included in EMP for management and mitigation actions to protect the river corridor, there is a potential risk of encroachment into the riparian buffer zone which could reduce the protective function of the watercourse.

		6. A clearly defined buffer zone must be maintained and established between the development footprint and the adjacent watercourse. No infrastructure, construction activities or associated disturbances must be permitted within the buffer area.	Noted. Provision for a 15 m wetland buffer, amendments to the development layout to avoid infrastructure within portions of the downstream wetland, and rehabilitation and stormwater-management measures intended to protect the wetland system were established. The buffer area will be protected as a no go area and demarcated during construction.
		7. A site specific and detailed stormwater management plan (SWMP) should be prepared and implemented to ensure that runoff is managed in a controlled manner.	Noted. Take note a detailed stormwater management plan (refer to 32.Stormwater-Management-Layout) was drawn up and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum) Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026.
		8. All stormwater should be directed away from the river and wetland areas unless appropriately treated and authorised discharge points are established.	Noted. Please take note that appropriately treated and authorised discharge points are established and included in stormwater management plan.
		9. Although most of the development seems to be largely adjacent to the river corridor and not fully inside it, the close proximity to CBA river and wetland areas means that the site is highly sensitive in terms of hydrological and ecological impacts and therefore requires careful design and strict stormwater and buffer zones to prevent any damage to the watercourses.	Noted. Correct. It is located outside adjacent to the river corridor and not fully inside it. Take note a detailed stormwater management plan (refer to 32.Stormwater-Management-Layout) was drawn up and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum) Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026 and management and mitigation measures included in the EMP to prevent any damage to the watercourses.

		10. All potential impacts associated with the proposed development, including impacts on the adjacent watercourse, riparian habitat, stormwater must be assessed and where potential risks are identified mitigation measures must be implemented.	Noted. Please refer to 32.Stormwater-Management-Layout that was drawn up and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum, Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026 for details on impact assessment, potential risks are identified and mitigation measures identified that was included in the EMP to manage and mitigate these impacts.
		11. All requirements as stipulated in the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) regarding water use must be adhered to.	Noted. All requirements as stipulated in the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) regarding water use is included in EMP and a water use license application is in process.
		12. These comments do not exempt you from complying with other relevant legislations and requirements of other governmental Departments.	Noted.
		BOCMA reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information received.	Noted.
CapeNature Ismat Adams	26 May 2026	RE: CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM DEA&DP ref: 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2021/25 Herewith comment on this application.	Noted.
		1. Thank you for conducting the peer review of the faunal assessment and freshwater assessment.	Noted.
		2. Based on the peer reviewed assessments and updated plant and terrestrial biodiversity assessments as well as the peer reviewed	Noted. See responses below.

		reports the following is understood, please correct any misunderstanding by way of response in the CRR: 2.1 The vegetation on site is deemed Citrusdal Vygieveld which is a non-threatened vegetation type. 2.2 No botanical species of conservation concern were recorded from the site during site visits in both winter and spring. 2.3 Based on habitat delineation in plant compliance statement, the entire site is intact Citrusdal Vygieveld, with only the area of the golf course and area with informal settlement regarded as highly degraded to transformed. 2.4 The faunal specialist has revised the faunal assessment based on feedback from the review specialist. The faunal specialist has indicated mammal, amphibian, reptile and avifaunal species that are present or may be present on site as well as potential faunal SCC that may utilise the site but were not recorded. The faunal specialist applied SEI to the listed screening tool species and assessed medium ecological importance of the habitat for the Black Harrier and listed sensitive species (terrestrial species). The remaining species returned an SEI of low, due to the faunal specialist assigning High Receptor Resilience (RR) and medium or low Conservation Importance (CI) for these species. The RR of high is understood to have been assigned because the faunal specialist has indicated that the species was not recorded on	 Correct. Correct. Correct. Correct.

		site and/or there is habitat availability outside of the site and the proximity to existing development creating disturbance. The faunal specialist has assigned high RR and low CI because it is unlikely for the species to be present on site in the first instance. For the Black Harrier and listed sensitive species the RR has been indicated as low and CI as medium generating an SEI of high, which is correct, as these species are unlikely to return to the site after disturbance/development. The SEI assessment for the listed species is supported, as the faunal specialist has applied the precautionary principle in assigning CI as the Black Harrier and listed sensitive species were not recorded on site but could potentially be present. It is noted in the case of the other listed species assessed that CI is assigned as low if species habitat is not present on site. The faunal specialist then provides an impact assessment on impacts of habitat removal on Black Harrier and listed screening tool sensitive species.	Noted and thanks for supporting the SEI.
		2.5 The aquatic assessment review specialist conducted their own site survey in September 2025 and found that the wetland on site is natural and not artificial and that the drainage line on the eastern boundary of the site is an unchanneled valley bottom wetland. Further it was noted that assessment methodology used was not as per best practice, such that PES was not assessed for wetland which may have resulted in higher PES. The project aquatic	Correct. Correct.

		specialist implemented the correct assessment methodology which then resulted in the PES rating as per the review specialist. Overall, the main aquatic constraint is the wetland on site as well as unchanneled valley bottom wetland on the eastern periphery of the site that feeds into the Jan Dissels River. The review specialist recommended avoidance and buffering of the wetlands, based on a buffer width of 15 meters which the project specialist has since taken up into the revised aquatic assessment report. The project and review specialists have also indicated rehabilitation of the wetland areas. The review specialist has indicated that if the wetland on site is not avoided then compensation measures such as wetland offsets should be considered. 3. Regarding the plant compliance statement and terrestrial biodiversity compliance statement: 3.1 The specialist has not indicated how the floristic composition of the vegetation on site relates to the mapped vegetation type based on site floristics, structure and soils present. The list of species is provided and the vegetation is assumed to be Citrusdal Vygieveld based on the mapped distribution. 3.2 Based on the habitat delineations provided (figure 1 in report), the green areas are considered intact Citrusdal Vygieveld while the golf course area and informal settlement area	Correct. Correct, and accommodated in Site Development Plan. Correct. Correct. Take note that wetland is avoided and therefore no offset required. Please take noted that the specialist on page 8 did indicate how the floristic composition of the vegetation on site relates to the mapped vegetation type based on site floristics, structure and soils present. Furthermore, the plant species recorded on site further confirm Citrusdal Vygieveld and it was not assumed to be Citrusdal Vygieveld, but confirmed to be Citrusdal Vygieveld based on site floristics, structure and soils present recorded on site. However, the plant species compliance statement on page 8 was expanded to confirm that Citrusdal Vygieveld vegetation is the representative vegetation type on

		are highly degraded to transformed. The specialist should confirm whether the green areas as delineated are intact vygieveld and whether the vegetation type is Citrusdal Vygieveld.	site and correctly mapped in the National Vegetation Map: NVM 2024. Latest update of the map of the National Vegetation Map Project and follows version VEGMAP 2018.
		3.3 There is no indication of the vegetation community associated with the wetland area, which has also been indicated by the aquatic review specialist.	Noted. The community associated with the wetland area is recorded in the aquatic biodiversity assessment as and dominated by *Phragmites australis* and *Typha capensis*, with arum lilies (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*), the NEM:BA Category 1b invasive species Port Jackson (*Acacia saligna*) and dumped tyres.
		3.4 No indication provided as to why listed screening tool species may not be present.	Noted. Compliance statement was updated to record reasons, why all of these reasons are because the habitat of known locality sites of the species are not on the development site.
		3.5 Note the ESA with its concomitant habitat support CBA areas, it is therefore likely the ESA mapped should actually be terrestrial or another biodiversity priority category. Please report the discrepancy to CapeNature at cba@capenature.co.za. Note that as per the SDP the housing will impact the mapped biodiversity priority area. It is agreed that even with the development the upland-lowland interface should still be maintained especially to the south of the site.	Noted. Correct. Recorded as such, but assessed by Aquatic specialist. Noted. Correct and the upland-lowland interface is still being maintained to the south of the site.
		3.6 Note that biodiversity offsets are based on residual impacts on habitat, the factors stated in the report would be factors considered in impact assessment.	Noted. In terms of the National Biodiversity offset Guideline (2023) the site and Citrusdal Vygieveld, being least concern does not qualify or require a biodiversity offset as mitigation.

		3.7 Refer to 3.2 above, it is unclear why CI is assigned low if the vegetation on the rest of the site is deemed intact, which also has bearing on the amount of habitat if the receptor as indicated in the CI criteria. Further it is unclear, why RR is set as high? How would the receptor which is the vygieveld vegetation be resilient to direct change such as full development of the site? One would expect RR of high for disturbed areas and lower RR for more intact areas that will not recover or fully recover from the proposed change. The specialist needs to substantiate the reasoning for RR, as is also required by the assessment guideline – RR is based on specialist motivation and insight. 4. Regarding the faunal assessment: 4.1 The project faunal specialist has provided an indication of the faunal component of the site that are present and are likely to be present on site. No impact assessment is conducted based on the anticipated impacts on the faunal component of the site. The impact assessment provided is only on the listed species which are unlikely to utilise the site other than for forage. Further no mitigation measures are recommended to mitigate impacts on the faunal component of the site other than just demarcating the site. 4.2 The issue regarding faunal displacement impact and ecological analysis has not been provided in the revised faunal assessment.	The CI was assessed to be low due to the fact that the vegetation type is least concern and no SCC were recorded, although the site is deemed intact, which also has bearing on the amount of habitat. Noted. The RR for Citrusdal vygieveld was corrected to medium because the vegetation will recover slowly (~ more than 10 years) to restore > 75% of the original species composition and functionality of the receptor functionality once the disturbance or impact has been removed which resulted in SEI of medium for the intact Citrusdal vygieveld and wetland and the disturbed areas to very high due to fact that the habitat can quickly recovered if the impact is removed due to transformed nature of the site. Please take note it was provided and confirmation of that was confirmed by the review specialist.

		4.3 SEI – same comments as mentioned above.	Noted. Was corrected as per terrestrial biodiversity assessment. Please take note that you did confirm that SEI is supported above "*The SEI assessment for the listed species is supported, as the faunal specialist has applied the precautionary principle in assigning CI as the Black Harrier and listed sensitive species were not recorded on site but could potentially be present. It is noted in the case of the other listed species assessed that CI is assigned as low if species habitat is not present on site*". So therefore no changes are required and the SEI was received by specialist and confirmed to be correct.
		4.4 Considering the medium negative residual impact on faunal species (which might not actually be the case as Black Harrier unlikely to breed on site), more mitigation is required to reduce the residual impacts to low or below medium.	Noted. Agree. Take note that the following mitigation measures were included in the report and accepted by the peer review specialist. Mitigation measures, both best practise and essential, include the following: • Should any faunal SCC be encountered during construction and operation, these must be recorded (i.e. be photographed, GPS co-ordinates taken) and photographs placed on iNaturalist • Any faunal species that may die as a result of construction activities must be recorded (i.e. be photographed, GPS co-ordinates taken) and these records placed on iNaturalist. • In addition to all mitigations listed above a clause must be included in contracts for ALL personnel working on site stating that: "no wild animals will be hunted, killed, poisoned or captured. No wild animals will be imported into, exported from or transported in or through the province. No wild animals will be sold, bought, donated and no

			person associated with the development will be in possession of any live wild animal, carcass or anything manufactured from the carcass." A clause relating to fines, possible dismissal and legal prosecution must be included should any of the above transgressions occur, especially for SCC.
		5. Regarding the aquatic assessment:	
		5.1 The project freshwater specialist has not provided an indication of the vegetation in the wetland areas as also indicated by the review specialist.	Noted. Please refer to 32.Stormwater-Management-Layout that was drawn up and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum, Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026 for details on impact assessment, potential risks are identified and mitigation measures identified that was included in the EMP to manage and mitigate these impacts. The community associated with the wetland area is recorded in the aquatic biodiversity assessment as and dominated by Phragmites australis and Typha capensis, with arum lilies (Zantedeschia aethiopica), the NEM:BA Category 1b invasive species Port Jackson (Acacia saligna) and dumped tyres.
		5.2 NWM 5 not considered or presented as recommended by review specialist, still using NFEPA, could have provided both or indicated no difference.	Noted. Please refer to 32.Stormwater-Management-Layout that was drawn up and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum, Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026 for details
		5.3 Based on the SDP it is understood that the wetlands and their buffers will not be	Correct. Also please refer to 32.Stormwater-Management-Layout that was drawn up and assessed

		encroached. Please confirm. It is agreed the wetlands on site should be avoided. Should they not be avoided then the required wetland offset as per the review specialist must be implemented. If this turns out to be the case it is recommended the review specialist compile the offset report.	in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum, Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026 for details
		5.4 Reasoned authorisation opinion must be provided as recommended by review specialist.	Noted. Please refer to 32.Stormwater-Management-Layout that was drawn up and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum, Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026 for details
		5.5 Site was also ground-truthed by review specialist, which is where the soil augering data comes from to delineate and assess the aquatic features as wetlands. Should be included in the mention of site surveys.	Noted. Please refer to 32.Stormwater-Management-Layout that was drawn up and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum, Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026 for details
		5.6 The SDP indicates hard infrastructure between the wetland area and unchanneled valley bottom wetland on the eastern periphery of the site. This impact has not been assessed. Further, if the wetland on site and on the periphery will receive stormwater flows, then there is a sedimentation risk and risk to change in hydrology from increased stormwater inputs.	Noted. Please refer to 32.Stormwater-Management-Layout that was drawn up and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum, Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026 for details
		5.7 Please provide a rehabilitation plan for the wetlands to be implemented as part of the	Noted. Please refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and-Management-Plan.pdf (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland

		EMPr. It is recommended the review specialist compile the rehabilitation plan. 5.8 Substantiation of mitigation measures as per review specialist has not been provided. Mitigation still states "if signs of erosion detected implement repair and preventive measures immediately". The same applies to the mitigation measures proposed for the WWTW – during operational phase the mitigation is essentially to expand the WWTW rather than mitigate impacts from the construction and operation of the WWTW. Please make mitigation measures clear and specific to ensure adequate implementation and realisation of mitigation. CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.	Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.) Noted. Please refer to 32.Stormwater-Management-Layout that was drawn up and assessed in the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Addendum, Stormwater Management and WWTW Expansion: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam, Western Cape and risk matrix, dated October 2026 for details that was included in the EMP. Noted.
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Saa-rah Adams Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	05 June 2026	COMMENT ON THE SECOND REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM. 1. The second revised draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIR") and associated documents as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence	Noted. Noted.

		on 22 April 2026 and this Department's correspondence in acknowledgement of receipt thereof dated 4 May 2026, refer. 2. This Directorate's comments are as follows: 2.1. Project description 2.1.1. As stated in our previous correspondences related to this proposal, there are discrepancies in the details of the project description in the Application Form, the draft EIR and the revised draft EIR. On page 52 of the Draft EIR, the description of the proposed development refers to ("…the Proposed Clanwilliam Housing in three areas…"), while pages 53 and 71 of the revised draft EIR refers to ("…the Proposed Clanwilliam Housing in two areas…"). Please ensure that every description to the proposed development in the reports and specialist assessments are an accurate reflection of the proposed development. 2.1.2. It is understood that the Site Development Plan/ Layout has been revised based on the outcome of the revised specialist assessments viz the outcomes of the Heritage Impact Assessment dated August 2025, as compiled by CTS Heritage. The specialist recommends that an Open Space area is maintained between the Park Street precinct and the Sederville precinct in order retain a remnant of the Clanwilliam commonage. This requires the reallocation of approximately 50 GAP housing erven. 2.1.3. It is further understood that based on the outcome of the updated Aquatic Biodiversity	Noted. Apologies. Was corrected in EIR and EMP to reflect two areas. Correct. Correct.

		Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP, the proposed infrastructure viz. a road, stormwater pipe and sewerage pipeline on the downstream wetland east of the golf course has been excluded from the Site Development Plan. However, details regarding the redirection of this bulk service infrastructure have not been provided. Please confirm whether this amendment results in changes to the project description. 2.1.4. The wording of the proposed expansion is described as the proposed expansion of the footprint by approximately 0.5ha to treat less than 2000 cubic meters of effluent per day. The wording is ambiguous, as it only reflects the resultant treatment capacity after the proposed expansion. Please provide details of the infrastructure component proposed as part of the proposed expansion of the WWTW, details regarding the current design and operational treatment capacity of the WWTW as well as the proposed treatment capacity following the expansion. 2.1.5. Since the project description in the Application Form does not correspond with the details described in the second revised Draft EIR, please ensure that a revised Application Form with the updated project description is submitted with the Final EIR.	Noted. The details on the stormwater infrastructure were upgrade in the reports. These amendments did result in changes in the project description under stormwater infrastructure. Noted. Correct, as is what is the case. Noted. More detail is provided in the updated activity description in the amended EA Application, draft EIR and EMP. Noted. A revised application form was included as an addendum in third draft EIR.

		2.2. Botanical Impacts 2.2.1. The proposed development will result in the irreversible loss of indigenous vegetation. A comprehensive response is required detailing how the mitigation hierarchy has been applied, including the proposed impact management actions, as well as the recommendations and mitigation measures necessary to reduce the associated impacts to an acceptable level. 2.2.2. Comments must be obtained from CapeNature regarding the methodology, assumptions, and the findings/ recommendations of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Report dated April 2026, and the Plant Species Compliance Statement dated April 2026. The aforementioned assessments must be revised based on the comments received by CapeNature and these updated assessments must be included in the final EIR. 2.2.3. Confirmation that all comments have been adequately addressed must be obtained from CapeNature prior to the submission of the final EIR. 2.3. Aquatic Biodiversity Impacts 2.3.1. The response to this Directorate's previous comment on our previous comment on the draft EIR dated 17 July 2025, is noted.	Correct. Based on habitat delineation in plant compliance statement, the entire site is intact Citrusdal Vygieveld, with only the area of the golf course and area with informal settlement regarded as highly degraded to transformed. In terms of the National Biodiversity offset Guideline (2023) the site and Citrusdal Vygieveld, being least concern does not qualify or require a biodiversity offset as mitigation. However, search and rescue for plant species of Conservation Concern prior to construction was included as a mitigation measure. Noted. Comments were received. Refer to this table above and responses and amendments to the reports. The revised reports will again be send for 30 days comment. Noted. Noted.

		2.3.2. A key finding of the peer review is the ecological value of the freshwater features (wetland) on site that is considered natural and not artificial, as previously claimed by Enviro-EAP.	Noted. Correct.
		2.3.3. The delineated non-perennial drainage line arising at the boundary of Site 1 and draining towards the Jan Dissels River is in fact an unchannelled valley bottom wetland which forms part of a historical unchannelled valley bottom wetland that included the wetland area within the site incorrectly referred to as an artificial feature by Enviro-EAP. The peer review specialist recommended that a detailed ecological assessment and impact/risk assessments should focus on the unchannelled valley bottom wetland that is located in the central part of the site.	Correct.
		2.3.4. It is understood that the previous Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated February 2025 compiled by Enviro-EAP has been peer reviewed by Nick Steytler from EnviroSwift and the report has since been revised to incorporate the recommendations made by the freshwater specialist. While the recommendations made by the peer review freshwater specialist viz. the incorporation of 15m buffers around the wetlands is supported, it must be noted that these recommendations are not based on a detailed ecological assessment of this wetland system.	Correct. Noted and thanks for supporting 15m buffer. Not correct that it was not assessed as the peer review specialist assessed it and the recommendation of 15m came from the peer review and is also further assessed by (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam

			Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and-Management-Plan.pdf
		2.3.5. The Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP does not reference a site visit that has been undertaken more recently and therefore, it is understood that the recommendations are extracted from the peer reviewer's report and are not based on an actual ecological assessment that focuses on the aforementioned unchanneled valley bottom wetland.	Noted. However I more resent and up to date assessment was conducted by (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and- Management-Plan.pdf
		2.3.6. Furthermore, comment on the findings of the revised Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP must be obtained from the peer reviewer, Mr. Nick Steytler from EnviroSwift. 2.3.7. The findings of the peer review notes that, "If the aquatic feature is not going to be retained in the housing development scheme, then the project would qualify for a wetland offset.". Based on the conclusive remarks of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 and compiled by Enviro-EAP, it is understood that the proposed SDP was amended and the road, stormwater pipe and sewerage pipeline on the downstream wetland east of the golf course was removed from the site development plan.	Please take note that the findings of the revised Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP was obtained from peer reviewer as per the letter attached. However, please refer to (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and-Management-Plan.pdf who did a follow up assessment which is included in the third draft EIR and its management, mitigation measures included in the EIR and EMP.

		2.3.7.1. However, based on the Site Development Plan submitted with the second revised draft EIR, hard infrastructure is proposed between Wetland 1 and Wetland 2 (within the wetland system). It is therefore evident that the associated impacts have not been assessed in this regard. 2.3.8. In previous correspondences, this Directorate highlighted the importance of obtaining updated comments from DWS regarding this proposal. On page 42 of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP it states, "The proposed development will not affect the quality of the water. Provided that the WWTW treated effluent meets the parameters." This statement is not supported by any evidentiary information. 2.3.8.1. The water quality of the treated effluent water emanating from the WWTW remains a growing concern as highlighted by DWS in their correspondence dated 11 April 2025, which they have confirmed has not complied with the General Limited Value requirements. Reference is made to a statement in a report which states that "a large portion of the treated effluent is used to irrigate the adjacent golf course, and the remaining water is discharged into the Jan	Noted. The stormwater infrastructure within and between Wetlands 1 and 2, including the piped connection, headwalls and detention pond, is assessed in Section 5.1, with mitigation in Section 6.1. Please refer to (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and-Management-Plan.pdf Noted. Provides the evidence for the EAP's response: the WWTW compliance record (BVi, 2024) and water quality results for the Jan Dissels River upstream and downstream of the effluent release (Section 4.6), assessed in Section 5.2. Please refer to (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and- Management-Plan.pdf

		Dissels River which is located 350 m from the Clanwilliam WWTP."	
		2.3.9. The Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP does not include an assessment of the impacts associated with the proposed expansion of the WWTW and the mitigation measures proposed is not supported by any scientific analysis of empirical data related to the Jan Dissels River system and the effluent discharge from the WWTW.	Noted. The WWTW refurbishment and expansion are assessed in Section 5.2, using the water quality data in Section 4.6. Please refer to (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and- Management-Plan.pdf
		2.3.9.1. The following statement has reference, "Upgrading and expanding the WWTW will ensure compliance with Special Limit Value standards".	Noted. The upgrade's design targets are described in Section 2.2. Compliance is treated as a design objective that depends on operation and maintenance, and effluent monitoring is recommended (Sections 5.2 and 6). Please refer to (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and-Management-Plan.pdf
		2.3.9.2. While it is understood that the proposed expansion of the WWTW will improve the water quality of the treated effluent, the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment does not address how the proposed expansion of the Clanwilliam WWTW intends to improve the treated effluent water quality and does not address the impacts associated with the volume increase of effluent discharge (as a result of the proposed expansion) into the Jan Dissels River.	Noted. The process upgrades are described in Section 2.2 and the effect of the increased discharge on the Jan Dissels River is assessed in Section 5.2. No water balance was available, so the increased discharge is assessed as a conservative upper-bound scenario. Please refer to (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to

		2.3.9.3. Mitigation measures viz. “Irrigation will help to filter and improve Ammonia concentrations before it seeps into the Jan Dissels River.”, and “Irrigation will help to filter and improve Total Suspended Solids concentrations and Chemical Oxygen Demand before it seeps into the Jan Dissels River.”, are not substantiated by any ecological assessment, scientific analysis of the current status of the freshwater system, the parameters of the treated effluent and relevant criteria related to the proposed expansion. 2.3.10. Based on the findings of the peer review, it is evident that Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment compiled by Enviro-EAP is fatally flawed. As such, the specialist is required to address the shortcoming identified by the external peer reviewer and comments on the updated Aquatic Assessment must be obtained.	Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and- Management-Plan.pdf Noted. Reviewed in Section 5.2. Irrigation is not relied on as mitigation, and irrigation management measures are recommended in Section 6.2. Please refer to (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and-Management-Plan.pdf Noted. This addendum addresses the stormwater and WWTW aspects (Sections 5 and 6). Integration of the wetland into the stormwater design is addressed in Sections 5.1 and 6.1. Please refer to (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and- Management-Plan.pdf. Take note that the Enviro-EAP Aquatic did included an assessment and therefore not fatal flawed, but was however addressed in the updated assessment.

		2.3.11. This updated ecological assessment would investigate the integration of the wetland system into the overall design of the proposed development thereby improving the ecological functioning of the greater freshwater system including an impact assessment of the impacts associated with the proposed expansion of the WWTW and the effluent discharge into Jan Dissels River. 2.3.12. The Aquatic Biodiversity Compliance Statement must be revised to include an impact assessment of the potential impacts of the stormwater system on the receiving environment in particular the freshwater system. 2.4. Faunal Impacts 2.4.1. The Animal Species Compliance Statement dated April 2026 is noted. Based on the Peer Review: Animal Species Impact Assessment correspondence dated 5 April 2026 compiled by Wildlife Conservation Support, it is understood that the revised report now provides a more robust and defensible basis for the ecological conclusions presented. The correspondence must be read together with the original peer review report dated March 2026. 2.4.2. However, the original peer review was not included in the second revised draft EIR and it is	Noted. Please refer to (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and- Management-Plan.pdf. Noted. Please take note it was not a compliance statement, but provided in this addendum (Section 5.1), rather than as a revision of Enviro-EAP (2026), at the EAP's request. (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and-Management-Plan.pdf. Noted. Take note it was not a compliance statement, but assessment. Correct, as confirmed by Prof Jan Venter in the peer review with supporting letter. Not correct. It was the original and final peer reviewed report, with Prof Venter letter that was

		therefore uncertain how the peer reviewer's input has been incorporated in the Animal Species Compliance Statement dated April 2026. 2.4.3. It is acknowledged that the revisions enhance the transparency of the ecological assessment and improve the report's alignment with the requirements of the applicable species assessment protocol and guidelines. However, the Animal Species Impact Assessment (April 2026) does not include an evaluation of animal species potentially present on-site based on the site's current ecological condition. The site remains undeveloped and comprises wetland features and indigenous vegetation, with clear indicators of a natural environment that is likely to be altered by the proposed development. Furthermore, the peer review is not informed by a site-specific ecological assessment of the animal species component under existing conditions. 2.4.4. The Animal Species Impact Assessment must include an ecological assessment of associated impacts. The outcomes of the impact assessment must advise appropriate mitigation measures and impact management actions required to reduce the impact significance rating from medium to low/ acceptable levels. 2.4.5. Comment from CapeNature must be obtained in this regard.	included and again included in the revised third draft EIR as an addendum. Noted and thanks for acknowledgement that the revisions enhance the transparency of the ecological assessment and improve the report's alignment with the requirements of the applicable species assessment protocol and guidelines. Please take note that the assessment include all animal species and include an evaluation of animal species potentially present on-site based on the site's current ecological condition as confirmed by Prof Venter in peer review. Take note that the assessment does include an ecological assessment of associated impacts as well as appropriate mitigation measures as confirmed by Prof Venter in peer review. Noted. Revised reports will be send to CapeNature to comment.

		2.5. Water Use License Application ("WULA") 2.5.1. The proposal triggers Sections 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) ("NWA") and requires a Water Use License. This Directorate's previous correspondence on this proposed development dated 27 September 2024, 10 April 2025, 17 July 2025 and 9 January 2026 has made reference to the WULA process. The Comments and Response Report made reference to an on-site meeting held to discuss the WULA on 27 November 2024. This Directorate has previously requested the meeting notes of this engagement with the Department of Water and Sanitation ("DWS"). DWS has requested more information from the municipality regarding the proposed WWTW. A revised comment from DWS has yet to be obtained regarding this proposal. It must be noted that failure to obtain comment from DWS may prejudice the outcome of this application. 2.5.2. Based on the comment received from the DWS dated 11 April 2025, it is uncertain whether the current operations of the existing Clanwilliam Wastewater Treatment Plant have the necessary approvals in terms of Section 21 (e) and (g) of the NWA, 1998. Furthermore, it notes that an analysis of the treated effluent water quality results of the Clanwilliam Wastewater Treatment Plant has not complied with the General Limit Value requirements for the past 15 months. Details regarding how the	Correct as confirmed by the department and loaded on e-wulaas for Clanwilliam Housing project and Waste Water Treatment Works Expansion (WU38062) Correct. Await BOCMA to open system to proceed with application. Noted. BOCMA did comment (refer to comments and responses in table above and attached) and will again be requested to comment on the revised third draft BAR. Correct. This is part of the water use license that is in process with the department. Correct.

		proposed expansion of the WWTP will improve the treated effluent water quality must be addressed in the final EIR. 2.5.3. Please ensure that the WUL Application particulars (all the relevant documents submitted to DWS for the WUL process) must be included in the final EIR. This must include a status update on the WUL application. 2.6. Stormwater Management The Stormwater Management Plan is depicted in the technical drawing titled: CLANWILLIAM IRDP & UISP HOUISNG PROJECT: REMAINDER OF ERF 279: CONCEPTUAL STORMWATER OUTLETS (Drawing No.: UDS232/RAN/001, Revision 0) dated 29 January 2026 drafted by uds Africa which is included as Appendix 25 of the second revised draft EIR. This drawing is limited to the eastern portion of the proposed development and is not accompanied by a written aspect describing the proposed stormwater system. The Stormwater Management Plan must be revised to include a description of the components of the proposed stormwater system, the modelling assumptions and the peak flow attenuation requirements. 2.7. Heritage Impacts 2.7.1. The findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") dated November 2024 compiled by CTS Heritage are noted. It is understood that the Site Development Plan and	Noted. Detail is included in the technical document, but was included under the activity description. The whole WWTW was design to meet the required standards for treatment and as the funding for this was provided by the Department of Water and Sanitation, DWS officials was and are still involved to ensure that the design and upgrade equipment will ensure required water quality standards. Noted. Stormwater management plan was updated after the assessment and input into the designs etc to accommodate the (Van Zyl, K. and Morton, R. 2026. Wetland Rehabilitation and Management Plan: Clanwilliam Housing Development, Remainder Erf 279, Clanwilliam V1.0. Delta Ecology. RSA.). Refer to Appendix 21.Appeddix_F-Wetland-Rehabilitation-and-Management-Plan.pdf. mitigation measures and the update plan and management and mitigation measures from the (Van Zyl, et al) report was included in the EIR and EMP. A wetland rehabilitation plan was also draft and included as a appendix in EMP. Noted. Please find attached Correct.

		project description has been revised based on the recommendations highlighted in HIA. An updated statement regarding the proposed changes must be obtained from the heritage specialist and included in the final EIR. 2.7.2. The correspondence from Heritage Western Cape dated 30 September 2025, is noted. The correspondence highlights HWC's endorsement of "the Subdivision Plan numbered CED/11931/ZN, dated September 2025". However, please note that this Subdivisional Plan is not provided in the second revised draft EIR. Please note that all corresponding Site Development Plans, Subdivisional Plans referenced in all correspondences from Organs of State, in specialist reports and the draft EIR must correlate. Please provide the relevant Subdivisional Plan as referenced in HWC's correspondence. If the Site Development Plan of the proposed preferred alternative is different from the Subdivisional Plan endorsed by HWC, you are required to obtain an updated/ revised comment from HWC, accordingly. 2.8. Traffic Impacts As requested by this Directorate I the correspondence dated 17 July 2025, comments on the findings of the Traffic Impact Assessment ("TIA") dated 5 September 2024 compiled by Urban Development Solutions Africa and confirmation of the recommendations made by the traffic impact specialist must be obtained	Noted. Please take note copy of plan and statement was included as addendums under Heritage Impact Assessment. Noted. Take note the preferred alternative is not accommodated and endorse HWC comment. Noted. The department will again be requested to comment and if comments are received they will be included in the comments and response report.

		from the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure and included within the relevant sections of the EMPr and the Final EIR. 3. Alternatives 3.1. The investigation of alternatives must include the reallocation of the 50 GAP housing erven that was removed from the Site Development Plan and the project description based on the outcome of the HIA dated November 2024 (updated August 2025) compiled by CTS Heritage. Details of how the mitigation hierarchy was applied in this regard must be provided. 3.2. In addition to this, based on the outcome of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP, the layout must be amended to remove the sewerage pipeline and pump station associated with an access road. Details regarding the proposed removal and the redirection of the proposed bulk service infrastructure and access road must be addressed in the investigation of alternatives. 4. Public Participation 4.1. Please ensure that all comments raised during the Public Participation Process are adequately addressed in the Final EIR. 4.2. Comments from, but not limited to, the following relevant authorities must be obtained during the Public Participation Process and included in the final EIR: • CapeNature;	Noted. Please refer to alternative section in third draft EIR which included under the investigation section the reallocation of the 50 GAP housing erven that was removed from the Site Development Plan and the project description based. Noted. Please take note that the preferred alternative layout already excludes this infrastructure. Please refer to alternative section in third draft EIR which included under the investigation section details regarding the proposed removal and the redirection of the proposed bulk service infrastructure and access road must be addressed in the investigation of alternatives. Noted. Please refer to this report for proof and more details. Noted. Please refer to this report for proof and more details.

		• Western Cape Department of Infrastructure; • Heritage Western Cape; • Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ("DEA&DP") Directorate: Waste Management; • DEA&DP Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management; • The Department of Water and Sanitation; and • Cederberg Municipality. 4.3. The final EIR must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused. 4.4. The following regulatory requirements are to be provided in the Final EIR: 4.4.1. Details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), including a copy of the advertisement, site notice/s, copies of the notification letters to Interested and Affected Parties including any proof of the supporting documents i.e., proof of delivery and comments received for all phases (pre-application, as well as the Scoping Phase) of the application must be included in the final EIR. 4.4.2. A summary of the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof and more details. Noted. Please refer to this report for proof and more details.

		were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them in the Final EIR. 4.4.3. All representations and comments received must be included in the Final EIR and any responses by the EAP to those representations and comments must be tabulated in a comments and response report. 4.4.4. The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with Interested and Affected Parties and other role players. 4.4.5. Please be advised that the signed and duly dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the final EIR to this Department 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 submitted for decision-making. 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. 4.4.6. In addition to the above, please ensure that signed and duly dated EAP and specialist declarations are also submitted with the final EIR for decision-making.	Noted. Please refer to this report for proof and more details. Noted. Take note that no meetings were held. The meeting in terms of the Water Use License is done under the license authorization process and the minutes and outcome of this meeting is recorded by BOCMA officials during the pre-application meeting and not shared with the EAP. Noted. A revised third EIR will first be send for comment, but the final will be duly signed and dated when submitted. Noted. Noted.

		5. The Department awaits the submission of the EIR as prescribed by the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 21(2)(d) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIA Report must be submitted within two years of the acceptance of the Scoping Report, calculated from 12 December 2024. 6. If the EIR and EMPr are not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted. 7. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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.	Noted. Noted and thanks for confirmation of **12 December 2026** as the final date for submission of the final EIR. Noted. Noted.

		8. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. 9. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments and request further information based on any information received.	Noted. Noted.

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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE SECOND REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.

1. The second revised draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIR") and associated documents as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 22 April 2026, refer.

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

3. The Directorate will consider the second revised draft EIR and provide comments within the prescribed commenting period and advise you accordingly.

4. Please note it is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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.

5. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence regarding the application.

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

Yours faithfully

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COMMENTS ON THE CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

Your application dated 22 April 2026 has reference.

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

1. Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) acknowledges receipt of your application dated 22 April 2026 for the Clanwilliam housing development and WWTW expansion on a portion of remainder of Erf 279, Clanwilliam which was received by this office on 28 April 2026.

2. This office supports the proposed Clanwilliam housing development and WWTW expansion on a portion of remainder of Erf 279, Clanwilliam.

3. BOCMA has no objections at this stage to the proposed Clanwilliam housing development and WWTW expansion on a portion of remainder of Erf 279, Clanwilliam application submitted to BOCMA by Nicolaas Hanekom subject to compliance to the following conditions:

4. According to page 25, Figure 5 of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Report, the map indicates that the proposed development is located very close to and may overlap the Critical Biodiversity Areas (Rivers and Wetlands) on the eastern side of the development site. Please note that, any development within 1:100-year floodline or within the riparian habitat constitutes a water use licence in terms of section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) and will require authorisation before any development may commence.

5. Given the proximity of the development footprint to the river corridor, there is a potential risk of encroachment into the riparian buffer zone which could reduce the protective function of the watercourse. Construction activities as well as trenching and excavation may further contribute to increased sedimentation and disturbance of shallow subsurface flow paths, potentially impacting the water quality.

6. A clearly defined buffer zone must be maintained and established between the development footprint and the adjacent watercourse. No infrastructure, construction activities or associated disturbances must be permitted within the buffer area.

7. A site specific and detailed stormwater management plan (SWMP) should be prepared and implemented to ensure that runoff is managed in a controlled manner.

8. All stormwater should be directed away from the river and wetland areas unless appropriately treated and authorised discharge points are established.

9. Although most of the development seems to be largely adjacent to the river corridor and not fully inside it, the close proximity to CBA river and wetland areas means that the site is highly sensitive in terms of hydrological and ecological impacts and therefore requires careful design and strict stormwater and buffer zones to prevent any damage to the watercourses.

10. All potential impacts associated with the proposed development, including impacts on the adjacent watercourse, riparian habitat, stormwater must be assessed and where potential risks are identified mitigation measures must be implemented.

11. All requirements as stipulated in the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) regarding water use must be adhered to.

12. These comments do not exempt you from complying with other relevant legislations and requirements of other governmental Departments.

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

Yours faithfully



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Attention: Mr Nicolaas Hanekom

Dear Nicolaas

RE: CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WWTW EXPANSION ON A PORTION OF REMAINDER OF ERF 279, CLANWILLIAM

DEA&DP ref: 16/3/3/2/F2/4/2021/25

Herewith comment on this application.

1. Thank you for conducting the peer review of the faunal assessment and freshwater assessment.

2. Based on the peer reviewed assessments and updated plant and terrestrial biodiversity assessments as well as the peer reviewed reports the following is understood, please correct any misunderstanding by way of response in the CRR:

   2.1 The vegetation on site is deemed Citrusdal Vygieveld which is a non-threatened vegetation type.

   2.2 No botanical species of conservation concern were recorded from the site during site visits in both winter and spring.

   2.3 Based on habitat delineation in plant compliance statement, the entire site is intact Citrusdal Vygieveld, with only the area of the golf course and area with informal settlement regarded as highly degraded to transformed.

   2.4 The faunal specialist has revised the faunal assessment based on feedback from the review specialist. The faunal specialist has indicated mammal, amphibian, reptile and avifaunal species that are present or may be present on site as well as potential faunal SCC that may utilise the site but were not recorded. The faunal specialist applied SEI to the listed screening tool species and assessed medium ecological importance of the habitat for the Black Harrier and listed sensitive species (terrestrial species). The remaining species returned an SEI of low, due to the faunal specialist assigning High Receptor Resilience (RR) and medium or low Conservation Importance (CI) for these species. The RR of high is understood to have been assigned because the faunal specialist has indicated that the species was not recorded on site and/or there is habitat availability outside of the site and the proximity to existing development creating disturbance. The faunal specialist has assigned high RR and low CI because it is unlikely for the species to be present on site in

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the first instance. For the Black Harrier and listed sensitive species the RR has been indicated as low and CI as medium generating an SEI of high, which is correct, as these species are unlikely to return to the site after disturbance/development. The SEI assessment for the listed species is supported, as the faunal specialist has applied the precautionary principle in assigning CI as the Black Harrier and listed sensitive species were not recorded on site but could potentially be present. It is noted in the case of the other listed species assessed that CI is assigned as low if species habitat is not present on site. The faunal specialist then provides an impact assessment on impacts of habitat removal on Black Harrier and listed screening tool sensitive species.

2.5 The aquatic assessment review specialist conducted their own site survey in September 2025 and found that the wetland on site is natural and not artificial and that the drainage line on the eastern boundary of the site is an unchanneled valley bottom wetland. Further it was noted that assessment methodology used was not as per best practice, such that PES was not assessed for wetland which may have resulted in higher PES. The project aquatic specialist implemented the correct assessment methodology which then resulted in the PES rating as per the review specialist. Overall, the main aquatic constraint is the wetland on site as well as unchanneled valley bottom wetland on the eastern periphery of the site that feeds into the Jan Dissels River. The review specialist recommended avoidance and buffering of the wetlands, based on a buffer width of 15 meters which the project specialist has since taken up into the revised aquatic assessment report. The project and review specialists have also indicated rehabilitation of the wetland areas. The review specialist has indicated that if the wetland on site is not avoided then compensation measures such as wetland offsets should be considered.

3. Regarding the plant compliance statement and terrestrial biodiversity compliance statement:

3.1 The specialist has not indicated how the floristic composition of the vegetation on site relates to the mapped vegetation type based on site floristics, structure and soils present. The list of species is provided and the vegetation is assumed to be Citrusdal Vygieveld based on the mapped distribution.

3.2 Based on the habitat delineations provided (figure 1 in report), the green areas are considered intact Citrusdal Vygieveld while the golf course area and informal settlement area are highly degraded to transformed. The specialist should confirm whether the green areas as delineated are intact vygieveld and whether the vegetation type is Citrusdal Vygieveld.

3.3 There is no indication of the vegetation community associated with the wetland area, which has also been indicated by the aquatic review specialist.

3.4 No indication provided as to why listed screening tool species may not be present.

3.5 Note the ESA with its concomitant habitat support CBA areas, it is therefore likely the ESA mapped should actually be terrestrial or another biodiversity priority category. Please report the discrepancy to CapeNature at cba@capenature.co.za. Note that as per the SDP the housing will impact the mapped biodiversity priority area. It is agreed that even with the development the upland-lowland interface should still be maintained especially to the south of the site.

3.6 Note that biodiversity offsets are based on residual impacts on habitat, the factors stated in the report would be factors considered in impact assessment.

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3.7 Refer to 3.2 above, it is unclear why CI is assigned low if the vegetation on the rest of the site is deemed intact, which also has bearing on the amount of habitat if the receptor as indicated in the CI criteria. Further it is unclear, why RR is set as high? How would the receptor which is the vygieveld vegetation be resilient to direct change such as full development of the site? One would expect RR of high for disturbed areas and lower RR for more intact areas that will not recover or fully recover from the proposed change. The specialist needs to substantiate the reasoning for RR, as is also required by the assessment guideline – RR is based on specialist motivation and insight.

4. Regarding the faunal assessment:

4.1 The project faunal specialist has provided an indication of the faunal component of the site that are present and are likely to be present on site. No impact assessment is conducted based on the anticipated impacts on the faunal component of the site. The impact assessment provided is only on the listed species which are unlikely to utilise the site other than for forage. Further no mitigation measures are recommended to mitigate impacts on the faunal component of the site other than just demarcating the site.

4.2 The issue regarding faunal displacement impact and ecological analysis has not been provided in the revised faunal assessment.

4.3 SEI – same comments as mentioned above.

4.4 Considering the medium negative residual impact on faunal species (which might not actually be the case as Black Harrier unlikely to breed on site), more mitigation is required to reduce the residual impacts to low or below medium.

5. Regarding the aquatic assessment:

5.1 The project freshwater specialist has not provided an indication of the vegetation in the wetland areas as also indicated by the review specialist.

5.2 NWM 5 not considered or presented as recommended by review specialist, still using NFEPA, could have provided both or indicated no difference.

5.3 Based on the SDP it is understood that the wetlands and their buffers will not be encroached. Please confirm. It is agreed the wetlands on site should be avoided. Should they not be avoided then the required wetland offset as per the review specialist must be implemented. If this turns out to be the case it is recommended the review specialist compile the offset report.

5.4 Reasoned authorisation opinion must be provided as recommended by review specialist.

5.5 Site was also ground-truthed by review specialist, which is where the soil augering data comes from to delineate and assess the aquatic features as wetlands. Should be included in the mention of site surveys.

5.6 The SDP indicates hard infrastructure between the wetland area and unchanneled valley bottom wetland on the eastern periphery of the site. This impact has not been assessed. Further, if the wetland on site and on the periphery will receive stormwater flows, then there is a sedimentation risk and risk to change in hydrology from increased stormwater inputs.

5.7 Please provide a rehabilitation plan for the wetlands to be implemented as part of the EMPr. It is recommended the review specialist compile the rehabilitation plan.

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5.8 Substantiation of mitigation measures as per review specialist has not been provided. Mitigation still states "if signs of erosion dected implement repair and preventive measures immediately". The same applies to the mitigation measures proposed for the WWTW – during operational phase the mitigation is essentially to expand the WWTW rather than mitigate impacts from the construction and operation of the WWTW. Please make mitigation measures clear and specific to ensure adequate implementation and realisation of mitigation.

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

Kind Regards,

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Dear Sir

COMMENT ON THE SECOND REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLANWILLIAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF ERF NO. 279, CLANWILLIAM.

1. The second revised draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIR") and associated documents as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 22 April 2026 and this Department's correspondence in acknowledgement of receipt thereof dated 4 May 2026, refer.

2. This Directorate's comments are as follows:

   2.1. Project description

   2.1.1. As stated in our previous correspondences related to this proposal, there are discrepancies in the details of the project description in the Application Form, the draft EIR and the revised draft EIR. On page 52 of the Draft EIR, the description of the proposed development refers to ("...*the Proposed Clanwilliam Housing in* ***three*** *areas...*"), while pages 53 and 71 of the revised draft EIR refers to ("...*the Proposed Clanwilliam Housing in* ***two*** *areas...*"). Please ensure that every description to the proposed development in the reports and specialist assessments are an accurate reflection of the proposed development.

   2.1.2. It is understood that the Site Development Plan/ Layout has been revised based on the outcome of the revised specialist assessments viz the outcomes of the Heritage Impact Assessment dated August 2025, as compiled by CTS Heritage. The specialist recommends that an Open Space area is maintained between the Park Street precinct and the Sederville precinct in order retain a remnant of the Clanwilliam commonage. This requires the reallocation of approximately 50 GAP housing erven.

   2.1.3. It is further understood that based on the outcome of the updated Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP, the proposed infrastructure viz. a road, stormwater pipe and sewerage pipeline on the downstream wetland east of the golf course has been excluded from the Site Development Plan. However, details regarding the re-direction of this bulk service infrastructure have not been provided. Please confirm whether this amendment results in changes to the project description.

   2.1.4. The wording of the proposed expansion is described as the *proposed expansion of the footprint by approximately 0.5ha to treat less than 2000 cubic meters of effluent per day*. The wording is ambiguous, as it only reflects the resultant treatment capacity after the proposed expansion. Please provide details of the infrastructure component proposed as part of the proposed expansion of the WWTW, details regarding the current design and

operational treatment capacity of the WWTW as well as the proposed treatment capacity following the expansion.

2.1.5. Since the project description in the Application Form does not correspond with the details described in the second revised Draft EIR, please ensure that a revised Application Form with the updated project description is submitted with the Final EIR.

2.2. Botanical Impacts

2.2.1. The proposed development will result in the irreversible loss of indigenous vegetation. A comprehensive response is required detailing how the mitigation hierarchy has been applied, including the proposed impact management actions, as well as the recommendations and mitigation measures necessary to reduce the associated impacts to an acceptable level.

2.2.2. Comments must be obtained from CapeNature regarding the methodology, assumptions, and the findings/ recommendations of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Report dated April 2026, and the Plant Species Compliance Statement dated April 2026. The aforementioned assessments must be revised based on the comments received by CapeNature and these updated assessments must be included in the final EIR.

2.2.3. Confirmation that all comments have been adequately addressed must be obtained from CapeNature prior to the submission of the final EIR.

2.3. Aquatic Biodiversity Impacts

2.3.1. The response to this Directorate's previous comment on our previous comment on the draft EIR dated 17 July 2025, is noted.

2.3.2. A key finding of the peer review is the ecological value of the freshwater features (wetland) on site that is considered natural and not artificial, as previously claimed by Enviro-EAP.

2.3.3. The delineated non-perennial drainage line arising at the boundary of Site 1 and draining towards the Jan Dissels River is in fact an unchannelled valley bottom wetland which forms part of a historical unchannelled valley bottom wetland that included the wetland area within the site incorrectly referred to as an artificial feature by Enviro-EAP. The peer review specialist recommended that a detailed ecological assessment and impact/risk assessments should focus on the unchannelled valley bottom wetland that is located in the central part of the site.

2.3.4. It is understood that the previous Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated February 2025 compiled by Enviro-EAP has been peer reviewed by Nick Steytler from EnviroSwift and the report has since been revised to incorporate the recommendations made by the freshwater specialist. While the recommendations made by the peer review freshwater specialist viz. the incorporation of 15m buffers around the wetlands is supported, it must be noted that these recommendations are not based on a detailed ecological assessment of this wetland system.

2.3.5. The Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP does not reference a site visit that has been undertaken more recently and therefore, it is understood that the recommendations are extracted from the peer reviewer's report and are not based on an actual ecological assessment that focuses on the aforementioned unchanneled valley bottom wetland.

2.3.6. Furthermore, comment on the findings of the revised Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP must be obtained from the peer reviewer, Mr. Nick Steytler from EnviroSwift.

2.3.7. The findings of the peer review notes that, *"If the aquatic feature is not going to be retained in the housing development scheme, then the project would qualify for a wetland offset."*. Based on the conclusive remarks of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 and compiled by Enviro-EAP, it is understood that the proposed *SDP was amended and the road, stormwater pipe and sewerage pipeline on the downstream wetland east of the golf course was removed from the site development plan*.

2.3.7.1. However, based on the Site Development Plan submitted with the second revised draft EIR, hard infrastructure is proposed between Wetland 1 and Wetland 2 (within the wetland system). It is therefore evident that the associated impacts have not been assessed in this regard.

2.3.8. In previous correspondences, this Directorate highlighted the importance of obtaining updated comments from DWS regarding this proposal. On page 42 of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP it states, *"The proposed development will not affect the quality of the water. Provided that the WWTW treated effluent meets the parameters."* This statement is not supported by any evidentiary information.

2.3.8.1. The water quality of the treated effluent water emanating from the WWTW remains a growing concern as highlighted by DWS in their correspondence dated 11 April 2025, which they have confirmed has not complied with the General Limited Value requirements. Reference is made to a statement in a report which states that *"a large portion of the treated effluent is used to irrigate the adjacent golf course, and the remaining water is discharged into the Jan Dissels River which is located 350 m from the Clanwilliam WWTP."*

2.3.9. The Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP does not include an assessment of the impacts associated with the proposed expansion of the WWTW and the mitigation measures proposed is not supported by any scientific analysis of empirical data related to the Jan Dissels River system and the effluent discharge from the WWTW.

2.3.9.1. The following statement has reference, *"Upgrading and expanding the WWTW will ensure compliance with Special Limit Value standards"*.

2.3.9.2. While it is understood that the proposed expansion of the WWTW will improve the water quality of the treated effluent, the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment does not address how the proposed expansion of the Clanwilliam WWTW intends to improve the treated effluent water quality and does not address the impacts associated with the volume increase of effluent discharge (as a result of the proposed expansion) into the Jan Dissels River.

2.3.9.3. Mitigation measures viz. *"Irrigation will help to filter and improve Ammonia concentrations before it seeps into the Jan Dissels River."*, and *"Irrigation will help to filter and improve Total Suspended Solids concentrations and Chemical Oxygen Demand before it seeps into the Jan Dissels River."*, are not substantiated by any ecological assessment, scientific analysis of the current status of the freshwater system, the parameters of the treated effluent and relevant criteria related to the proposed expansion.

2.3.10. Based on the findings of the peer review, it is evident that Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment compiled by Enviro-EAP is fatally flawed. As such, the specialist is required to address the shortcoming identified by the external peer reviewer and comments on the updated Aquatic Assessment must be obtained.

2.3.11. This updated ecological assessment would investigate the integration of the wetland system into the overall design of the proposed development thereby improving the ecological functioning of the greater freshwater system including an impact assessment of the impacts associated with the proposed expansion of the WWTW and the effluent discharge into Jan Dissels River.

2.3.12. The Aquatic Biodiversity Compliance Statement must be revised to include an impact assessment of the potential impacts of the stormwater system on the receiving environment in particular the freshwater system.

2.4. Faunal Impacts

2.4.1. The Animal Species Compliance Statement dated April 2026 is noted. Based on the Peer Review: Animal Species Impact Assessment correspondence dated 5 April 2026 compiled by Wildlife Conservation Support, it is understood that the revised report now provides a more robust and defensible basis for the ecological conclusions presented. The correspondence must be read together with the original peer review report dated March 2026.

2.4.2. However, the original peer review was not included in the second revised draft EIR and it is therefore uncertain how the peer reviewer's input has been incorporated in the Animal Species Compliance Statement dated April 2026.

2.4.3. It is acknowledged that the revisions enhance the transparency of the ecological assessment and improve the report's alignment with the requirements of the applicable species assessment protocol and guidelines. However, the Animal Species Impact Assessment (April 2026) does not include an evaluation of animal species potentially present on-site based on the site's current ecological condition. The site remains undeveloped and comprises wetland features and indigenous vegetation, with clear indicators of a natural environment that is likely to be altered by the proposed development. Furthermore, the peer review is not informed by a site-specific ecological assessment of the animal species component under existing conditions.

2.4.4. The Animal Species Impact Assessment must include an ecological assessment of associated impacts. The outcomes of the impact assessment must advise appropriate mitigation measures and impact management actions required to reduce the impact significance rating from medium to low/ acceptable levels.

2.4.5. Comment from CapeNature must be obtained in this regard.

2.5. Water Use License Application ("WULA")

2.5.1. The proposal triggers Sections 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) ("NWA") and requires a Water Use License. This Directorate's previous correspondence on this proposed development dated 27 September 2024, 10 April 2025, 17 July 2025 and 9 January 2026 has made reference to the WULA process. The Comments and Response Report made reference to an on-site meeting held to discuss the WULA on 27 November 2024. This Directorate has previously requested the meeting notes of this engagement with the Department of Water and Sanitation ("DWS"). DWS has requested more information from the municipality regarding the proposed WWTW. A revised comment from DWS has yet to be obtained regarding this proposal. It must be noted that failure to obtain comment from DWS may prejudice the outcome of this application.

2.5.2. Based on the comment received from the DWS dated 11 April 2025, it is uncertain whether the current operations of the existing Clanwilliam Wastewater Treatment Plant have the necessary approvals in terms of Section 21 (e) and (g) of the NWA, 1998. Furthermore, it notes that an analysis of the treated effluent water quality results of the Clanwilliam Wastewater Treatment Plant has not complied with the General Limit Value requirements for the past 15 months. Details regarding how the proposed expansion of the WWTP will improve the treated effluent water quality must be addressed in the final EIR.

2.5.3. Please ensure that the **WUL Application** particulars (all the relevant documents submitted to DWS for the WUL process) **must** be included in the final EIR. This must include a status update on the WUL application.

2.6. Stormwater Management

The Stormwater Management Plan is depicted in the technical drawing titled: CLANWILLIAM IRDP & UISP HOUSING PROJECT: REMAINDER OF ERF 279: CONCEPTUAL STORMWATER OUTLETS (Drawing No.: UDS232/RAN/001, Revision 0) dated 29 January 2026 drafted by uds Africa which is included as Appendix 25 of the second revised draft EIR. This drawing is limited to the eastern portion of the proposed development and is not accompanied by a written aspect describing the proposed stormwater system. The Stormwater Management Plan must be revised to include a description of the components of the proposed stormwater system, the modelling assumptions and the peak flow attenuation requirements.

2.7. Heritage Impacts

2.7.1. The findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") dated November 2024 compiled by CTS Heritage are noted. It is understood that the Site Development Plan and project description has been revised based on the recommendations highlighted in HIA. An updated statement regarding the proposed changes must be obtained from the heritage specialist and included in the final EIR.

2.7.2. The correspondence from Heritage Western Cape dated 30 September 2025, is noted. The correspondence highlights HWC's endorsement of "the Subdivision Plan numbered CED/11931/ZN, dated September 2025". However, please note that this Subdivisional Plan is not provided in the second revised draft EIR. **Please note that all corresponding Site Development Plans, Subdivisional Plans referenced in all correspondences from Organs of State, in specialist reports and the draft EIR must correlate.** Please provide the relevant Subdivisional Plan as referenced in HWC's correspondence. If the Site Development Plan of the proposed preferred alternative is different from the Subdivisional Plan endorsed by HWC, you are required to obtain an updated/ revised comment from HWC, accordingly.

2.8. Traffic Impacts

As requested by this Directorate I the correspondence dated 17 July 2025, comments on the findings of the Traffic Impact Assessment ("TIA") dated 5 September 2024 compiled by Urban Development Solutions Africa and confirmation of the recommendations made by the traffic impact specialist must be obtained from the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure and included within the relevant sections of the EMPr and the Final EIR.

3. Alternatives

3.1. The investigation of alternatives must include the reallocation of the 50 GAP housing erven that was removed from the Site Development Plan and the project description based on the outcome of the HIA dated November 2024 (updated August 2025) compiled by CTS Heritage. Details of how the mitigation hierarchy was applied in this regard must be provided.

3.2. In addition to this, based on the outcome of the Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment dated April 2026 compiled by Enviro-EAP, the layout must be amended to remove the sewerage pipeline and pump station associated with an access road. Details regarding the proposed removal and the redirection of the proposed bulk service infrastructure and access road must be addressed in the investigation of alternatives.

4.Public Participation

4.1. Please ensure that **all comments** raised during the Public Participation Process are adequately addressed in the Final EIR.

4.2. Comments from, but not limited to, the following relevant authorities must be obtained during the Public Participation Process and included in the final EIR:

- CapeNature;

- Western Cape Department of Infrastructure;
- Heritage Western Cape;
- Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ("DEA&DP") Directorate: Waste Management;
- DEA&DP Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management;
- The Department of Water and Sanitation; and
- Cederberg Municipality.

4.3. The final EIR must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.

4.4. The following regulatory requirements are to be provided in the Final EIR:

4.4.1. Details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), including a copy of the advertisement, site notice/s, copies of the notification letters to Interested and Affected Parties including any proof of the supporting documents i.e., proof of delivery and comments received for all phases (pre-application, as well as the Scoping Phase) of the application must be included in the final EIR.

4.4.2. A summary of the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them in the Final EIR.

4.4.3. All representations and comments received must be included in the Final EIR and any responses by the EAP to those representations and comments must be tabulated in a comments and response report.

4.4.4. The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with Interested and Affected Parties and other role players.

4.4.5. Please be advised that the signed and duly dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the final EIR to this Department 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 submitted for decision-making. 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.

4.4.6. In addition to the above, please ensure that signed and duly dated EAP and specialist declarations are also submitted with the final EIR for decision-making.

5. The Department awaits the submission of the EIR as prescribed by the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 21(2)(d) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the EIA Report must be submitted within two years of the acceptance of the Scoping Report, calculated from 12 December 2024.

6. If the EIR and EMPr are not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted.

7. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department 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.

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

9. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments and request further information based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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