

## Coastal & Environmental Services

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## <u>UPDATED LAYOUT FOR THE PROPOSED NEW BRANDVALLEY WIND FARM CLOSE TO LAINGSBURG, WESTERN CAPE: COMMENT FROM THE AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST</u>

Dear Mark

The updated infrastructure layout received on the 15th April 2016 for the proposed new Brandvalley Wind Farm was assessed to determine impact on the surrounding agricultural landscape. Changes to the layout include:

1. The area near Snydersberg (located in the northern section of the project area, comprising of 12 proposed turbines) has been identified as an environmentally sensitive area. The access roads have therefore been re-routed to follow existing roads and two turbines (38 and 42) were removed.

It was found that the proposed changes to the layout will have no additional impact on the agricultural landscape and therefore no additional issues were identified when compared to the final Agricultural and Soil Assessment for the proposed new Brandvalley Wind Farm dated March 2016.

All issues identified in the Final Agricultural and Soil Assessment still remains and all recommended mitigations identified must still be implemented for all phases of the wind farm.

Yours faithfully

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