

NO.	DATE	AFFILIATION	REFERENCE NUMBER	COMMENTS	RESPONSE	RESPONDENT
Comments on Initial PPP						
1	04-10-2019	Resident Napier & Secretary of Southern Overberg Branch of Botanical Society of South Africa		<p>Good day, Kindly register me as an Interested and Affected Party regarding this proposed development.</p> <p>I am a concerned property owner and resident of Napier (15 years), as well as a member (and Secretary) of the Southern Overberg Branch of the Botanical Society of South Africa, and wish to be kept informed about all aspects of the proposed development.</p> <p>My preferred method of communication is via email - dorothy.buggs@gmail.com</p> <p>Regards, Dorothy Ann Buggs Residential address: Erf 896, 5 Station Rd, Napier. Postal address: PO Box 284, Napier, 7270 Tel: 028 4233128 Mobile: 082 8577260</p>	<p>Hi Dorothy I will register you as an I&AP.</p> <p>Kind regards Inge</p>	EnviroAfrica
2	04-10-2019	Dr Odette Curtis-Scot Overberg Conservation Trust		<p>To Whom It May Concern</p> <p>Please see attached letter registering the ORCT as an IAP on the above-mentioned proposed development.</p> <p>RE: PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 3 OF FARM 143, VIERFONTEIN, NAPIER, WESTERN CAPE</p> <p>We hereby register as an Interested and Affected Party on the above-mentioned proposed development.</p>		EnviroAfrica

			<p>Our initial concerns include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development is too close to a watercourse, and given the fact that the developer (Napier Berries Pty. Ltd) has already impacted significantly on the water source (through the building of a dam), we feel that any further disruption within this catchment would be unacceptable. - The development includes ‘under’ 20 ha of Critically Endangered vegetation. This surely does not need any further explanation – the term CRITICALLY ENDANGERED means just that. This vegetation cannot afford any further losses: it currently faces severe threat from the spread of alien invasive vegetation (and this is particularly relevant for this vegetation type which also houses an extraordinary proportion of rare and endemic species). - The fact that the proposed development areas are currently invaded by invasive alien vegetation should have NO BEARING on this proposal. Extensive areas of the Napier Mountain Conservancy (of which Vierfontein is a member) have been successfully cleared of aliens, with the Fynbos making a remarkable recovery. Thus, using the excuse (which is apparently being given to concerned residents) that the area ‘is just aliens’ is unwarranted and completely irrelevant. - This brings us to the next crucial factor here: Vierfontein (or Napier Berries (Pty.) Ltd) have done no (or little) alien clearing on the property, excepting areas they have cleared for development. This is the case, despite the fact that a verbal commitment to clear ‘all the aliens’ on the property at public meetings held with the residents of Napier (during the application for the dam authorisation several years ago). To date, we have seen no delivery of this commitment. In fact, the alien invasion on the 	<p>Noted. Please refer to the Botanical Impact Assessment (Appendix G1) and the Freshwater Verification report (Appendix G2) of the Draft Basic Assessment Report.</p> <p>Alien vegetation clearing is a mitigation measure described in the Botanical Assessment and the EMP, and should be made a condition of the Environmental Authorisation, should Environmental Authorisation be granted.</p>	
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				<p>property owned by Napier Berries (Pty.) Ltd has only worsened.</p> <p>- We also therefore request to see copies of all the previous Environmental Authorisations (EAs) issued for the existing developments on this property: from the clearing of virgin land to the construction of the dam. We also request copies of the Compliance Audits associated with these EAs. We would like to understand exactly what conditions were attached to these development approvals and if and how they have been adhered to by the developer.</p>		
3	07-10-2019	Bertus Haward Elsabe Zieff Cape Agulhas Municipality		<p>Sir / Madam, What does the proposed development entail? Thank you Elsabe,</p> <p>Het ons 'n afskrif van die aansoek gekry?</p> <p>Dankie</p> <p>Bertus Hayward</p>	<p>Goeie dag</p> <p>Dit is n beplande Blueberry ontwikkeling. Ons is nog in baie vroeë stadium van die projek. Die brief dien net as n "notification". Die munisipaliteit sal verdere verslae op CD ontvang.</p> <p>Groete Inge</p>	EnviroAfrica
4	08-10-2019	Dorothy Buggs Secretary of Southern Overberg Branch of Botanical Society of South Africa		<p>Good day,</p> <p>Please find attached the request to be registered for the Public Participation Process regarding the Proposed Agricultural Development on Ptn 3 of the Farm 143 Vierfontein, Napier. Our initial concerns are listed in the attached document. Email is our preferred method of communication.</p>	<p>Dear Heather</p> <p>Your concern in noted. I will include your comment in the Comment and Response report and register you as an I&AP.</p> <p>Kind regards, Inge</p>	EnviroAfrica

			<p>Yours faithfully, Dorothy Buggs Secretary</p> <p>RE: PROPOSED AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 3 OF FARM 143 VIERFONTEIN, NAPIER, WESTERN CAPE.</p> <p>We hereby request to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party on the above-mentioned proposed development.</p> <p>Included in the mission of Bot. Soc. branches is "..... the CONSERVATION, cultivation, study, enjoyment and wise use OF THE INDIGENOUS FLORA AND VEGETATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA."</p> <p>With the above-stated mission in mind, our initial concerns are as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed development area ("less than" 20Ha) includes Critically Endangered indigenous vegetation (Fynbos), and which contains an extraordinary proportion of rare and endemic species. <p>The fact that the area is largely infested with invasive alien vegetation is not an acceptable reason for proposal of the development. It has been shown many times that once cleared of the alien vegetation the natural indigenous vegetation recovers very quickly.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Past developments by Napier Berries (Pty) Ltd, have already had a significant impact on the Napier environs, seen by many residents, and visitors to the area, as "very negative". 	<p>Noted. Please refer to the Botanical Impact Assessment (Appendix G1) and the Freshwater Verification report (Appendix G2) of the Draft Basic Assessment Report.</p> <p>Alien vegetation clearing is a mitigation measure described in the Botanical Assessment and the EMP, and should be made a condition of the Environmental Authorisation, should Environmental Authorisation be granted.</p> <p>According to the Botanical Assessment, evidence of alien clearing in the past is evident.</p> <p>To our knowledge, no compliance audits have been conducted.</p>	
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				<p>3. It would seem that the developers have not complied with previous conditions of approval (e.g. clearing of alien vegetation) for the past developments. Have audits been done? What oversight was/is there? We would like to see, and hereby request to be provided with, previous Environmental Authorisations (EAs), as well as Compliance Audits associated therewith.</p> <p>4. The proximity of the proposed development to the Klippedrif River, a natural watercourse which supplies water to the Napier communities, is of great concern, especially regarding any use of herbicides and pesticides for berry production. The current building of a dam in the upper reaches of river has already had a severe impact on the river and its environs.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>		
5	13-10-2019	Eddie Cassani Private and member of Southern Overberg Branch of Botanical Society of South Africa		<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>As a member of the Botanical Society of South Africa and a resident of Napier, I share the concerns voiced in the attached letter of objection (Refer to previous comment) I would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party on the above development on my own behalf, as a private individual. My preferred means of communication is by e-mail.</p> <p>Eddie Cassani</p>	<p>Good day Angela and Eddie</p> <p>Your concern in noted. I will include your comment in the Comment and Response report and register you as an I&AP.</p> <p>Kind regards Inge</p>	EnviroAfrica
6	17-10-2019	Angela Altendorfer Private and member of Southern Overberg Branch of Botanical Society of South Africa		<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>As a member of the Botanical Society of South Africa and a resident of Napier, I share the concerns voiced in the attached letter (see previous comment) of objection I would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party</p>	<p>Good day Angela and Eddie</p> <p>Your concern in noted. I will include your comment in the Comment and Response report and register you as an I&AP.</p>	EnviroAfrica

				<p>on the above development on my own behalf, as a private individual.</p> <p>My preferred means of communication is by e-mail.</p> <p>Angela Altendorfer</p> <p>028 423 3095 072 283 5282</p>	<p>Kind regards Inge</p>	
7	16-10-2019/ 17-10-2019/ 17-10-2019	Waldemar Gouws Napier Resident		<p>Dear Ms Waters Kindly please forward the attachment to your director, Mr De Witt. Thanking you. Sincerely Waldemar Gouws</p> <p>Dear Ms Waters It strikes me now that I haven't dated my letter to Mr De Witt. So, the omission has now been fixed in the attachment. My apologies for wasting your time. Sincerely Waldemar Gouws</p> <p>Dear Mr De Witt Attached please find an amended version of my first letter to you. I was advised to be constructive and rather not to include a swearword. That obscene word was supposed to convey a degree of dismay, disgust and despair on my side in the face of what is called development. As EE Cummings said: "Progress is a comfortable disease." Sincerely</p>	<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Your concern in noted. I will include your updated comment in the Comment and Response report and register you as an I&AP.</p> <p>Kind regards Inge</p>	EnviroAfrica

			<p>Waldemar Gouws</p> <p>PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 3 OF FARM 143, VIERFONTEIN, NAPIER, WESTERN CAPE</p> <p>I wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party because I would like to embrace and support your public participation process regarding the (unethically conceived) above-mentioned proposal. As resident of Napier I view it as an honour to be able to protest in order to protect the last vestiges of the fynbos around the village – this vegetation type that has gained the status of World Heritage Site. The Napier Mountain Conservancy needs to be supported, not to be undermined.</p> <p>I hereby object to, firstly, the proposed interference within the watercourse and, secondly, to the proposed clearance of up to 20 ha of vegetation.</p> <p>The latter activity includes the removal of a critically endangered vegetation type and thus a further habitat fragmentation that will have a marked effect on biodiversity and the functioning of the ecosystem.</p> <p>Furthermore, what the owners of Vierfontein owe us, as concerned residents of Napier and immediate guardians of our environment, is the clearing of all alien, invasive vegetation on the property. They have entered into a verbal contract with Napier in this regard. You will be able to determine the extent of this particular detrimental situation.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Please refer to the Botanical Impact Assessment (Appendix G1) of the Draft Basic Assessment Report.</p> <p>Alien vegetation clearing is a mitigation measure described in the Botanical Assessment and the EMP, and should be made a condition of the Environmental Authorisation, should Environmental Authorisation be granted.</p>	
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8.	17-10-2019	Heather Dalton Napier Resident		<p>Dear Inge</p> <p>I would please like to register as an Interested and Affected Party for the Public Participation Process for the proposed developed on portion 3 of farm 143, Vierfontein, Napier.</p> <p>My name is Heather D’Alton. My address is: 25 High Street, Napier And this is my email address: hdalton696@gmail.com</p> <p>I write this email in my personal capacity, as someone who loves running and walking on the Napier mountain. Given that the Fynbos on the mountain is Critically Endangered (Overberg Sandstone Fynbos), it would seem to be unwise to consider removing this for agricultural purposes. I have</p>	<p>Dear Heather</p> <p>Your concern in noted. I will include your comment in the Comment and Response report and register you as an I&AP.</p> <p>Kind regards Inge</p>	EnviroAfrica

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				<p>walked in the stretch of land below the proposed development, which is heavily infested with invasive species. And even here you'll find a wealth of Fynbos plants growing between the invasive species. So while the proposed section may have invasive plants on it, this should not be a reason to remove it.</p> <p>The Napier mountain is a very special place - one that's certainly close to my heart. That's because of the beauty of this mountain, and the natural vegetation found here. It would be devastating to lose any more of this very special natural world.</p> <p>Kind regards, Heather</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Please refer to the Botanical Impact Assessment (Appendix G1)) of the Draft Basic Assessment Report.</p> <p>Alien vegetation clearing is a mitigation measure described in the Botanical Assessment and the EMP, and should be made a condition of the Environmental Authorisation, should Environmental Authorisation be granted.</p>	
9.	18-10-2019	Gys Wessels Contact person Sanddrift Trust which owns farm 3/143		<p>Good Morrow</p> <p>I would like to register as a interested and affected party (although I suspect I have already been designated as such on your system)</p> <p>I am Gys Wessels I am the contact person of Sanddrift Trust which owns farm 3/143 My cell number is: 0827711266 I would preferred to be contacted by e-mail.</p>	<p>Noted. You have been registered as an I&AP</p>	EnviroAfrica
10.	21-10-2019	Kathy Hardy Napier Resident		<p>PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 3 OF FARM 143, VIERFONTEIN, NAPIER, WESTERN CAPE</p> <p>Please register me as an individual I&AP. I would prefer email communications.</p>	<p>Noted. You have been registered as an I&AP.</p>	EnviroAfrica

			<p>Kathy Hardy 15 Almond St, Napier, 7270. Tel: 028 4233016 082 6045212 email : gorgeous@mweb.co.za</p> <p>I do not have any business or financial interest in the said development, besides being a resident of Napier.</p> <p>My first concern is whether the extension of the berry farm would be of any advantage to the local environment and the people of Napier?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to my knowledge there is virtually no economic advantage, as the majority of the farm employees do not reside in Napier. 2. Should there be clear proof that the farm provides employment to residents of Napier, the proposed extension would have some validity. 3. Clearly there is no environmental advantage, given the clearing of the indigenous flora, as well as the resulting effect on fauna. <p>Secondly, as a resident I have concerns regarding any clear disadvantages of the development?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. There can be no doubt that the water requirements of the berry farm will increase as the farm develops. 5. This will inevitably endanger Napier’s water supply in the future, if it has not already done so – ref the new upstream dam . 	<p>Please refer to Section D and Section F (1)(c) for the Socio-economic information of the proposed development.</p> <p>Noted. Please refer to the Botanical Impact Assessment (Appendix G1).</p> <p>To the EAPs knowledge, water will be sourced from existing allocation.</p>	
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				<p>6. The presence of yet more tunnels and farming activity on the proposed extension site will certainly have a seriously negative effect on the appearance and therefore the whole tone of the Napier Mountain.</p> <p>Therefore, is there any doubt that the vast majority of Napier residents will object to the proposal?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed clearing of land carries absolutely no benefits for Napier. • The clearing of fynbos and increase in farming activities involves serious disadvantages. • The only benefits in the proposal will accrue to the farm Vierfontein, which is already sufficiently large to survive and prosper. • Therefore any Napier resident will undoubtedly object to the proposal. 	<p>Noted. Please refer to Section D</p> <p>Noted</p>	
11.	04-11-2019	Napier Mountain Conservancy "Oshana" Stephen Smuts L Richardson		<p>To Whom it May Concern - We would hereby like to register Napier Mountain Conservancy as an interested and affected party for the above-mentioned proposed development.</p> <p>There are 6 property-owners and members of the Conservancy. Our aim as members is to collectively conserve around 1,800 hectares of Critically Endangered Overberg Sandstone Fynbos and to help secure this catchment's ecosystem services (including water, flood management and biodiversity) for the surrounding area, its businesses, agriculture and the town of Napier. The 20ha of the application are part of this catchment.</p>	<p>Noted. You have been registered as an I&AP</p>	EnviroAfrica

				<p>Major investments to secure the optimum functioning of the catchment are being made by government and Conservancy property owners in order to control alien invasive plants and wildfires.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Stephen Smuts Chairman Napier Mountain Conservancy "Oshana" Napier 7270 Cell: 0769720450 Email (preferred method of notification): stephensmuts1@gmail.com</p> <p><u>and</u></p> <p>L Richardson Secretary Napier Mountain Conservancy 39 Reservoir St Napier Cell: 0823290249 Email (preferred method of notification): LRichard@mweb.co.za</p>		
12	04-11-2019	Louise Wessels Napier Mountain Conservancy "Oshana"		<p>Just checking have we voted to declare "our" concern?</p> <p>Louise Wessels 0833270477</p>	<p>Dear Ms Wessels</p> <p>We have register Napier Mountain Conservancy "Oshana" as an I&AP and included the comment in the</p>	EnviroAfrica

			<p>On 04 Nov 2019, at 12:55, Lesley Richardson <LRichard@mweb.co.za> wrote:</p> <p>To Whom it May Concern - We would hereby like to register Napier Mountain Conservancy as an interested and affected party for the above-mentioned proposed development.</p> <p>There are 6 property-owners and members of the Conservancy. Our aim as members is to collectively conserve around 1,800 hectares of Critically Endangered Overberg Sandstone Fynbos and to help secure this catchment's ecosystem services (including water, flood management and biodiversity) for the surrounding area, its businesses, agriculture and the town of Napier. The 20ha of the application are part of this catchment.</p> <p>Major investments to secure the optimum functioning of the catchment are being made by government and Conservancy property owners in order to control alien invasive plants and wildfires.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Stephen Smuts Chairman Napier Mountain Conservancy "Oshana" Napier 7270 Cell: 0769720450 Email (preferred method of notification): stephensmuts1@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments and Response report. The proved details will be included in the I&AP list</p> <p>Kind regards Inge</p>	
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13	04-11-2019	Department Agriculture Sustainable Resource Management: LandCare Overberg Gary Jones		<p>Good day</p> <p>I will like to register as an I&AP from Western Cape Department of Agriculture (Bredasdorp Office). My Contact details are below.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Gary Jones Sustainable Resource Management: LandCare Overberg Western Cape Department of Agriculture Western Cape Government</p> <p>P.O. Box 1138, Old Albert Myburgh Hostel, Golf Street, Bredasdorp 7280</p> <p>Telephone: 028 425 4813 Fax: 028 425 2682 Email: garyj@elsenburg.com Provincial ebsite: www.westerncape.gov.za</p>	Noted. You have been registered as an I&AP	EnviroAfrica
14	04-11-2019	BGCMA		1. Good day Inge	1. HI Vhengani	EnviroAfrica

		<p>Vhengani Ligudu</p>		<p>Here in BGCMA we received a complaint regarding the activities in the Property 3/143 Vierfontein in Napier. I would like to arrange a site visit before I can provide comments, are you available next week Wednesday? Regards Vhengani Ligudu</p> <p>2. Inge Thanks for responding, can you please forward me the contact details of your colleague who is working on the project. Regards Vhengani Ligudu</p> <p>3. Thanks Inge</p>	<p>I am no longer on this project but I will divert your email colleague. Kind regards Inge</p> <p>2. Dear Vhengani The consultant for this project will be Clinton Geysler.</p> <p>We are in the very early stages of the project and specialist was only recently appointed to conduct their site visits. As I understand people are complaining about previous activities that took place on Property 3/143 Vierfontein in Napier that has nothing to do with this proposed development.</p> <p>Kind regards Inge</p>	
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				<p>I think the complaint was about the dam that is on Portion 4, I will request the site visit once the report become available.</p> <p>Regards</p>		
15	04-11-2019	BGCMA Vhengani Ligudu	4/10/1/G5 OD/FARM VIERFONTE IN 143/3/NAPI ER	<p>RE: PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 3 OF FARM 143 VIERFONTEIN, NAPIER, WESTERN CAPE.</p> <p>With reference to the above mentioned document received by this office n 10/10/2019 .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BGMA would like to register as I&AP and will therefore request a report for commenting when I becomes available. • Any activity within the 1:100 year floodline or within 100m of a watercourse (river, spring, natural channel, a lake or dam) or within a 500m radius from the delineated boundary (extent) of any wetland or pan triggers a water use activity in terms of Section n21 (c) & (i) of the NWA (Act 36 of 1998). • Please note that engaging in activity that triggers the National Water Act without authroisation is an office an will result in the BGCMA taking legal action against the proponent in terms of the NWA (Act 36 of 1998). <p>This officer reserces the right to amend and revise its comments as well as to request any further information.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further enquiries.</p>	<p>Noted. You have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party.</p> <p>Please refer to the freshwater verification (Appendix G2).</p>	EnviroAfrica

16	06-12-2019	CapeNature Rhett Smart		<p>1. To whom it may concern We have only now received notification of the attached application and wish to provide comment. Please can you advise regarding the current status of the application and by when we can provide comment as well as access to the documents. We generally request that we receive a CD Copy via post or courier although we will accept downloads if the documents are not too large.</p> <p>Can you also please inform us of the status of the CARA cultivation application and whether CapeNature provided inputs for this.</p> <p>Please take note that there will soon be an official communication regarding CapeNature commenting on land use applications.</p> <p>Regards Rhett</p> <p>2. Hi Inge and Clinton</p> <p>Thank you for the response. We don't need to provide comment before the Pre-App BAR. Please can you send the report to 16 17th Avenue, Voëlklip, Hermanus, 7200 for the attention Vicki Hudson. There will be a formal communication to the EAPs next year regarding CapeNature comments on applications.</p> <p>Regards Rhett</p>	<p>1. Good day Please note that we are in very early stages of the project. The attached letter aims to notify all potential I&APs of the proposed project and invite them to register as I&APs as part of the initial Public Participation Process.</p> <p>CapeNature will have the opportunity to comment on the Pre-App BAR (one it is available) and a CD copy will be posted to your offices and the report will also be available on the EnviroAfrica website.</p> <p>Kind regards Inge Erasmus</p> <p>2. Will do! I will add this address to the I&AP list.</p> <p>Kind regards Inge</p>	EnviroAfrica
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