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Attention: Belinda Swartland

Dear Belinda Swartland

Application for departure and consent use for freestanding cellular communications base station: Portion 19 of the farm Palmiet River no. 319, Grabouw (Theewaterskloof Municipality ref: FA 319/19)

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application and would like to make the following comments. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application.

The application is for consent use and permanent departure to permit a freestanding cellular communications base station. The site is classified as No Natural on the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan. The vegetation that would have originally occurred on site is critically endangered Elgin Shale Fynbos, however there are no natural areas remaining.

Given the low biodiversity impact of the proposed development, CapeNature does not object to the application.

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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