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# **Comments and Response Report**

Part 2 Amendment for the Development of a Small Beachfront Security Estate on Portions 66 and 67 of the Farm Brakkloof 443, Plettenberg Bay, Western Cape.

DEA&DP Ref. No: 16/3/3/5/D1/14/0011/25

#### **APPROACH**

The public participation process for the Project was undertaken with due reference to Section 39 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Specifically, this comprised the following activities:

- The Notice of Intent to Submit an application was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) in 02 December 2024, and acknowledged on 20 February 2025.
- A 30-Day Pre-Application Public Participation Process was undertaken which ran from 05 June 2025 to 07 July 2025.
- All Registered Interested and Affected Parties identified in the BAR process were notified of the Amendment via email. Registered I&AP's that do not have email addressed were notified via registered mail.
- Advertisement of the Amendment Application was done via the local newspaper, the Knysna-Plett Herald.
- Two site signs were placed at the site in areas that can be easily viewed by the public.
- All documents were made available on the Eco Route website.
- A second 30-Day Public Participation Process was undertaken following the submission of the Amendment application to DEA&DP, which ran from 24 July to 25 August 2025.
- A stakeholder and Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) database was prepared for the project (Annexure 3).
- The preparation of an Issues Trail, listing the comments received throughout the public participation process to date (Annexure 4).
- BOCMA consultation regarding WULA is incorporated into Annexure 5
- Evidence of comments received have been included in Annexure 6.
- Evidence of notifications sent to I&APs have been included in Annexure 7. Emails sent to private individuals have been excluded from annexure 2 due to the POPI Act.

KNYSNA-PLETT HERALD Thursday 5 June 2025

#### SWD CRICKET

# Badgers squad: Fresh faces and new ambitions



has unveiled its professional squad for the upcoming 2025/26 season,

for the upcoming JUZYZO season and big changes are on the cards for the Garden Route Badgers. After a disappointing 3024/25 campaign, the team is turning a new page with the appointment of Letlotti Sesele as head coach. Sesele is bringing fresh energy and a renewed sense of purpose to the squad, aiming to lift performances across the board

One of the biggest shake-ups can be seen in the bowling department, where several exciting new recruits have joined the ranks. However, the Badgers also suffered a major loss with the departure of star wristspinner Thomas Kaber, who has signed with the division 1 outfit, the

To fill that gap, the Badgers have napped up takented former SA 119 and Warriors spinner Liam Alder, a promising young player with great potential. Adding further depth to the bowling attack

are Banele Cele of the Dolphins, Mondli Khumalo, a former SA U19 player of the Tuskers, and Zack Momberg, who joins from the Lions Like Alder, Momberg matriculated from King Edward

VII School in Johannesburg. One of the most talked-about signings is Benni Hansen's, the 2024 SA Schools and SA U19 captain and wicketkeeper-batsman. Hansen joins from Western Province and is expected to make a big impact on

expected to make a big impact on and off the field. Despite the changes, the Badgers have held onto several key players. Middle-order batsman George van Heerden, their top scorer across

all formats last season, remains with the squad. Van Heerden is currently touring Bangladesh as captain of the SA Emerging team.

Also staying on are explosive wicketkeeper-batsman Luke Beaufort and all-rounder Pheko Moletsane, who enjoyed an

excellent 2024/25 season. Top-order batsmen Yaseen Valli,

Ruan Terblanche and Kyle Jacobs will serve the second year of their two-year contracts.

Sesele expressed his optimism about the season ahead, saying "I'm excited about this squad. We want to improve, compete hard and make our presence felt in every

competition."
SWD CEO Albertus Kernedy echoed his sentiments. "We believe this group has what it takes. We've focused on strengthening key areas, and we're confident it will show in our results.

# The SWD Badgers contracted squad

Liam Alder, Luke Beaufort. Banele Cele, Benni Hansen, Kyle Jacobs, Mondli Khumalo, Pheko Moletsane, Zack Momberg, Ruan

Motesane, Zack Momberg, I Terblanche, Yaseen Valli and George van Heerden. High-performance contracts: Tyrece Karelse, Sintu Majiza, Liyabona Malife and Heath Richards





# OAKHILL SCHOOL

Oakhill School, a co-educational day school situated in the beautiful town of Knysna, on the Garden Route, seeks to appoint an IT/AV Technician with proven skills and experience. The successful candidate will work in cooperation with the IT Coordinator to provide ICT support to the school's staff and students and work on development projects. The job will ensuring that all hardware and software work properly, assembling hardware and installing or deleting software, and set up and operation of audiovisual equipment for school events and functions. Applicants must be self-motivated and enthus iastic with good communication skills; able to deal with people at all levels of the school by phone, email and at their desk. A methodical but flexible approach is needed in the school's busy team environment This is a full-time, permanent position, reporting to the IT Coordinator.

#### IT/AV Technician

Experience and qualifications for the role:

- Relevant certifications (CompTIA A+, Network+, Security+, Microsoft, AVIXA CTS).

  Minimum of 1-year proven experience in similar role.

  Previous experience working in the educational sector would be advantageous.

  Must have proficient Knowledge in computer hardware and software systems and programs, computer troubles hooting, computer viruses and security, email and internet programs. Windows and macOS operating systems
- Must be familiar with Chromebooks, basic hardware repairs, Google Workspace for Education and Microsoft 365.
- Must have a basic understanding of networking, including Wi-Fi and LAN.
- Must be familiar with AV equipment such as projectors, mixers, microphones, and
- Must be familiar with the POPI Act, and discretion and trustworthiness are a must Excellent organisational and multitasking skills, with the ability to prioritise and manage
- multiple projects simultaneously.
- Must demonstrate analytical and problem-solving skills.
   Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to interact effectively. with staff, students and contractors at all levels.
- Must be physically fit with a bility to lift and move heavy equipment (possibly up to 25kg) and be comfortable with heights as ladder work may be required when working on cables
- in ceilings and on roofs. Valid South African ID and South African Drivers licence with own vehicle and ability to transport equipment to functions if needed
- Contactable references
- Bilingual (English / Afrikaans / isiXhosa)
- · Resides in or willing to relocate to Knysna, Western Cape

Please submit a CV with a covering letter to experiencethejoy@oakhill.co.za The closing date for applications is Friday, 13 June 2025. The starting date for this position is

1 August 2025. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. If you have not heard from the school by Friday, 20 June 2025 your application can be considered unsuccessful.

Oakhill School is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Prospective employees are obliged to confirm prior to employment that they have not been consisted of a sexual and/or a minal offence by providing the following current certificates Criminal Cleanance, Sexual Offenders Cleanance and Old Phateston Cleanance and Old Phateston Cleanance.

Dakhill School, in line with POPIA (Protection of Personal Information Act) will attempt to ensure the confidential of all applicants for this rate. All reasonable measures will be in pictice to protect personal information but will be used in the recruitment selection, and reporting process. By submitting your application for this position, you are

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Figure 1: Advert placed in the Knysna-Plett Herald on 05 June 2025.



Figure 2: Site sign placed on portion 66 and 67 of 443 Brakkakloof, coordinates 34° 5'23.63"S, 23°22'8.90"E.



Figure 3: Site sign placed on portion 66 and 67 of 443 Brakkakloof, coordinates 34° 5'26.87"S, 23°22'10.37"E.

## Annexure 2: Notification to Stakeholders and I&AP's



Outlook

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- The inclusion of an additional development footprint area on building plate PO8 of 54m<sup>2</sup>, and removal of development footprint area from PO9 of 71m<sup>2</sup> that will have an overall decreased of 17m<sup>2</sup>.
- Amendment of Condition 21 as contained in the Environmental Authorisation (16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22) dated 31 July 2025.

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# Annexure 3: Interested and Affected Parties Database

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# Annexure 4: Issues and Response Register

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COMMENTS	RESPONSE				
COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) DATED 05 JUNE 2025					
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DE/	A&DP) - 20/02/2025				
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND COMMENT ON THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT					
ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE					
ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (DEA&DP REF. 16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22					
ISSUED ON 31 JULY 2022) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BEACHFRONT SECURITY ESTATE ON PORTION 66 & 67 OF FARM 443, PLETTENBERG BAY,					
WESTERN CAPE					
112012101 07 0 2					
1. The abovementioned document compiled by the appointed					
Environmental Assessment Practitioner, Ms. Joclyn Marshall (EAPASA No: 2002/500/), of Equ. Route (Ptv) Ltd., required by this Directorate via					
2022/5006), of Eco Route (Pty) Ltd., received by this Directorate via electronic mail on 02 December 2024, refers.					
Clock of the finding of the Bocotting of 202 it, follows.					
2. This letter serves as an acknowledgment of receipt of the afore-					
mentioned document by this Directorate.					
3. This Directorate considered the previous Notice of Intent which was					
submitted on 03 October 2024 with the ref 16/3/3/6/7/5/D1/14/0311/24.					
4. This Directorate has reviewed the documents and provides the following comment and guidance:					
4.1. It is noted that the proposal entails the amendment of the Site	The Application submitted on 7 July 2025 to DEA&DP is that of a Part 2				
Development Plan ("SDP") to reflect a boardwalk instead of a footpath.	Amendment.				
The boardwalk extends beyond the approved development footprint.					
4.0 Furthermore there is a revised length to the first the sure of the s	A further proposed amendment has been included in the Draft Amendment				
4.2. Furthermore, there is a revised layout proposed for the amendment of building plates that will have an overall reduction in the development	Application for the amendment of Condition 21 as contained in the Environmental Authorisation (16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22) dated 31 July 2025. This				
footprint of the building plates for P06 and P07; however, the proposed	is highlighted as red in the document.				
building footprints will extend beyond those previously assessed.					
	Condition 21 –				
4.3. According to the proposed changes to the SDP, it is noted that PO8 with the additional building plate will transvers the existing erven boundary.	The Holder must ensure the development provides the public unrestricted access to the coastal public property. A coastal access				
with the additional boliding plate will framsvers the existing erven boundary.	point should be established and maintained on the site.				

Therefor there will be additional impacts that was not assessed in the previous Environmental Authorisation.

- 4.4. Considering the impacts during the construction phase and the operational phase, there will be a change in the visual and landscaping impacts. These further highlight that there will be additional impacts which were not assessed when the initial application for Environmental Authorisation was considered.
- 4.5. The latest proposal to amendment the Environmental Authorisation (i.e., changes to the approved SDP) will result in a change to the scope of a valid environmental authorisation where such change will result in an increased level or change in the nature of impact where such level of or change in the nature of the impact was not
- assessed and included in the initial application for environmental authorisation; or
- taken into consideration in the initial application Environment authorisation.

This view is supported by the changes to the building plates / footprints and the development of a boardwalk, which were not previously assessed nor taken into account in the initial application for environmental authorisation.

The application to amend the Environmental Authorisation (Ref. 16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22 issued on 31 July 2022) must therefore follow the process described in Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, and not Part 1 as suggested in the NOI Form.

It is proposed to amend this condition to the following -

The Holder must ensure that access to the coastal public property over the servitude right of way is not restricted in accordance with the title deed condition.

Specialist inputs were obtained for the part 2 amendment application please refer to Appendix E1:

As per the Archaeological Impact Assessment: PART 2 AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR THE ATHINA ESTATE ON PORTION 66 & 67 OF THE FARM BRAKKLOOF 443, PLETTENBERG BAY1: ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – COMMENTS ON AMENDED APPLICATION DATED 27/08/2025:

I have examined the proposed amendments as described in bullet points 1 to 4 above and further described in the Amendment Report (Marshall 2025) and confirm that:

The impact on archaeological heritage resources of the proposed changes in my opinion remains LOW and there are no perceived advantages/disadvantages to archaeological resources arising from the amendments.

The findings of the archaeological impact assessment (Halkett 2022) suggested that impacts on archaeological heritage resources would be LOW without mitigation although it is acknowledged that we cannot entirely exclude the possibility of finds given that material could be deeply buried. The low heritage significance of the resources however does not warrant implementation of formal mitigation although it should be noted that the discovery of buried archaeological material during construction must nevertheless be reported to the Heritage authority (Heritage Western Cape).

# As per the Animal & Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment by Conservation Management Services:

The natural habitats available on the study site are all anthropogenically impacted, to a variable degree, but the current situation is set to deteriorate swiftly due to the devastating impact of invasive alien Acacia cyclops, which in the last few years has already spread over half of the site and which will continue to spread and mature to the further detriment of all indigenous plant and animal species in the area.

It can thus be summarized with a high degree of confidence that the study site is of no importance to the fauna predicted by the screening tool to occur on it and that the other fauna on the site is already in an advanced state of decline due to habitat transformation.

It is concluded that the proposed changes to the Environmental Authorization will not have a negative impact on the biodiversity of the site and that the installation of the boardwalk will in fact have a long-term positive impact.

#### As per the Freshwater Assessment:

I can confirm that the amendments as described above are all confined to the development footprint to the east of Robberg Road (Figure 2) and will have no additional or alternative impact on the wetland. The impacts described and assessed in the original freshwater assessment report are therefore also applicable to the updated SDP.

# As per the Terrestrial Plant Species Compliance Statement:

- 1. A boardwalk is preferable to reduce impacts on the primary dune system.
- 2. The minor increase in the number of units will not alter the botanical impacts of the proposed development.

# As per the Visual Impact Assessment:

I therefore recommend that the proposed amendments be endorsed by the powers that be, as the proposed development (inclusive of the amendments described above), would have little to no visual impact on the cultural landscape.

4.6. Please be advised that in accordance with Regulation 12(1) you are required to appoint a registered environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to manage the application which must be submitted in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014. Such an EAP must comply with the prescripts set out in Regulation 13 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, amongst others being "independent".

It has been confirmed by the Applicant that Eco Route Environmental Consultancy is no longer the Environmental Control Officer for Athina Estate. The ECO contract for the Construction and Rehabilitation phase has been completed.

Whereas, "independent", in relation to an EAP, a specialist or the person responsible for the preparation of an environmental audit report, means—

An external audit report was submitted to DEA&DP by an independent EAP in May 2025 on closure of the initial construction works.

Confirmation letter from the Applicant is included below. Please also see Appendix A. The EAP's CV is also attached as Appendix A.

- (a) that such EAP, specialist or person has no business, financial, personal or other interest in the activity or application in respect of which that EAP, specialist or person is appointed in terms of these Regulations; or
- (b) that there are no circumstances that may compromise the objectivity of that EAP, specialist or person in performing such work; excludina—
- (i) normal remuneration for a specialist permanently employed by the EAP; or
- (ii) fair remuneration for work performed in connection with that activity, application or environmental audit.

Furthermore, in accordance with Regulation 12(3) you must take all reasonable steps to verify whether the EAP complies with Regulation 13(1)(a) and 13(1)(b), meaning that you must verify that the EAP is independent and that they have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments or undertaking specialist work as required, including knowledge of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended) ("NEMA"), these Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity.

It is understood that **Eco Route Environmental Consultancy** is currently appointed to undertake the ongoing environmental control officer (ECO) responsibilities as stipulated in the Environmental Authorisation (Ref. 16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22 issued on 31 July 2022) until the activities are concluded. In light of the current business and/or financial interest, it appears that neither *Eco Route Environmental Consultancy*'s or an EAP in its employ, will conform to the definition of 'independent' should they be appointed to manage the intended application for the amendment of the Environmental Authorisation (Ref. 16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22 issued on 31 July 2022) in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014.

You are advised to verify the requirements of Regulation 13(1)(a) and (b) prior to the appointment of such a registered person to manage your intended application, or to ensure that you can demonstrate that the requirements of Regulations 13(2) and 13(3) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 have been complied with.

4.7. Please note that it is the responsibility of the applicant / proponent / EAP to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the NOI have been published or produced by the competent authority. In this regard please



ATHINA DEVELOPMENT PTY (LTD) Reg no: 2018/081918/07

**DEA&DP Attention: Danie Swanepoel** 

We have appointed Eco Route Environmental Consultancy as our ECO on site. As the management agent our responsibility was to develop all the infrastructure for roads and services. This process has now been completed as is evident in the last ECO reports. We have now handed over the development to the homeowners association who will be responsible from hereon with regards to complying with the Environmental Authorisation Ref16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22.

It is only envisioned that the first houses will be constructed in 2026, therefor the need for an Eco on site will only be required in 2026. Rehabilitation of the site can only continue post construction of each single residential house, however the rehabilitation of the site where areas were disturbed during the implementation of the services is now complete.

Should you require any information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kyle Powter 082 505 1770

Noted.

note that the form submitted to this Department is not the latest version of the Notice of Intent. The current version of the form is dated April 2024 is available on request from the Department or can be downloaded from URL: https://d7.westerncape.gov.za/eadp/resource-library/forms. Future submissions must be done on the aforementioned form until such time that a newer version has been produced and published by this Department.

- 5. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the proposed application.
- 6. This Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information from you based on any new or revised information received.

# COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS 05 JUNE 2025 – 07 JULY STATE DEPARTMENTS

# Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Branch Oceans & Coasts (O&C) – 25/06/2025

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE), Branch Oceans & Coasts (O&C) appreciates the second opportunity granted to comment on the Proposed Amendment of the environmental Authorization (EA) for the Development of a Beachfront Security Estate on Portion 66 & 67 of Farm 443, Plettenberg Bay, Western Cape. This Branch has provided recommendations in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008) ("ICM Act").

The Branch O&C has the mandate to ensure the holistic management of the coast and estuarine areas as an integrated system and promote coordinated coastal management. It ensures that the ecological integrity, natural character, and economic, social, and aesthetic value of coastal zones are maintained to ensure that people, properties, and economic activities are protected against the impacts of dynamic coastal processes.

Guided by the principles of integrated coastal management, this Branch promotes developments that promote socially justified sharing of benefits derived from a resource-rich coastal area and strives to ensure that the principles of sustainable development are upheld.

Noted

Based on the submitted section post-application BAR, the Branch O&C presents the comments stipulated below for consideration. Please note the <b>recommendations for your consideration</b> :  1. This amendment application refers to the Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued on 31 July 2024; however, the EA in Appendix G is dated 31 July 2023.	Correct.
2. The proposed amendments to the EA are the amendment of the Site Development Plan (SDP) to reflect a boardwalk instead of footpath, a revised layout proposed for the amendment of building plates that will have an overall increase in the development footprint of the building plates by 165m2 for P06 and P07 and the inclusion of an additional development footprint area on building plate PO8 of 54m2, and removal of development footprint area from PO9 of 71m2 that will have an overall decreased of 17m2. The proposed boardwalk should be constructed within the property boundaries, and the service area should not obstruct the right-of-way for the public and its establishment purpose.	A further proposed amendment has been included in the Draft Amendment Application for the amendment of Condition 21 as contained in the Environmental Authorisation (16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22) dated 31 July 2025. This is highlighted as red in the document.  Condition 21 –  The Holder must ensure the development provides the public unrestricted access to the coastal public property. A coastal access point should be established and maintained on the site.  It is proposed to amend this condition to the following –  The Holder must ensure that access to the coastal public property over the servitude right of way is not restricted in accordance with the title deed condition.
3. This Branch notes that the proposed elevated boardwalk will minimize direct contact with sensitive ecosystems, thereby reducing habitat disturbance. Indeed, studies indicate that properly designed boardwalks can facilitate the recovery of native vegetation, reduce soil compaction and erosion by limiting human trampling. From the application, it is not clear why this option was not included in the initial EA application.	Noted and agreed.
4. Using durable, non-toxic materials is recommended to ensure that the materials resist rot and withstand the impacts of coastal conditions and climate-related factors.	Durable and non-toxic materials will be used for the boardwalk. This will also reduce maintenance requirements.
5. The Branch O&C would like to remind the applicant of Section 15 NEM: ICM Act 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008)" No person, owner or occupier of land adjacent to the seashore or other coastal public property capable of erosion or accretion may require any organ of state or any other person to take measures to prevent the erosion or accretion of the seashore or intentional act or omission of that organ of state or other people."	This is noted and will be done should this be a requirement in future.

Therefore, should any protection measures be required in the future, the applicant will be required to conduct a maintenance management plan. Noted. The Applicant is aware of their Duty of Care to the environment. This is The applicant is reminded of the Duty of Care and the remediation of environmental damage, in terms of Section 28(1) of NEMA, which, also stipulated in the EMPr. specifically states that: "...Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorized by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimize and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment..." together with Section 58 of the NEM: ICMA which refers to one's duty to avoid causing adverse effects on the coastal environment. The ICM Act advocates for reasonable coastal access to the Condition 20.3. of the Environmental Authorisation per coastal and estuarine resources. Therefore, the applicant must take note (16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22) dated 31 July 2025, the ecological servitude must of the provisions of Section 13 of the ICM Act which states that "(1) Subject not be fenced on the eastern and western boundaries. This servitude will to this Act and any other applicable legislation, any natural person in the remain unfenced in perpetuity. Republic – (a) has a right of reasonable access to the coastal public property; and (b) is entitled to use and enjoy coastal public property, provided such use – (i) does not adversely affect the rights of members of the public to use and enjoy the coastal public property; (ii) does not hinder the State in the performance of its duty to protect the environment; and (iii) does not cause adverse effect. (1A) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), no person may prevent access to coastal public property." During the construction and operational phase, the applicant, together with any occupiers of the property, should only use the designated access points to the beach and ensure that the public can safely use and enjoy the coastal zone. While on the subject of public coastal access, the EA amendment, Noted and agreed. Public access will not be provided through the gated estate. The access right of way will remain in perpetuity as per the condition of states that "The property will be fenced and gated, however access to the the Title Deed and Notarial Deed of Servitude K750/1996 (Appendix O). frontal/coastal beach walking trail will not be denied. The Homeowners Association will control the development..." The branch wishes to express concerns regarding private players such as a HOA burdening itself with the responsibility of managing and controlling the public exercising the right of access to the coast. Even though this is a good gesture that could be appreciated, the concern is that this should be a municipal function or a function of a public body. In this regard, it is recommended that such an undertaking be recorded in a manner that guarantees that the coastal access right-of-way will remain in perpetuity.

9. Section 63 of the ICM Act states that when environmental authorization for coastal activities is applied for in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, the competent authority must take into account all relevant factors, including whether coastal public property, the coastal protection zone or coastal access land will be affected, and if so, the extent to which the proposed development or activity is consistent with the purpose for establishing and protecting those areas, the socio-economic impact of the proposed activities and the likely effects of coastal processes on the developmental proposal.

The proposed amendments will not affect coastal public property, the coastal protection zone or coastal access land. The amendment will not change existing rights as per the Title Deed as the servitude will give access right of way to Portion 60. Please see Appendix B

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66 & 67 of the Farm Brakkloof 443, Plettenberg Bay, Western Cape

Dear Joclyn,

I trust this email finds you well.

This comment aims to ensure that the right of public access to the coast is secured permanently, not just for as long as the HOA or developer chooses to allow it, hence the recommendation that this undertaking be formally secured and recorded in a manner to ensure that the coastal access right-of-way is preserved in perpetuity.

Kind Regards Tabisile

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Brakkloof 443, Plettenberg Bay, Western Cape

Dear Tabisile

I trust you are well.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) requested that we get clarity from your department on the following with regards to the comments you submitted -

In addition to the above it is noted from the comments from DFFE: Oceans and Coasts dated 25 June 2025 DFFE: Oceans and Coasts does not support controlled access through the estate. It is required that more information be provided in this regard as the statements made are unclear.

Please can you assist in providing clarity.

Much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

#### Joelyn Marshall

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10. You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no other additional activities outside the scope of this application may commence before an Environmental Authorization is granted by the Department.

Kindly note that the Branch Oceans & Coasts reserves the right to revise its comments and request further information based on any additional information received. All correspondence, documentation, and/or requests (hard copy and an electronic copy) should be submitted to our office via email to OCEIA@dffe.gov.za / Physical Address: Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment (DFFE), Branch: Oceans and Coast, 2 East Pier Building, East Pier Road, Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001.

Noted.

# Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP): Coastal Management – 03/07/2025

Good Day,

Your request for comment from the Sub-directorate: Coastal Management on the abovementioned part 2 amendment application received on 05 June 2025, refers.

#### 1. CONTEXT

- 1.1. The Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008) ("NEM: ICMA") is a Specific Environmental Management Act under the umbrella of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA"). The NEM: ICMA sets out to manage the nation's coastal resources, promote social equity and best economic use of coastal resources whilst protecting the natural environment. In terms of Section 38 of the NEM: ICMA, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ("the Department") is the provincial lead agency for coastal management in the Western Cape as well as the competent authority for the administration of the "Management of public launch sites in the coastal zone (GN No. 497, 27 June 2014) 'Public Launch Site Regulations'".
- 1.2. The Department, in pursuant of fulfilling its mandate, is implementing the Provincial Coastal Management Programme ("PCMP"). The PCMP is a five (5) year strategic document, and its purpose is to provide all departments and organisations with an integrated, coordinated and uniform approach to coastal management in the Province. The Department has developed the next generation PCMP that includes priority objectives for the next 5 years. This PCMP was adopted on 19 May 2023 and available upon request.

Noted.

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- 1.3. A key priority of the PCMP is the Estuary Management Programme, which is implemented in accordance with the NEM: ICMA and the National Estuarine Management Protocol ("NEMA"). Relevant guidelines, Estuarine Management Plans, Mouth Management Plans need to be considered when any listed activities are triggered in the Estuarine Functional Zone. The Department is in the process of approving a series of Estuarine Management Plans.
- 1.4. The facilitation of public access to the coast is an objective of the NEM: ICMA as well as a Priority in the WC PCMP. The Department developed the Provincial Coastal Access Strategy and Plan, 2017 ("PCASP") and commissioned coastal access audits per municipal district to assist municipalities with identifying existing, historic, and desired public coastal access. These coastal access audits also identify hotspots or areas of conflict to assist the municipalities with facilitating public access in terms of Section 18 of the NEM: ICMA. The PCASP as well as the coastal access audits are available upon request.

#### 2. COMMENT

- 2.1 The sub-directorate: Coastal Management ("SD:CM") has reviewed the information as specified above and have the following commentary:
- 2.1.1. An environmental authorisation was issued on 31 July 2024 for the development of 9 residential stands with associated infrastructure and communal open space on Farm 66/443 and Farm 67/443. A part 1 amendment was approved on 14 June 2024 for amendments to the SDP which included the realignment of the internal road and minor realignment of the five beachfront erven. The new proposed changes to the SDP are as follows:
- 2.1.1.1. The amendment of the Site Development Plan to reflect a boardwalk instead of a footpath
- 2.1.1.2. A revised layout proposed for the amendment of building plates that will have a slight increase in the development footprint of the building plates P06 and P07
- 2.1.1.3. The inclusion of an additional development footprint area on building plate P08 and removal of development footprint area from P09 that will have a slight decrease in the development footprint for the two stands.
- 2.1.2. The SD: CM is satisfied that all the proposed amendments and SDP will occur landward of the Garden Route District's coastal management

A further proposed amendment has been included in the Draft Amendment Application for the amendment of Condition 21 as contained in the Environmental Authorisation (16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22) dated 31 July 2025. This is highlighted as red in the document.

#### Condition 21 -

The Holder must ensure the development provides the public unrestricted access to the coastal public property. A coastal access point should be established and maintained on the site.

It is proposed to amend this condition to the following -

The Holder must ensure that access to the coastal public property over the servitude right of way is not restricted in accordance with the title deed condition.

Noted and agreed.

line ("CML"). The increased effects of climate change, sea level rise and	
increased storm surges in coastal environments obliges the Department to	
take a more cautious approach when considering developments along	
the coast and estuaries. The technical delineation of the CML project was	
to ensure that development is regulated in a manner appropriate to risks	
and sensitivities in the coastal zone.	
2.1.3. The CML was informed by various layers of information including	Noted and agreed.
biodiversity, estuarine functionality, risk to flooding, wave-run-up modelling,	
inter alia, and was delineated in conjunction with and supported by other	
organs of state including the Local and District Municipalities, CapeNature	
and all other organs of state represented on the steering committee for	
the Garden Route District CML project. The principal purpose of the CML is	
to protect coastal public property ("CPP"), private property and public	
safety; to protect the CPZ; and to preserve the aesthetic value of the	
coastal zone. The use of CMLs is of particular importance in response to the	
effects of climate change, as it involves both a quantification of risks and	
pro-active planning for future development. The SD: CM can confirm the	
proposed development would not be affected by coastal processes as	
per the Department's coastal risk modelling and due to the property's	
elevation.	
2.1.4. It should be noted that the seaward boundary of the subject	The boardwalk will remain within the property boundary. No further footpaths
properties' forms part of the littoral active zone ('LAZ') and as such the SD:	will be created. The existing footpath will be designated access.
CM advises the proposed boardwalk in item 2.1.1.1. may not occur outside	
the applicant's property boundary nor may the applicant create any	
further footpaths through the LAZ to the coast. Any development within the	
LAZ will impede the ecological processes relating to beach replenishment,	
the cycle of erosion and accretion that occur naturally along sandy shores	
and will negatively impact the ability of coastal dunes to mitigate the	
impact of sea level rise as well as the increase in the magnitude and	
frequency of storm surges currently being experienced along the coast.	
2.1.5. Due to the subject properties' proximity to the coast, be advised that	As per Condition 20.3. of the Environmental Authorisation
the proposed development and associated activities may in no way	(16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22) dated 31 July 2025, the ecological servitude must
hinder public's ability to access coastal public property.	not be fenced on the eastern and western boundaries. This servitude will
	remain unfenced in perpetuity.
2.1.6. Based on the abovementioned items, the SD: CM does not object to	Noted, the EMPr will be strictly adhered to. All items have been addressed
the proposed amendment application for Farm 66/443 and Farm 67/443,	above.
provided that all the abovementioned items are considered, effectively	
applied and that the EMPr is strictly adhered to.	
2.2. The applicant must be reminded of their general duty of care and the	Noted.
remediation of environmental damage, in terms of Section 28(1) of NEMA,	
which, specifically states that: "Every person who causes, has caused or	

may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment ..." together with Section 58 of the NEM: ICMA which refers to one's duty to avoid causing adverse effects on the coastal environment.

3. The SD: CM reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information from you based on any information that may be received.

# Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Directorate Biodiversity Conservation – 07/07/2025

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the amendment report

Based on the information provided in the amended report, changes to the approved SDP will result in a change to the scope of a valid environmental authorisation where such change will result in an increased level or change in impact where such a change in the nature of the impact was not assessed and included initially. Each potential environmental impact and risk identified was assessed according to specific criteria as part of the part 2 EA amendment. No significant impact to the biodiversity themes and areas will be affected. The proposed amendment is still within the ESA1 according to the screening tool.

The Directorate Biodiversity Conservation does not have any objection to the proposed amendment, provided mitigation measures as outlined are adhered to and implemented.

In conclusion, the Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.

Yours faithfully

Mitigation measures will be adhered to and implemented as per the approved EMPr.

Mr. Seoka Lekota of the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has been included in the PPP, and is registered as an I&AP.

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# Breeder-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA): Rabokale Mphahlele – 10/06/2025

Good day,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced amendment application for the Athina

Thank you for the confirmation of the valid water use license.

Estate, located on Portions 66 and 67 of the Farm Brakkloof 443, Plettenberg Bay, Western Cape. The

application involves proposed changes to the Site Development Plan (SDP), which include:

- Amendment of the footpath to reflect a boardwalk;
- Slight increase in the development footprint of building plates P06 and P07:
- Inclusion of an additional development footprint area on building plate P08; and
- Removal of a development footprint area from P09, resulting in a slight overall decrease in
- development footprint across the two stands.

This office confirms that a water use licence is already in place for this development, under Licence No: 02/K60G/CI/134, dated 24 August 2021.

Please note that the licence remains valid provided that the proposed SDP amendments do not result in any new or additional impacts, or an increase in the significance of impacts already assessed and approved under the existing licence. In this regard, confirmation by a suitably qualified aquatic specialist must be submitted to this office for review prior to approval and implementation of the amended SDP.

Kindly note that this office reserves the right to revise its comments should it be deemed necessary.

Please see confirmation from the aquatic specialist, attached to the Amendment application as Appendix Q.

The aquatic specialist confirms that the amendments as described are minor and will not result in an increase in the significance of impacts to the wetland system.

As per the Freshwater Assessment (appendix E1):

I can confirm that the amendments as described above are all confined to the development footprint to the east of Robberg Road (Figure 2) and will have no additional or alternative impact on the wetland. The impacts described and assessed in the original freshwater assessment report are therefore also applicable to the updated SDP.

## **PUBLIC**

No comments received.

# COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

# STATE DEPARTMENTS

# Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Directorate Biodiversity Conservation – 22/08/2025

Good morning, Ms Marshall,

Kindly find attachment of comments from the Directorate: Biodiversity and Conservation, the comments still stand from the previous submission.

Noted. The comments attached from the previous submission have been addressed above.

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Directo	orate Biodiversity Conservation – 07/07/2025
COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PART 2 EA AMENDMENT FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ATHINA ESTATE ON PORTION 66 & 67 OF THE FARM BRAKKLOOF 443, PLETTENBERG BAY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE	No objection is noted thank you for your input.
The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the amendment report	
Based on the information provided in the amended report, changes to the approved SDP will result in a change to the scope of a valid environmental authorisation where such change will result in an increased level or change in impact where such a change in the nature of the impact was not assessed and included initially. Each potential environmental impact and risk identified was assessed according to specific criteria as part of the part 2 EA amendment.	
No significant impact to the biodiversity themes and areas will be affected.	
The proposed amendment is still within the ESA1 according to the screening tool.	
The Directorate Biodiversity Conservation does not have any objection to the proposed amendment, provided mitigation measures as outlined are adhered to and implemented.	
In conclusion, the Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.	
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DE	   A&DP): Coastal Management = 22/08/2025
Good day,  Please note there no further comments from the sub-Directorate: Coastal Management on the subject matter.	Noted. The comments attached from the previous submission have been addressed above.
Department of Infrastructure 14/08/2025	<u> </u>
<ol> <li>Your email to Ms V Stoffels of this Branch dated 5 June 2025 refer.</li> <li>This Branch offers no objection to the amendment of the environmental authorisation.</li> </ol>	Thank you for comments received.

3. There is an existing application to upgrade OP 7209 (Robberg Road) with this Branch. The Chief Directorate Road Design still awaits Bitou Municipality's response regarding the transfer of road authority

# Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) – 17/07/2025/2025

Dear Sir.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (REF: 16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22 ISSUED ON 31 JULY 2024)IN TERMS OF PART 2 OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A BEACHFRONT SECURITY ESTATE ON PORTION 66 & 67 OF FARM 443, PLETTENBERG, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

- 1. The abovementioned document dated 5 June 2025 and submitted to the Directorate: Development Management (Region 3) (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate" by your registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), Joclyn Marshall (EAPASA: 2022/5006) on 7 July 2025, refers
- 2. This letter serves as acknowledgment of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Directorate 7 July 2025.
- 3. After reviewing the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:
- 3.1. The proposed amendment to the Environmental Authorisation (REF: 16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22) issued on 21/07/2024("EA") will result in a change of Scope of the EA.
- 3.2. The proposed amendment will result in an increased level or change in the nature of impact where such level or change in nature of impact was not assessed and included in the initial application for Environmental Authorisation.
- 3.3. The proposed change will not on its own constitute a listed activity
- 4. The application must follow the process contemplated in Part 2 Amendment of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (Government Notice No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended), namely Regulation 32. You are therefore required to:
- 4.1 Make an Amendment Environmental Impact Report (EIR) available to all potential and registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&AP") and all the relevant State Departments/Organs of State, including this Directorate, for a minimum 30-day commenting period.

Please Note that Janet Ebrsohn (EAPASA2019/1286) has taken over as EAP as Ms Marshall has resigned.

The EAP agrees and has obtained comments from all required specialists please refer to Appendix E1. The boardwalk was re-assed to ensure no further listed activities were triggered within 100 meters of the High-water Mark and the boardwalk that was proposed outside of the property boundaries have been removed ensuring no additional listed activities are triggered.

Noted and agree new PPP dates are 13/10/2025 to 13/11/2025.

4.2 The EIR must contain the information as prescribed by Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations, 2014

4.3 Screening Tool Report ("STR") and Site Sensitivity Verification Report ("SSVR")

The content of your STR and SSVR, along with the identified specialist input in the amendment process is noted. Kindly ensure that all specialist input complies with the Protocols. Nonetheless, the Amendment EIR must reflect all the minimum information requirements detailed in Regulation 32(1)(a).

4.4 Public participation process:

Having considered the public participation plan, the competent authority hereby agrees to the proposed steps in the plan, and it must be implemented.

- 4.5. The EAP must record and respond to all comments received. The comments and responses must be captured in a Comments and Responses Report and must also include a description of the public participation process followed. This report must also be included in the public participation information attached to the Amendment Application Report to be submitted for decision.
- 5. In accordance with Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, the Department hereby stipulates that

the report must be submitted to this Department for decision within 90 days from the date of receipt of the application by the Department.

If however, significant changes have been made or significant new

information has been added to the report, the applicant/Environmental Assessment Practitioner must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 140 days from the date of receipt of the application) will be required for submission of the report. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report/additional information.

6. If the report is not submitted within 90-days, or 140 days where an extension is applicable, the application shall lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of Government Notice Regulation No. 982 of 4 December 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to continue, a new Application Form must be submitted.

Please refer to amended EIR

A new Public Participation is proposed for 13/10/2025 to 13/11/2025, it was noted with a telephonic conversation with DEA&DP, that we ask for extension of time, and that it is not required to re-advertise in a newspaper.

Noted please refer to the C&R report

As specialist inputs were asked on the Part 2 amendment it is seen as significant new information and a 50-day extension notice was sent to DEA&DP. Please refer to appendix I.

Noted

7.	Kindly	quote	the	above-mentioned	reference	number	in	any	future
	corres	oonder	nce i	in respect of this mo	ıtter.				

Noted

8. Please note that the conditions stipulated in the EA (REF: 16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22 issued on 31 July 2024) remain applicable until a decision on this amendment application is taken by this Department. The changes may not be commenced with until such time as an amendment to the EA is granted. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended) ("NEMA") if a person fails to comply with or contravenes a condition of an environmental authorisation granted for a listed activity or an approved environmental management programme. Failure to comply with the requirements of 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Noted and agree

The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on

any new or revised information received.

# Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) - 26/09/2025

Dear Sir.

CORRECTION NOTICE: REPLACEMENT OF THE LETTER OF "ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT" ISSUED ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2025 FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A BEACHFRONT SECURITY ESTATE ON PORTION 66 & 67 OF FARM 443, PLETTENBERG, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

- 1. The following has reference:
- 1.1. The Application Form (dated 20 May 2025), compiled by the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP"), Ms. Joclyn Marshall (EAPASA No: 2022/5006), of Eco Route Environmental Consultancy, and received by the Directorate: Development Management (Region 3) (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") on 5 June 2025.

Please note that an amended application form will be submitted to include a Part 4 amendment.

Please note the new EAP on the Project is Janet Ebersohn EAPASA: 2019/1286

1.0 This Directorate	le correction de la constant de la 7 luly 2005 informina	
	s correspondence issued on 7 July 2025, informing prementioned Application Form was not in order.	Please refer to amended application form
	on Form (as corrected) resubmitted to this 7 July 2025 by the EAP.	Noted
	e's correspondence issued on 17 July 2025, receipt of the corrected Application Form on 7	
Consultancy on supporting info	eceived from the Eco Route Environmental 24 July 2025 of the availability of a document and rmation for comment during a 30-day public ocess, which document is titled:	
ENVIRONMENTA Beachfront Sec	FOR A PART TWO AMENDMENT OF AN LAUTHORISATION FOR The Development of a curity Estate on Portion 66 & 67 of Farm 443, by, Western Cape."	
submitted as the	received on 27 August 2025 which the EAP e "Final Amendment Application for Athina Estate of 443 Plettenberg Bay".	
1.7. The additional i mail on 28 Augu	nformation received from the EAP per electronic ust 2025; and \	
	's letter of 5 September 2025, wherein receipt of eceived on 27 August 2025 was acknowledged as nental Impact.	
Management A ("NEMA"), the le wherein receipt	with Section 47(1)(b) of National Environmental Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended) Iter issued by this Department on 5 September 2025 of the document submitted to the Department on is withdrawn and replaced by this letter.	Noted and agreed
	es as an acknowledgment of receipt of the document received on 27 August 2025.	
3 Reasons for the September 2025	e decision to replace the letter issued on 5 :	

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3.1	The purpose is to correct an error in the acknowledgement letter. After a review the document received on 27 August 2025, it has been determined that the document is indeed an Application Form and not a <i>Final Environmental Impact</i> report. The document was acknowledged incorrectly.	Noted
3.2	The document received on 24 July 2025 was not perceived to be a Draft EIR as it was submitted on the 'Application Form (April 2024)' template.	Please refer to amended EIR
3.3	In accordance with Regulation 8(b), a competent authority must advise the proponent or applicant of any matter that may prejudice the success of an application. Through this corrective measure, an opportunity becomes available to inform the Applicant of any matter which will prejudice the success of the application. As such, the 90-day legislated period referenced in Regulation 19(1) has not lapsed.	Thank you
3.4	The view is held that the correction does not change the rights and duties of the Applicant materially. In fact, it will allow the Applicant to potentially address the matters which will prejudice the success of the application.	Thank you
re	ourther to the above (specifically point 3.3), the following are elevant considerations forthcoming from a review of the documents submitted to the Department, namely:	
4.1	It is noted that the documents submitted to this Directorate on 24 July 2025 (i.e., Amended Application Form) and on 27 August 2025 (i.e., Final Amended Application Form) were in fact submitted on the Department's formal Amendment Application Form (April 2024) and not a separate Environmental Impact Report (EIR), as prescribed in terms of Regulation 32(1)(a) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (Government Notice 982 of 4 December, 2014 as amended) ("the <b>EIA Regulations</b> ").	Please refer to amended EIR
	Please be advised that the competent authority has determined the format of Department's Amendment Application Form (April 2024) in accordance with Regulation 9 of the EIA Regulations, and its sole purpose is to serve as the application form, not to provide a format for an Environmental	

Regulation 32(1)(a) of the  Due to this error, this Direct an 'application form' which not a Draft Environmental Regulation 32(1)(a). There	formation is prescribed in terms of EIA Regulations.  Storate mistook the document to be the it had already commented on and Impact Report as required in terms of Sefore, this Directorate did not issue the "Amended Application Form"	
Application Form template of the proposed chang however, the respective July 2025 and 27 August 2 information requirements s that a report is submitted,  (i) an assessment of all impacts r	the EAP has inserted information in the ewhich may address certain aspects ges which are being applied for; 'Application Forms' received on 24 2025 do not address all the minimum set out in Regulation 32(1)(b), namely reflecting—  The elated to the proposed change; ages associated with the proposed	Noted
change; and (iii) measures to ensure avoidand impacts associated with such (iv) (iv) any changes to the EMPr.	ce, management and mitigation of proposed change; and	
4.3 This Directorate notes the un Cape "HWC") requires that a is required for this amendme that only page 1 of 2 pages we	dated letter from Heritage Western Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") nt proposal. Furthermore, it is noted as provided to this Directorate. Please in is uploaded when submitted.	ACO Associates cc Archaeology and Heritage Specialist report on the part 2 amendment is included as appendix E1 their findings are as follow:  Overall we find that the proposed amended residential development and associated infrastructure will not result in the loss of significant archaeological heritage resources. The proposed amended development is supported with the addition of a paragraph (see above) in the EMPr.

4.4 In addition to the above it is noted from the comments from DFFE: Oceans and Coasts dated 25 June 2025 DFFE: Oceans and Coasts does not support controlled access through the estate. It is required that more information be provided in this regard as the statements made are unclear.

# Please refr to the servitude title deeds appendix B

#### joclyn@ecoroute.co.za

 From:
 OCEIA < OCEIA@dffe.gov.za >

 Sent:
 Tuesday, 30 September 2025 11:54

To: joclyn@ecoroute.co.za; OCEIA; Tabisile Mhlana
Cc: admin@ecoroute.co.za; janet@ecoroute.co.za

Subject: RE: Comments on Part 2 Amendment Application for the Athina Estate on Portion

66 & 67 of the Farm Brakkloof 443, Plettenberg Bay, Western Cape

Dear Joclyn,

I trust this email finds you well.

This comment aims to ensure that the right of public access to the coast is secured permanently, not just for as long as the HOA or developer chooses to allow it, hence the recommendation that this undertaking be formally secured and recorded in a manner to ensure that the coastal access right-of-way is preserved in perpetuity.

Kind Regards Tabisile

From: joclyn@ecoroute.co.za <joclyn@ecoroute.co.za>

Sent: Monday, 29 September 2025 11:40

To: OCEIA <OCEIA@dffe.gov.za>; Tabisile Mhlana <tmhlana@dffe.gov.za>

Cc: admin@ecoroute.co.za; janet@ecoroute.co.za

Subject: RE: Comments on Part 2 Amendment Application for the Athina Estate on Portion 66 & 67 of the Farm

Brakkloof 443, Plettenberg Bay, Western Cape

Dear Tabisile

I trust you are well.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) requested that we get clarity from your department on the following with regards to the comments you submitted -

In addition to the above it is noted from the comments from DFFE: Oceans and Coasts dated 25 June 2025 DFFE: Oceans and Coasts does not support controlled access through the estate. It is required that more information be provided in this regard as the statements made are unclear.

Please can you assist in providing clarity.

Much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

#### Joclyn Marshall

MSc Environmental Science EAPASA 2022/5006 072 126 6393



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		Please refer to Appendix B title deeds, where the right to public access will be according to the title deed, no public access through the estate will be allowed the Eastern boundary (on the Road) and Western Boundary (at the sea) will not be fenced in.
4.5	Furthermore, the approved environmental authorisation condition 20.3. "No structures or infrastructure may be constructed in this servitude without authorisation. This ecological servitude must not be fenced on the eastern and western boundaries". Prohibits any fencing on the eastern and western boundaries. This also relates to an "Impact Management Outcome" which may need to be changed in the EMPr. Please refer to the requirements of Regulation 36(2) pertaining to the amendment of the EMPr. Should Regulation 36(2) be applicable, the EMPr may only be amended on application. To address this, the current Application Form may be revised and resubmitted to the Department to include such changes.	A new application form will be submitted to DEA&DP
4.6	Input from specialists and specialist reports:  It is noted that various specialist reports were undertaken during the initial Basic Assessment process. However, only input from the Aquatic Specialist has been submitted with the Final Amendment Application document. Please note that all the requirements stipulated in Regulation 32(1)(a) must be addressed for the respective specialist reports which were originally undertaken. It is advised that the Specialists who undertook those original studies assess all the proposed changes and provide such input.	Please refer to appendix E1 where the specialist has commented on the proposed amendments. No significant impact to the receiving environment was observed by the specialist for the proposed amendments.
4.7	This Directorate does note that the EAP makes reference to a Visual Impact Assessment which was compiled by André Vercueil Professional Architects, dated 15 May 2022, but this report has not been submitted. The Directorate requires an updated assessment/confirmation letter from the specialist that the proposed changes is assessed and mitigated. Please be sure that all the proposed changes are assessed and reported on.	Please refer to Appendix E
20 su of H	n accordance with Regulation 32 of GN No. R. 982 of 4 December 014, the Department hereby reminds you that the report must be ubmitted to this Department for decision within 90 days from the date of receipt of the application by the Department.  Owever, if significant changes have been made or significant new aformation has been added to the report, the pplicant/Environmental Assessment Practitioner must notify the	Please refer to Appendix I where extension of time letter was submitted to DEA&DP

Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 140 days from the date of					
receipt of the application) will be required for submission of the report.					
The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting					
period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised					
report/additional information.					
6 Please note that the conditions stipulated in the Environmental Authorisation (REF:16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22 issued on 31 July 2024, as amended) remain applicable until a decision on this amendment application is taken by this Department. The proposed changes may not be commenced with until such time as an amendment to the EA is granted.	Noted and Agree				
It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA if a person fails to comply with or contravenes a condition of an environmental authorisation granted for a listed activity or an approved environmental management programme. Failure to comply with the requirements of 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.					
7 The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.					
ORGANS OF STATE					
Breeder-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA): Rabok	ale Mphahlele – 29/07/2025				
Dear Jocyln	Noted. The comments attached from the previous submission have been addressed above.				
Please note that this office has no further comments on the subject matter,					
and our previous comments stand. We reserve the right to review this					
position should the need arise.					
MUNICIPALITY					
Garden Route District Municipality, Chief Municipal Health-Plettenberg Bay/Bitou: GJ Vos - 29/07/2025					
Ms	These comments are noted.				
RE: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BOARDWALK FOR ATHINA ESTATE ON PORTION 66 AND 67 OF THE FARM BRAKKLOOF 443, BITOU MUNICIPALITY, PLETTENBERG BAY.					
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No comments received.			
PUBLIC			
This office has no objection of the construction of the approximately 104m wooden structure boardwalk to Robberg Beach.			
Your letter under reference DEADP Ref: 16/3/3/5/D1/14/0011/25 with attachment dated 28 May 2025 concerning the above mentioned refers:			



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