

## Appendix E7: Comments and Responses Report

Table 1: Issues Raised by Interested and Affected Parties in response to the BID

Interested and/or Affected Party	Issue raised	Response (by SRK unless otherwise specified)
<p>B Nongcula – Novetshe Development Project                      G Eales – Glendore Sand &amp; Stone                      C Threadingham – Leads2Business                      R Luyt – Kini Bay Village Association                      B Reeves – ECPTA                      J Webb – Oceanview Forest Resort</p>	<p>Request to be registered as IAP</p>	<p>Registered on IAP database.</p>
<p>I Moore – Kini Bay Village Association</p>	<p>Kini Bay Reservoir is silted up with no date for repairs. As Chairman of the Village Association, I want to be informed.</p>	<p>Registered as IAP on database. The Kini Bay pipeline, as associated works or demolition of the reservoir, is no longer within the scope of this study. It has been included as part of another phase for implementation in the future.</p>
<p>R Luyt – Kini Bay Village Association</p>	<p>Kindly confirm that the project will cover Kini Bay needs.</p>	<p>The Kini Bay pipeline, as associated works or demolition of the reservoir, is no longer within the scope of this study. It has been included as part of another phase for implementation in the future.</p>
<p>R Luyt – Kini Bay Village Association</p>	<p>Is provision being made for any major developments in the Seaview area. What and where are these developments?</p>	<p>Please refer to section A(9)(b) of the Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report (this report) for the relevant information on future developments.</p>
<p>B Nongcula – Novetshe Development Project</p>	<p>Proposed project will help to alleviate drought in the area.</p>	<p>The proposed infrastructure will ensure efficient storage and reticulation of water to the relevant NMBM water supply zones of the available water. Note that additional water will not be available.</p>
<p>October - ECPTA</p>	<p>The proposal falls within the 5km buffer zone of the Island Nature Reserve (INR) and some of the infrastructure (specifically one of the proposed reservoirs and the proposed 315mm pumping and 350mm gravity mains) are located within and in close proximity of the INR. Concern that this infrastructure is located within CBAs 1 and 2, which will</p>	<p>The proposed 2.5 ML Upper Seaview Reservoir site falls within The Island Nature Reserve and pipelines towards and from the reservoir will also be installed in close proximity to this reserve (see activity description and the relevant maps in the report).                       Note that the project team went through a process of trying to locate alternative sites for the relevant infrastructure, however due to the elevation requirement of the reservoir in order</p>

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	negatively impact biodiversity. Alternative routes and locations must be assessed for the pumping and gravity mains, and the reservoir.	to be able to gravity feed into the Seaview Pump Station Complex, no other site in the surrounding area could be located. See section 2 of the Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report (this report) for a discussion on project alternatives. The potential impacts of the proposed infrastructure are discussed in section D of the report.
N Gouws – SANRAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 350 m diameter gravity pipeline shall be laid inside a sleeve pipe which shall be jacked through underneath the road;</li> <li>• Such sleeve pipe shall extend across the full width of the national road reserve;</li> <li>• The top convex of the sleeve pipe shall be at least one metre below the surface of the road and natural ground level; and</li> <li>• No pipeline shall be affixed to our structures.</li> </ul>	Design comments noted and forwarded to the project engineers.

**Table 2: Issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties in response to the Pre-Application DBAR**

Interested and/or Affected Party	Issue raised	Response (by SRK unless otherwise specified)
I Moore – Kini Bay Village Association	Our interest is in how the proposed project will supply water to Kini Bay, as it is not specifically mentioned.	The Kini Bay pipeline, and associated works or demolition of the reservoir, is no longer within the scope of this study. It has been included as part of another phase for implementation in the future.
I van Der Merwe - DAFF	The proposed reservoir will extend into a portion of the Island Nature Reserve. Were site alternatives assessed? If so,	The site for the proposed Upper Seaview Reservoir was determined by the available land at sufficient elevation to gravity feed into the Seaview Pump Station Complex in order to minimize power consumed during pumping,

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	<p>indicate those sites on a map and motivate why this site is preferred. If not, motivate why not.</p>	<p>and provide for future storage capacity for the water consumption in the supply area. Attempts to identify suitable alternative sites have been made at an early stage of the project, but the project team could not identify any other position of similar elevation which could be used for the purposes of a reservoir site. Please refer to section A(2) of the DBAR where all project alternatives are discussed.</p>
I van Der Merwe - DAFF	<p>If the proposed reservoir is developed in the proposed locations, the issue of the State Forest Status has to be resolved by DAFF by either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Withdrawing portion of land as State Forest in Government Gazette; or</li> <li>• Keeping the status in which case a tariff will be applicable. An application for a licence will have to be made.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted. SRK will enquire with DAFF regarding the relevant process. If required, an application for a licence for alteration of State Forest in terms of Section 23 of the National Forests Act (1998) will be made prior to commencement of the project.</p> <p>Note that the botanical specialist has conducted a survey in this area and findings of the study (see Appendix D) have indicated that the proposed pipeline servitude and reservoir site are mainly located on transformed areas and areas invaded by alien plants.</p>
I van Der Merwe - DAFF	<p>The Vegmap in the Aquatic Specialist report is inaccurate as it is broadly mapped and surveys of natural forest by DAFF shows much more extensive natural forest occurring.</p>	<p>Please refer to the vegetation maps under Appendix A of the Basic Assessment Report which illustrates the vegetation of the study area. Section B, item number 4 (groundcover) of the Basic Assessment report also gives a detailed description of the study area.</p>
I van Der Merwe - DAFF	<p>The botanical report of species of special concern by Jamie Pote lists the National Forests Act of 1984 but does not state that a list of protected tree species has been declared by the Minister and that a licence in terms of Section 15 of the Act is required.</p> <p>It should also state that trees in natural forest may only be destroyed/ damaged in terms of a licence under Section 7 of the Act. The other Forest Act of 1984</p>	<p>Section B, item number 4 (groundcover) of the Basic Assessment report has been amended to include the following: <i>"It is noted that the Forest Act of 1984 has been replaced by the National Forest Act of 1998. In terms of the latter Act, permits will be required in terms of Section 7 and 15 of this Act. Furthermore, a licence in terms of the National Forest Act of 1998 was issued to the applicant by DAFF on the 21st of January 2010, however this licence has since expired (refer to Appendix G2). A new application will need to be lodged with the Department prior to commencement of</i></p>

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	listed has been replaced by the latter Act.	<p><i>construction works</i>".</p> <p>The following terrestrial ecology mitigation measure has furthermore been added to the mitigation measures listed under item 2.4 of Section D of the Basic Assessment Report and has also been included in the Environmental Management Programme: <i>"It is recommended that a Botanical Specialist survey of the final development footprint be undertaken prior to commencement of construction works to identify any protected plants or trees in terms of all relevant legislation that may require a permit for destruction and/ or translocation"</i>.</p>
I van Der Merwe - DAFF	The botanical report shows maps of vegetation along the planned pipelines, but the pipeline section going down to Beachview, and then from Beachview to Clarendon Marine, is not shown.	<p>The botanical assessment was undertaken as part of the previous Basic Assessment process for which authorisation was granted in July 2009 and has since expired (refer to Appendix G2). Additional pipeline alignments have been added to this process which is why the alignments in the botanical report are outdated. Note that all the additional pipeline alignments are located in existing servitudes and/ or previous transformed areas. The Basic Assessment and the Environmental Management Programme has however included the following terrestrial ecology mitigation measure: <i>"It is recommended that a Botanical Specialist survey of the final development footprint be undertaken prior to commencement of construction works to identify any protected plants or trees in terms of all relevant legislation that may require a permit for destruction and/ or translocation"</i>.</p>
I van Der Merwe - DAFF	The list of species in Tables 2 and 3 include <i>Sideroxylon inerme</i> under vegetation shown as thicket, especially part of pipeline sections 2 and 10. Natural forest is often misidentified as thicket. If there are natural forest patches, it is recommended to do a license application under Sections 7 and	A Botanical Specialist survey of the final development footprint as well as an application for a licence for alteration of State Forest and destruction of protected trees in terms of the National Forests Act (1998) will be made prior to commencement of construction.

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	10 of the National Forests Act to destroy/ damage trees in natural forest and protected tree species respectively.	
I van Der Merwe - DAFF	What does the map titled 'Seaview Phases' mean? Does it depict future development areas? Areas depicted as Phase 2 and 3 are mostly covered in natural forest with few parts that are developable.	The map presents potential future development nodes and not predetermined development footprints. These future development nodes are not included in the scope of this Basic Assessment Process.

**Table 3: Issues Raised by Interested and Affected Parties in response to the Post-Application DBAR**

Interested and/or Affected Party	Issue raised	Response (by SRK unless otherwise specified)
C de Keyser	Interest in project due to background as engineer and as landowner of erf next to an electrical substation, which will potentially be placed on market.	Noted. Commenter was registered as Interested & Affected Party.