



DIRECTORATE: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT  
(REGION 2)

**REFERENCE:** 16/3/3/2/E3/10/1005/17  
**ENQUIRIES:** Lorretta Osborne  
**DATE:** 2018 -03- 13

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Dear Madam

**COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT ("EIAR") IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF HUT DAM ON PORTIONS 3 AND 5 OF FARM VAN DER WATSKRAAL NO. 394 AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AN EXISTING WEIR ON REMAINDER OF FARM NO. 234, SWELLENDAM**

1. The draft EIR and letter dated 9 February 2018, as received by the Department on the same day, refer.
2. The Department has the following comments that must be addressed and included in the final EIAR:
  - 2.1 It is noted that Activity 14 as defined in Government Notice No. 324 as it is expected to be within a critically biodiversity area. Please note that Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem service areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans has not been adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans. Therefore, should this be the only trigger then the aforementioned activity will not be applicable. However, Activity 12 as defined in Government Notice No. 327 will be applicable.
  - 2.2 Proof of the notifications and the copies of the notifications letters sent to registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") for the comment on the application draft BAR must be included in the final EIAR.
  - 2.3 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.
  - 2.4 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.

- 2.5 The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with I&APs and other role players which record the views of the participants.
  - 2.6 Please be advised that an original signed and 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.
  - 2.7 In addition to the above, please ensure that original signed and dated EAP and specialist declarations are also submitted with the final EIR for decision-making.
3. You are reminded that the final EIR must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 3 of GN No. R. 326 of 7 April 2017.
  4. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
  5. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.
  6. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.

Yours faithfully



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