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NO.	DATE	AFFILIATION	REFERENCE NO.	COMMENTS	RESPONSE	RESPONDENCE		
	COMMENTS ON INITIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION							
1.	22/11/2019	BGCMA E Rossouw	4/10/2/H10B/Farm 383/26 Stinkfontein, Ceres	The BGCMA is the commenting authority for the proposed application and a hard copy document should be forwarded to the abovementioned address. The BGCMA has been notified via e- wulaas of the application for the proposed project and the water use authorisation is being followed. Should you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact the office at the abovementioned contact details for clarification. Please ensure the use of the BGCMA reference number in all correspondence	Noted.	EnviroAfrica		
2.	11/12/2019	Philippa Huntly	SSD14/2/6/1/9/6_383- 26_JadeHills_Dam_Ceres	Cape Nature Comment on Notification Letter. In the context of this application please note that CapeNature does not support activities that may negatively impact the following habitats and their ecological functioning: a) rivers, wetlands, flood plains, and groundwater dependent communities or ecosystems; b) representative habitat in Critically Endangered and Endangered ecosystems; c) any area that has been identified as a Critical Biodiversity Area or Ecological	PB Consult (and EnviroAfirca) noted and supports CapeNature's view in respect of the protection of special habitats, like water courses, wetlands, CBA etc. However, in this case, please note that there is no more natural vegetation left within the proposed footprint and the small drainage line. The only natural veld remaining is a small patch to the south of the proposed dam along a rocky ridge, which will not be	Peet Botes, Botanical Specialist		

		Support Area as identified by the		
		most recent systematic conservation	to link this vegetation up with	
		plan (the Western Cape Biodiversity	the small stream and to re-	
		Spatial Plan of 2017); d) any other	establish a more natural	
		special habitats	corridor linking the remaining	
		that may contain a unique	natural veld with the dam. It is	
		assemblage of species; e) any habitat	also proposed to establish a	
		that may contain rare, threatened or	small man-made wetland area	
		range-restricted floral or faunal	at the inlet of the dam to filter	
		species (Species of Conservation	incoming water and to help with	
		Concern); f) natural or mostly natural	sedimentation control. These	
		habitat in an ecological corridor or	recommendations were made	
		along a vegetation boundary.	specifically to enhance and re-	
			habilitated a transformed area	
		Appropriate buffers must be	back to a more natural veld.	
		determined by a suitably qualified		
		specialist to avoid impacting on these	(Specialist findings still to be	EnviroAfrica
		habitats and particular attention	included)	
		should be paid to avoiding the loss of		
		intact habitat, maximizing		
		connectivity at a landscape scale,		
		maximizing habitat heterogeneity		
		and reducing fragmentation at a local		
		and regional scale. Please also note		
		that an infestation by alien plants		
		does		
		not necessarily mean that an area is		
		not important for biodiversity		
		conservation.		
		CapeNature reserves the right to		
		revise initial comments and request		
		further information based on any		
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		additional information that may be	
		received.	