

INITIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS RECEIVED - PROPOSED EXPANSION OF AN INSTREAM DAM ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM NO. 792, ZWARTFONTEIN, MALMESBURY, WESTERN CAPE

A. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE INITIAL ROUND OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Date	Comment	I&AP	Project	Response	Respondent
28/03/2020	<p>Good afternoon Inge,</p> <p>Please register me as WCDoA commenting person on behalf of Cor.</p> <p>Please send all new information to me and cc Anneke to file for comment.</p> <p>Greetings</p> <p>Jan Smith District Manager: LandCare West Coast</p>	WC: Department of Agriculture	Zwartfontein Dam	Noted and included in the I&AP register.	EnviroAfrica
29/03/2020	<p>Your Reference Number: 3238366</p> <p>We Acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2019-03-29 regarding BLACK ORCHARD (PTY) LTD: PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE EXISTING ZWARTFONTEIN DAM WALL, RE ZWARTFONTEIN FARM NO. 792, MALMESBURY and confirm that the correspondence is being referred to the relevant Department for attention.</p> <p>Reference Number: 3238366</p>	Swartland Municipality	Zwartfontein Dam	<p>Dear Sir/ Madam,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence dated 29 March 2019.</p> <p>Please find your email correspondence dated 29 March 2019 attached to this email.</p> <p>The contents of your email correspondence dated 29 March 2019 is duly noted.</p> <p>Thank you for providing comment on the aforementioned proposal.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
04/04/2020	<p>CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Background Information Document for this application and wish to make the following comments:</p> <p>1. Historically, the proposed development site would have supported Swartland Shale Renosterveld. The site has however been cultivated and there is no natural terrestrial vegetation occurring on the site including the potential expansion area. A botanical specialist assessment is therefore not deemed necessary.</p>	CapeNature	Zwartfontein Dam	<p>Dear Alana,</p> <p>Our telecom earlier today and your Department's comment dated 04 April 2019, refers.</p> <p>Please see responses to your points raised in the aforementioned comment dated 04 April 2019 below:</p> <p>1. Noted. A Botanical Assessment was undertaken and was attached to the Pre Application BAR as Appendix G1.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>2. The stream in which the dam is located has been heavily modified. It has however been determined as an Ecological Support Area category 2 (ESA2) which are areas which are acknowledged as being degraded but are still important for ecological processes and/or ecosystem services. In this case, the stream is a tributary of the Berg River and should be assisting with maintaining flows. Therefore, consideration should be given to potential positive impacts of the dam that could compensate for increased abstraction and storage of water from the Berg River. For example, not abstracting water from the Berg River at all during the drier months and determining ways to improve riparian and instream habitat of the Berg River and tributaries that are located within the study area.</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 Alana Duffel-Canham</p>	CapeNature	Zwartfontein Dam	<p>2. It is proposed that topsoil from the drainage line be used for rehabilitation.</p> <p>Please note that I am currently busy compiling the draft BAR for comment.</p> <p>I would like to thank you for providing comment on the aforementioned proposal.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica