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Attention: Admin@enviroafrica.co.za

Dear Sir or Madam

Proposed 30 m high telecommunications mast, FA 292/7, Jagersvlakte, Grabouw

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application for a 30 m high telecommunications mast on FA 292/7, Jagersvlakte, Grabouw. These comments only pertain to biodiversity-related impacts and not to the overall desirability.

According to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (WCBSP 2017), the farm is dominated by an Ecological Support Area with restoration potential (ESA2), with a small section of Critical Biodiversity Area in good condition (CBA1) at the northern corner. A non-perennial segment of the Klipdrif River runs along the farm's eastern boundary. A channelled valley-bottom wetland spreads throughout the farm and has been classified as a National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (NFPEA). The vegetation has been mapped as Kogelberg Sandstone Fynbos, which is critically endangered due to threatened plant species associations (criterion D1).

Depending on the detailed layout plan that will be provided in the upcoming public participation, the following National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) listed activities may be triggered, in addition to Listing Notice 3, Activity 3:

1. Listing Notice 3, Activity 12 (i): The clearance of 300 m² or more of indigenous vegetation within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in section 52 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEM:BA).
2. Listing Notice 1, Activity 12: The development of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 m² or more within 32 m of a watercourse or in front of a development setback.
3. Listing Notice 1, Activity 19: The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 m³ into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 m³ from a watercourse.

CapeNature would like to receive the full reports related to this application for comment. CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely



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