

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the
Proposed Construction, Operation and
Decommissioning of a Sea Water Reverse Osmosis
Plant and Associated Infrastructure Proposed at
Lovu on the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast

DRAFT EIA REPORT

CHAPTER 5: ISSUES AND RESPONSES TRAIL

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5. COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TRAIL

This chapter presents an overview of issues raised following the submission of the Final Scoping Report and prior to the release of the Draft EIA Report. Responses to these issues are provided.

5.1. INTRODUCTION

An important element of the EIA Process is to evaluate the issues raised through the interactions with authorities, the public, the specialists on the EIA team and the project proponent. In accordance with the philosophy of Integrated Environmental Management, it is important to focus the EIA on the key issues. A decision-making process has been developed to assist in the identification of key issues, based on the following criteria (refer to Figure 5.1):

1. Whether or not the issue falls within the scope and responsibility of the proposed Lovu Desalination EIA Process; and
2. Whether or not sufficient information is available to respond to the issue or concern raised without further specialist investigation.

Following the submission of the Final Scoping Report and the 21-day comment period provided on the Final Scoping Report, additional issues and/or concerns have been raised by I&APs prior to the release of the Draft EIA Report for I&AP review. Issues were sourced as follows:

- Letters and faxes - issues sent to the CSIR via fax or posted correspondence; and
- Email - issues sent to the CSIR via email correspondence.

The Appendices of the Draft EIA Report contain the detailed correspondence received. Comments received that are not relevant to or form part of this EIA Process are included in the Comments and Responses Trails below, and clear reasoning is provided as to why the comment received falls beyond the scope of this EIA. The detailed comments received are included in Appendix F of this Draft EIA Report. Section 5.2 provides a summary of the comments received from I&APs during the comment period on the Final Scoping Report and prior to the review of the Draft EIA Report. The comments submitted have been grouped according to the following categories (number in brackets indicates the number of issues raised):

1. Issues related to Site Selection of the Desalination Plant and/or Pipeline Routes (1)
2. Issues related to Noise, Visual, Social and Economic Impacts (1)
3. Issues related to Energy and Electrical Infrastructure (1)
4. Issues related to Rivers and Wetlands (1)
5. Issues related to Chemical Storage, Pollution and Water Quality (1)
6. Issues related to Terrestrial Ecology (2)
7. General Comments and Issues related to EIA and Public Participation (25)
8. Project Description Queries (1)

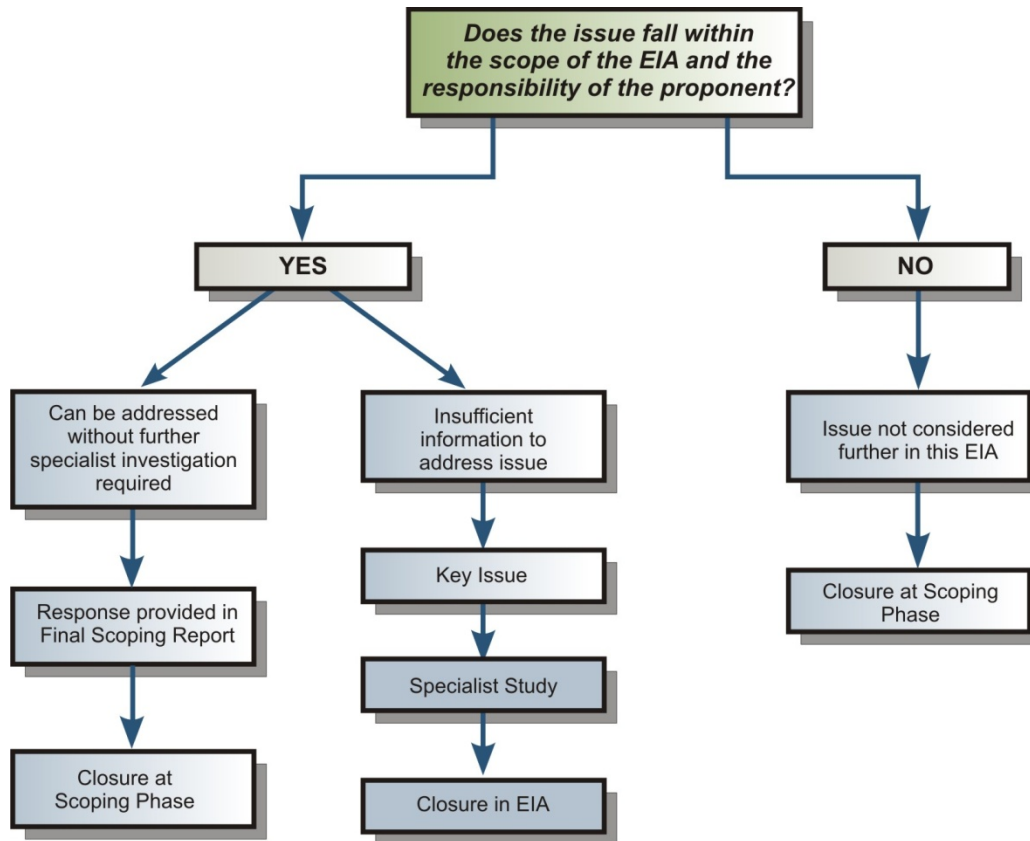


Figure 5-1 Decision-making framework for identification of key issues for the EIA

5.2. COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TRAIL

The tables below summarize comments received after submission of the Final Scoping Report for I&AP review, together with a response from the EIA team.

1. *Issues related to Site Selection of the Desalination Plant and/or Pipeline Routes*

NO	ISSUES RAISED	DATE	COMMENTATOR	RESPONSE
1.1	<p>It has just come to our notice that you propose the above project at iLovu and we want to lodge an objection to the situation of your "Preferred Site" for the undertaking. Although your documentation refers to the site being adjacent to "Mother of Peace" organisation, it actually encroaches and takes a big chunk of the property occupied by Mother of Peace. The said property is Portion 2 of the Farm Lot 15 No. 7773 and it was transferred under Deed of Transfer T18914/2003 to Community Care Centres which in turn transferred it to Operation Jumpstart NPC. It is our desire to oppose the arbitrary confiscation or appropriation (if that is what it is) of this land because it is land used for the benefit of the local community through its lease to Mother of Peace (vide Notarial Deed of Lease K4164/05).</p> <p>We would therefore appreciate if you could also consult with us as interested parties before you take any further step so that dialogue may be entered into and merits of the matter be discussed.</p>	16 March 2015	Bongani Khumalo, Executive Director, Operation Jumpstart, Email	<p>Subsequent to the completion of the Due Diligence Report by Umgeni Water and Aurecon in 2012, it became known that there are proposed plans by other parties to undertake potential development at the location of the preferred Lovu Site. As such, Umgeni Water commissioned Aurecon to also investigate an alternative location at Lovu which could be considered, should the preferred site not be available at the time when implementation of the scheme may take place (should an Environmental Authorisation be granted by the proposed project).</p> <p>The preferred site of the proposed Lovu desalination plant is located approximately 3 km away from the ocean shore and is positioned on the southern bank of the Lovu River. The preferred plant site is currently used to grow sugar cane.</p> <p>Therefore, two sites are being assessed as part of the EIA Phase for the siting of the proposed desalination plant. The specialists have also made recommendations in terms of the siting of the proposed desalination plant. Furthermore, the impacts of the proposed project on the Mother of Peace Illovo Community have been considered in the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Specialist Study, which has been undertaken as part of the EIA Phase and is included in Chapter 12 of this Draft EIA Report.</p>

2. Issues related to Noise, Visual, Social and Economic Impacts

NO	ISSUES RAISED	DATE	COMMENTATOR	RESPONSE
2.1	<p>Kindly note the objections and concerns of the Mother of Peace (MoP) Illovo community as stipulated below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The needs of the associated use: activity vs land use as stipulated in the introduction, chapter 1, the impact on the land use on sensitive and cultural use seems to take little consideration that the part of the proposed site falls directly onto the Mother of Peace Illovo recreation site which is a football field. In addition, part of the recreation site has been earmarked for sustainable projects use. 2. There has been reference to a low impact on the surrounding areas in terms of noise (point 2, chapter 1), stipulating that there are no residence, businesses or land use. Mother of Peace, Illovo is not a Children's Home as referred to in your document but rather an intentional community for orphaned and vulnerable children. This community is made up of 123 people who live in the community supporting the wellbeing children through various projects and programmes. Furthermore, the Organisation employs an additional 30 people. There is an Early Childhood Development Centre that supports the surrounding community of Inkwali and a Primary School on site. Furthermore, there are small scale sustainable projects that support the needs of the community. 	13 March 2015	<i>Iris Canham, General Manager, Mother of Peace Illovo</i>	A Noise Impact Assessment, Visual Impact Assessment and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment have been undertaken as part of the EIA Phase and are included in Chapter 10, Chapter 11 and Chapter 12 of this Draft EIA Report, respectively. The Socio-Economic Impact Assessment includes the assessment of the proposed project on the surrounding Mother of Peace Illovo Community. The Noise Impact Assessment also considers the impact of the proposed project on the surrounding Noise Sensitive Areas. In addition, the Visual Impact Assessment assesses the impact of the proposed project on the surrounding sense of place and its visual intrusion.

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	<p>3. In terms of visual character/sense of place, the construction will have an impact on MoP; on the visual aesthetics. The statement that the preferred site is not used for recreational activity and out of view from most residences is untrue. The site will have a visual intrusion impact as MoP is not just adjacent to the preferred site but will take a portion of the land.</p> <p>Kindly take into consideration, the above and provide clarity on the impact of noise, impact on our community, environmental analysis and health and wellbeing as a community situated a few metres from the preferred plant. We appreciate a detailed implication on Mother of Peace outlining whether the approval of the desalination plant would imply a relocation of our community.</p>			

3. Issues related to Energy and Electrical Infrastructure

NO	ISSUES RAISED	DATE	COMMENTATOR	RESPONSE
3.1	<p>eThekwini Electricity Department:</p> <p>The Electricity Department has no objection however please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The applicant must consult eThekwini Electricity's mains records (held in the drawing office at eThekwini Electricity Headquarters, 1 Jelf Taylor Crescent), for the presence of underground electrical 	8 April 2015	Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekwini Municipality, Letter sent via post and email	Comment noted. The eThekwini Electricity Department will be contacted and their main records held at the Drawing Office will be viewed in order to confirm and verify the presence of underground electrical services. This will be carried out by Umgeni Water subsequent to the issuing of an Environmental Authorisation (should one be granted by the DEA) and based on the final design. Umgeni Water will timeously obtain permission from the eThekwini Electricity Department should any overhead line, electrical servitudes or underground cables be affected by the proposed project (if applicable).

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	<p>services. In addition should any overhead line and/or servitude be affected, the specific permission of the Head: Electricity must be sought regarding the proposed development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The relocation of MV/LV electrical services, if required in order to accommodate the proposed development, will be carried out at the expense of the applicant. 			

4. Issues related to Rivers and Wetlands

NO	ISSUES RAISED	DATE	COMMENTATOR	RESPONSE
4.1	<p>eThekweni Municipality: Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries Department:</p> <p>The Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries Department has no objection to the construction of the Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The intake and discharge pipes will cross the river via a tunnel and the river banks and wetland areas will be fully rehabilitated. 	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekweni Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	<p>Comment noted. As noted in Chapter 2 of this Draft EIA Report, the following four route options were investigated for the proposed sea water and brine pipelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Preferred Pipeline Route will comprise of two parallel 1800 mm HDPE pipelines laid in the northern floodplain of the Lovu Estuary by conventional pipe trenching. Where the pipelines cross the railway, R102 and N2 roads, they would pass through separately jacked concrete sleeve pipes. The pipelines are planned to cross the Lovu Estuary by means of a specially constructed pipe bridge (leading to the proposed desalination plant) on the southern bank. • The Pipeline Route Alternative 1 will extend from the proposed sea water pump station under the local access road, through the local caravan park, under the R102 and under the N2. Beyond the N2 the route will deviate about 200 m north of the railway line servitude for approximately 1.5 km before realigning with the preferred pipeline route alternative. The pipelines are planned to cross the Lovu Estuary by means of a specially constructed pipe bridge (leading to the proposed desalination plant) on the southern bank.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pipeline Route Alternative 2 will consist of two parallel 2000 mm diameter pipelines, with 1100 m long micro tunnels. These tunnels would extend from the proposed sea water pump station, under the railway, the Lovu Estuary, the R102 and the N2 to the southern bank of the Lovu River. From this point, the two 1800 mm diameter HDPE pipelines would be laid by conventional pipe trenching to the desalination plant (along the southern bank of the river). • Pipeline Route Alternative 3 will consist of two parallel 2000 mm diameter pipelines, with 650 m long micro tunnels. These tunnels would extend from the proposed sea water pump station along the northern bank of the Lovu Estuary under the railway, the R102 and the N2. From this point, the two parallel 1800 mm HDPE pipelines would be laid on the northern bank of the Lovu Estuary by conventional pipe trenching, and would cross the estuary by means of a specially constructed pipe bridge to the proposed desalination plant on the southern bank. This routing alternative is very similar to the preferred alternative and follows the same route, except the first section is tunnelled. <p>The specialists have assessed all four pipeline route alternatives and recommendations are summarised in Chapter 13 of this Draft EIA Report. In addition, the recommendation for rehabilitation of wetland areas and river banks has been included in the EMPr (Part B of this Draft EIA Report). The Aquatic Ecology Assessment undertaken as part of the EIA Phase (included in Chapter 8 of this Draft EIA Report) also includes recommendations and mitigation measures for rehabilitation of wetland and fluvial areas affected by the proposed project.</p>

5. Issues related to Chemical Storage, Pollution and Water Quality

NO	ISSUES RAISED	DATE	COMMENTATOR	RESPONSE
5.1	<p>eThekwini Municipality: Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries Department:</p> <p>The Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries Department has no objection to the construction of the Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All storage and operational use of any chemicals including the biocides will be separated and will be enclosed by properly waterproofed and roofed bunding to a standard which can accommodate a minimum of 2.5 times the projected maximum storage limits and automatic safety cut offs (dead man's switch) will be installed on any water supply or pipes, valves or drains associated with the removal of waste products and chemicals. 	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekwini Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	<p>As noted in Chapter 2 of this Draft EIA Report, bulk chemicals will be stored close to the point of use for each chemical in appropriately designed housing with easy truck access. The liquid chemical bulk storage facilities will be enclosed in a suitable chemical resistant bunded structure and protected from direct sunlight. In some instances splash and spray protection shields will be provided with safety showers and adequate ventilation and neutralisation facilities.</p> <p>A chemical storage area will be constructed at the proposed desalination plant in order to house all chemical storage tanks and their service facilities (motor control centre, pumps, instrumentation and controls, etc.). All chemical tanks and chemical storage areas would be provided with containment provisions in accordance with the applicable codes and regulations, however, these areas would not be smaller than 110 % of the tank volume. Recommendations for the storage of dangerous goods and chemicals are provided in the EMPr (Part B of this Draft EIA Report).</p>

6. Issues related to Terrestrial Ecology

NO	ISSUES RAISED	DATE	COMMENTATOR	RESPONSE
6.1	<p>The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) appreciates the opportunity given to review and comment on the FSR received on the 3rd of March 2015 for the abovementioned development.</p> <p>The department acknowledges that the concerns and requirements outlined in the comments previously issued, dated 19/05/2014 and 29/10/2014 are incorporated and addressed in the FSR. Furthermore, a terrestrial ecological</p>	16 March 2015	<i>N. Sontangane, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) – Forestry Regulations and Support, Letter via email</i>	<p>Comment noted. As noted in the Final Scoping Report, a Terrestrial Ecology Assessment has been undertaken as part of the EIA Phase. The Terrestrial Ecology Assessment is included in Chapter 9 of this Draft EIA Report, which includes a detailed description of the potential impacts on the proposed project on the terrestrial ecology and dune environment. Mitigation measures have been recommended in the Terrestrial Ecology Assessment.</p>

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	<p>study (TES) has been conducted by a specialist for the proposed sites. This study indicates that a patch of natural forest was identified along the pipeline route and it will be negatively impacted upon. Natural forests are protected in terms of Section 7 of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) as amended.</p> <p>Please note that this are not DAFF's final comments, further comments will be issued upon receipt and review of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report followed by a site visit. This report should indicate a detailed TES, the state of the natural forest and the extent that the pipeline may impact on natural forest.</p> <p>This letter does not exempt you from considering other environmental legislations.</p> <p>Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact this office.</p>			
6.2	<p>eThekwini Municipality: Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries Department:</p> <p>The Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries Department has no objection to the construction of the Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The exact pipeline route through the forest has to be surveyed in order to establish the route of least damage and full rehabilitation will be undertaken. - There will be compensation and offset for the loss of Municipal property and its associated Dune Forest. 	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekwini Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	<p>Comment noted. A Terrestrial Ecology Assessment has been undertaken as part of the EIA Phase. The Terrestrial Ecology Assessment is included in Chapter 9 of this Draft EIA Report, which includes a detailed description of the potential impacts on the proposed project on the terrestrial ecology and dune environment. Mitigation measures have been recommended in the Terrestrial Ecology Assessment.</p> <p>The recommendation for surveying of the final pipeline route prior to construction has been included in the EMPr (Part B of the Final EIA Report).</p> <p>If offset is required, it is Umgeni Water policy to compensate for loss of land, buildings or agricultural crops as a result of its infrastructure</p>

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				development. The value of compensation would be determined by an independent valuer and discussed with the landowner during the detailed design of the project. Please refer to the Terrestrial ecology study (Chapter 9 of this EIA Report) for further details regarding the Dune Forest and its current status.

7. General Comments and Issues related to EIA and Public Participation

NO	ISSUES RAISED	DATE	COMMENTATOR	RESPONSE
7.1	I received one hard copy and one CD copy of the above mentioned application. However please note I require one more hard copy and 5 more CD copies of the full Final Scoping Report for circulation/ comment by the relevant Municipal Departments. Please provide the copies as soon as possible in order to facilitate the process. Please acknowledge receipt of this email.	23 February 2015	Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekweni Municipality, Email	In relation to the request for hard copies of the report, in the interests of running a cost-effective process and minimising use of paper, the CSIR initially provided one hard copy and one CD copy of the Final Scoping Report to the eThekweni Municipality. Furthermore, the Final Scoping Report was made available to I&APs via the project website. In line with the 2010 EIA Regulations, copies of the Final Scoping Report were also placed at the Kingsburgh Library, where all I&APs were able to access the hard copies if preferred. However, based on the request received from the eThekweni Municipality, an additional seven CD copies of the Final Scoping Report were provided via registered mail (refer to Appendix F of this Draft EIA Report for the proof of registered mailing). The eThekweni Municipality received the additional CDs on 10 March 2015.
7.2	Could you kindly confirm if the document as per email below has been sent to DAFF?	23 February 2015	Karen Moodley, DAFF, Email	The Final Scoping Report was provided to various representatives of the DAFF. Appendix F of this Draft EIA Report provides the I&AP database which shows interaction with I&APs throughout the EIA Process.
7.3	Could you kindly email me a copy of the FSR for the proposed construction, operation and decommissioning of a Sea Water Reverse Osmosis Plant and associated infrastructure proposed at Lovu on the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast.	23 February 2015	Karen Moodley, DAFF, Email	The DAFF were informed that the Final Scoping Report was made available to I&APs via the project website and also placed at the Kingsburgh Library, where all I&APs were able to access the hard copies if preferred.
7.4	No further comments from the South African National Road Agency SOC Ltd.	24 February 2015	Judy Marx, Statutory	Comment noted.

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			<i>Control, IT, SANRAL, Email</i>	
7.5	<p>I refer to the above matter and in particular to your Notice dated 23rd February 2015 regarding a public comment period for the Final Scoping Report you are managing on behalf of Umgeni Water, as well as the change of particulars in project manager. Whilst we do not have any comment to this stage of the process specifically, I do wish to draw your attention to the email below which was addressed to your Mr K Moodley on 13th October last year and to which I received the attached emailed response.</p> <p>Can you advise the status of the signed documentation on behalf of Umgeni Water?</p>	<i>25 February 2015</i>	<i>Candice Woollaston, Legal and Property Manager, Illovo Sugar (South Africa) Limited, Email</i>	Comment noted. The signed indemnity form was sent to Illovo Sugar on 4 March 2015. The forms related to conditions of authority provided by Illovo Sugar in terms of property access. Illovo Sugar acknowledged receipt of the signed forms on 5 March 2015.
7.6	Kindly find the attached acknowledgement letter.	<i>3 March 2015</i>	<i>K. M. Baleni, DAFF – Forestry Regulations and Support, Email</i>	Comment noted.
7.7	<p>This letter serves as a notice of receipt for the above mentioned document(s) dated 23 February 2015.</p> <p>Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact this office.</p>	<i>3 March 2015</i>	<i>K. M. Baleni, DAFF – Forestry Regulations and Support, Letter via email</i>	Comment noted.
7.8	Please confirm has a hard copy been send to us as yet?	<i>3 March 2015</i>	<i>Michele Schmid, Engineering Services – Road Control, KZN Department of Transport</i>	The Final Scoping Report was made available to I&APs via the project website and also placed at the Kingsburgh Library, where all I&APs were able to access the hard copies if preferred. A CD with the FSR was sent to this I&AP at the time the FSR was released for public comment.
7.9	Thank you for affording us the opportunity as interested	<i>13 March</i>	<i>Iris Canham,</i>	Comment noted.

NO	ISSUES RAISED	DATE	COMMENTATOR	RESPONSE
	parties to comment on the aforementioned proposal. Attached hereto, kindly find our comments as Mother of Peace, Illovo Community.	2015	<i>General Manager, Mother of Peace Illovo</i>	
7.10	Kindly find attached comments for the final scoping report for the proposed construction, operation and decommissioning of sea water reverse osmosis plant and associated infrastructure.	16 March 2015	Mmbudzeni Patience Matamba, DAFF – Forestry Regulations and Support, Email	Comment noted.
7.11	Please be advised that I will be providing consolidated comments on the above mentioned Final Report. However, as I only received the CD copies of the document for circulation/comment by the relevant Municipal Departments on the 10 March 2015 I will need an extension in the comment period. I will do my best to get the comments to you by 31 March 2015. Please acknowledge receipt of this email.	18 March 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekwini Municipality, Email</i>	Comment noted. The comments on the Final Scoping Report were received from the eThekwini Municipality on 8 April 2015 and have been captured in this Draft EIA Report.
7.12	Dear Diane - Please be advised to send the hard copy to the department in order to receive the formal response.	23 March 2015	<i>Mmatlala Rabothata, DEA</i>	This email (from the National DEA) was addressed to Ms. Diane van Rensburg of the eThekwini Municipality in relation to the submission of comments on the Final Scoping Report.
7.13	eThekwini Municipality: Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department: The Department has reviewed the Final Scoping Report prepared for the proposed Lovu Desalination Plant project. The following comments are presented.	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekwini Municipality, Letter sent via post and email</i>	Comment noted. The eThekwini Municipality has been identified as a key stakeholder on the database and will be informed of the progress made in terms of the EIA Process. The eThekwini Municipality will be provided with a copy of the Draft EIA Report, which will be released for a 40-day comment period.

NO	ISSUES RAISED	DATE	COMMENTATOR	RESPONSE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This Department is satisfied that the Plan of Study for the Environmental Impact Assessment Phase has included the issues and concerns raised during the Scoping Phase. - This Department will continue to engage as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. 			
7.14	<p>eThekwini Municipality: Land Use Management Department:</p> <p>This property falls outside the Scheme Area, therefore a Chapter 4 application in terms of the PDA is required.</p>	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekwini Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	Comment noted.
7.15	<p>eThekwini Municipality: Framework Planning Branch:</p> <p>The Strategic Spatial Planning Branch has no objections to the proposed construction, operation and decommissioning of a sea water reverse osmosis plant and associated infrastructure at Lovu.</p>	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekwini Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	Comment noted.
7.16	<p>eThekwini Municipality: eThekwini Transport Authority:</p> <p>No comment.</p>	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekwini Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	Noted.
7.17	<p>eThekwini Municipality: Environmental Health Department</p>	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg,</i>	Noted.

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	No comment.		<i>EIA Hub, eThekweni Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	
7.18	eThekweni Municipality: Geotechnical Engineering Branch No further comment at this stage.	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekweni Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	Noted.
7.19	eThekweni Municipality: Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management This Department has no further requirements.	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekweni Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	Noted.
7.20	eThekweni Municipality: eThekweni Water and Sanitation Department No further comment received.	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekweni Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	Noted.
7.21	eThekweni Municipality: Durban Solid Waste	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg,</i>	Noted.

NO	ISSUES RAISED	DATE	COMMENTATOR	RESPONSE
	This Department has no further requirements for this proposal.		<i>EIA Hub, eThekweni Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	
7.22	eThekweni Municipality: Disaster Management No objection from Disaster Management.	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekweni Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	Noted.
7.23	eThekweni Municipality: Fire Safety The Fire Department has no objection to this project provided that building plans associated with this processing plant are submitted for approval.	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekweni Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	Building plans will be submitted to the Fire Safety Department of the eThekweni Municipality by Umgeni Water subsequent to the issuing of an Environmental Authorisation (should one be granted by the DEA).
7.24	Should you seek clarification on any of the above issues, please contact the writer on telephone: 031 - 3117136 or via e-mail: diane.vanrensborg@durban.gov.za . In addition, the Department requests that a copy of the Environmental Authorisation be emailed to the same address.	8 April 2015	<i>Diane van Rensburg, EIA Hub, eThekweni Municipality, Letter (dated 7 April) sent via post and email</i>	Comment noted. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation, should one be granted by the DEA, will be sent to the eThekweni Municipality at the email address provided. All I&APs on the database will be sent written notification of the issuing of the Environmental Authorisation (should one be granted) and the associated appeal period. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation will be made available on the project website.

8. Project Description Queries

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8.1	Kindly send us the property description of the application.	12 August 2015	S. Lesley, DAFF, Email	Comment noted. A link to the Final Scoping Report was sent to this I&AP. A description of the proposed project and the property and affected environment was provided in the Draft and Final Scoping Reports which were provided to all I&APs on the project database (including various representatives of the DAFF). Appendix B of the Draft and Final Scoping Reports includes the ERF numbers and a description of the affected properties. A response was provided by the EAP, via email, on 14 August 2015. Various representatives of the DAFF are included on the project I&AP database and will continue to be kept informed of the project. A copy of the project description and affected environment is also included in Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 of this Draft EIA Report respectively, which will be provided to the DAFF.
8.2	Good day, With reference to your letter dated 19 May 2015. Please be advised this Department has no further comments to add. Our previous comments still stand, please would you find attached for ease of reference. Thanking you.	16 September 2015	Michèle Schmid Engineering Services: Road Control KZN Department of Transport, Email	Comment noted.