

APPENDIX E: CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS

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Subject: RE: Proposed Windfarm In Cookhouse, Eastern Cape

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Dear Kate

According to the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), the natural channels are regarded as watercourses. Therefore, the electric duct crossings (each and every one of them) will constitute a water use in terms of this Act, for the following:

- Section 21 (c)- Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse (if there will be any) and
- Section 21 (i)-Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

These crossings will have an impact on the watercourse (bed & banks) so an authorization is needed.

When submitting the Section 21 (c) & (i) registration forms, you are only required to fill in one form per each water use but listing all the GPS coordinated of the crossings. For example, for Section 21 (i) you will only fill in one form but list all the coordinates of the 100 crossing points and for Section 21 (c) as well.

I hope this will give you clearance on the water use authorization process. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Regards,
Lorna

From: k.bezuidenhout.co.za [mailto:k.bezuidenhout@cesnet.co.za]
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Hi Lorna,

A friendly reminder that we are waiting for DWA's guidance on the numerous water crossings. As per our phone conversation on Monday you said you'd prepare an email setting out what is required for the authorization process.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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