

**PRE-APP BAR: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS RECEIVED - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 25M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON FARM NO. 551, DAL JOSAFAT, PAARL, WESTERN CAPE**

**A. PRE-APP BAR COMMENTS ON FARM NO. 551, DAL JOSAFAT, PAARL, WESTERN CAPE**

Date	Comment	I&AP	Project	Response	Respondent
18/11/2018	Dear Emily  The email below refers, Please note the comment issued by HWC dated 10 August 2018 still applies.	Heritage Western Cape	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	Dear Ms. Dhansay,  I hereby acknowledge receipt of your email dated 18 November 2018.  Please note that your comment is duly noted.  Kind regards,	EnviroAfrica
19/11/2018	1. The pre-application Draft BAR and letter dated 13 November 2018, received by this Department on 14 November 2018, refer.  2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Department.  3. Please note that this Department will consider the pre-application Draft BAR and issue a comment within the prescribed 30-day commenting period which ends on 14 December 2018.  4. Kindly quote the abovementioned 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. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw any comments or request further information from you based on any information received.	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	Dear Bernadette,  The Department's acknowledgement letter dated 19 November 2018, refers.  Please note that your comment is duly noted.  Kind regards,	EnviroAfrica
03/12/2018	To Whom it may concern With reference to previous comments as per Annexure 7, it is not clear from documentation  1. Why the proposed location is seen as the best option?	Lodewikus Hanekom	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	Dear Mr. Hanekom,  Your email comment dated 03 December 2018, refers.  Please note that your comment is noted.  Please see responses to your points raised below:  1. This option causes the least harm to the environment as the site is not located within a Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) or Ecological Support Area (ESA). It is strategically placed due to its proximity to existing masts, coverage needed and thus the coverage it can provide.	EnviroAfrica
"	2. Why this tower is required within 1 km from tower just recently erected on Dal Josaphat-BoDalPad?	Lodewikus Hanekom	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	2. The proposed mast is strategically placed due to its proximity to existing masts, coverage needed and thus the coverage it can provide.	EnviroAfrica
"	3. Why the HRW did not visit my house and the site Most affected as mentioned in my letter, annexure 7 to your documentation.	Lodewikus Hanekom	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	3. Maildrops were done at your property and an advertisement was placed in the local newspaper.	EnviroAfrica
"	4. Why a shorter less intrusive tower is not considered?	Lodewikus Hanekom	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	4. Please note that alternatives were considered under Section E of the Pre-App Basic Assessment Report ("BAR").	EnviroAfrica
"	5. Why a tower on higher ground is not considered, taking into account that this site is in "Die Dal" so-called due to its low lying area.	Lodewikus Hanekom	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	5. The proposed mast is strategically placed due to its proximity to existing masts, coverage needed and thus the coverage it can provide. The current site causes the least harm to the environment.	EnviroAfrica
"	6. Why your map does not indicate the extensive water area on the neighbouring farm 548, which will impact on birdlife and flight paths.  Your research does not seem conclusive!  I still maintain you might find a better option by allocating your new facility in an area not currently covered by existing suppliers. Can you prove the viability and feasibility with operators who would like to support your facility financially! Or is this another Me-too attempt to cover the area in poles every kilometre?  Thank you	Lodewikus Hanekom	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	6. Please note that a copy of the National Freshwater Ecosystems Priority Areas Map of the site can be seen on page 19 of the Pre-App BAR.  Thank you for providing comment on the Pre-App BAR.  Please note that a copy of the Final BAR will go out for comment in due course.  Kind regards,	EnviroAfrica

14/12/2018	<p>Dear Emile,</p> <p>RE: CapeNature comment on Pre-Application BAR for the proposed development of 25m high telecommunications mast on Farm 551 Paarl.</p> <p>CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application and wish to make the following comments. Please note that our comments pertain only to the biodiversity and ecological aspects of the receiving environment and not to the overall desirability of the application.</p> <p>1. Our comments of 14 August 2018 are correctly captured in the comments and responses table.</p> <p>The response to the query regarding access to the site is noted with the use of an existing road meaning no additional environmental impact.</p> <p>2. It is confirmed that there is no further comment or objection from CapeNature.</p> <p>CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	CapeNature	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>Dear Philippa,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the attached comment dated 14 December 2018.</p> <p>Please note that your comment is duly noted.</p> <p>Thank you for providing comment on the aforementioned NEMA application.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
18/12/2018	<p>1. The pre-application Draft BAR and letter dated 13 November 2018 and this Department's acknowledgement letter dated 19 November 2019, refer.</p> <p>2. This letter serves as comment on the aforementioned document by this Department.</p>	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>Dear Bernadette,</p> <p>The Department's comment dated 18 December 2018, refers.</p> <p>Please see the responses to your points raised below:</p> <p>2. Noted.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>3. According to the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The proposal entails the development of a 25m high lattice mast on Farm No. 551, Dal Josafat, Paarl.</li> <li>* The proposal will have a development footprint of approximately 144m<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>* No indigenous vegetation is present on the site.</li> <li>* No watercourses are present on the site or within 32m of the proposed site.</li> <li>* Electricity supply and access to the proposed site exists.</li> <li>* Antennas will be attached at the top of the mast and the mast's base station will be closed with a 2.4m high palisade fence.</li> <li>* The site is zoned for Agriculture and is located outside the urban area of Paarl.</li> </ul>	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>3. Noted.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>4. This Department's comments are as follows:</p> <p>4.1. The Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") must include details of the following:</p> <p>4.1.1. The EAP who prepared the EMPr; and</p> <p>4.1.2. The expertise of the EAP to prepare an EMPr, including a curriculum vitae.</p>	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>4.1.1. Noted. Please note that the details of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) who prepared the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) was added as Appendix K9 of the Final Bar for Comment as well as on page 2 of the EMPr.</p> <p>4.1.2. Noted. The Expertise of the EAP who compiled the EMPr was inserted on Page 2 of the EMPr and the Curriculum Vitae of the EAP was added as Appendix K9 of the FBAR for comment.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>4.2. It was indicated that the EMPr that an environmental audit report will be submitted to the Department within six months after construction activities has been completed and after the site have been rehabilitated. Please be advised that in terms of Regulation 34(2)(d) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, the environmental audit report must be conducted and submitted to the Department at intervals indicated in the environmental authorisation.</p>	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>4.2. Noted. Corrections were made to the auditing requirements under point 16.3 of the EMPr (page 17 of EMPr).</p>	EnviroAfrica

"	<p>4.3. It is indicated that the power will be sourced from the landowner. Please provide written confirmation that there is sufficient capacity to accommodate the proposed development.</p> <p>4.4. Since the site is zoned for agricultural use, comment from the Department of Agriculture must be included in the BAR.</p>	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>4.3. Please note that after consultation with the land owner and the applicant, it was now confirmed that the power will be sourced from the Drakenstein Municipality. An application to obtain power for the proposed mast was submitted to Drakenstein Municipality.</p> <p>4.4. Noted. However, please note that no comment was received from the Department of Agriculture to date. An Initial notification letter was sent to the Department of Agriculture on 05 July 2018 and the Pre-Application BAR was distributed to the Department of Agriculture on 14 November 2018. No comments were received from the Department of Agriculture. The FBAR that will go out for comment will be distributed to the Department of Agriculture in due course. Please refer to Appendix F12 for the proof of notifications.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	4.5. The Public Participation Process must comply with the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations 2014, and proof of compliance with all the steps undertaken must be included in the BAR.	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	4.5. Noted. Please refer to Appendix F for the PPP undertaken.	EnviroAfrica
"	4.6. Omission of any required information in terms of Appendices 1 and 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, with regards to the final submission of the BAR and EMP, respectively to the Department, may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	4.6. Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	4.7. Be advise dthat an originally signed and dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the final BAR 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.	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	4.7. Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	4.8. In addition to the above, please ensure that original signed and dated Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") declaration is also submitted with the final BAR for decision-making.	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	4.8. Noted.	
"	5. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	5. Noted.	
"	6. 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 10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or both such fine and imprisonment.	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	6. Noted.	
"	7. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw any comments or request further information from you based on any information received.	DEA&DP: Region 1	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>7. Noted.</p> <p>Thank you for providing comment on the Pre-Application for the aforementioned proposed development.</p>	EnviroAfrica