

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

**ISSUES TRAIL**

**THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF THE NSELENI RIVER BRIDGE NO.261  
ON P425 BETWEEN EMPANGENI AND NSELENI; UMHLATHUZE AND  
MFOLOZI MUNICIPALITIES, UTHUNGULU DISTRICT,  
KWAZULU-NATAL**

**SUMMARY OF ISSUES/CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS RAISED BY  
INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTIES**

**July 2013**

This Issues Trail provides a summary of concerns raised by Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs). A full record of the public participation process and stakeholder / I&AP correspondence is available at Triplo4 offices. The issues have been arranged into groups of similar issues, and are listed within each group in the date order in which they were received. The name, affiliation and date of the commentator are also indicated.



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Issue / Comment	Raised By	Response
<p><u>Background Information Document (BID)- Nseleni Bridge Replacement</u></p> <p>I have no objection with this construction works as the steel structure is not in a good condition and on its last legs; it will improve the road safety, pedestrian safety and riding quality.</p>	<p><b>Umhlathuze Municipality (email) – Jaco Schutte.</b> Date: 21.05.2013</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><u>RE: Background Information Document (BID)- Nseleni Bridge Replacement</u></p> <p>WESSA KZN will not register as an I&amp;AP in the application for environmental authorization process. Thanks for the information.</p>	<p><b>WESSA (email) – Carolyn Schwegman.</b> Date: 22.05.2013</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><u>Background Information Document and opportunity to comment on the replacement ofn the Nseleni River Bridge No.261 on P425 Between Empangeni and Nseleni</u></p> <p>This letter serves as a notice of receipt for the above mentioned document(s) dated 20 May 2013.</p>	<p><b>Department of Forestry and Fisheries- Mr. D.J. Maivha.</b> Date: 23.05.2013</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><u>RE: Background Information Document (BID)- Nseleni Bridge Replacement</u></p> <p>Thanks for the notice. WESSA will not be registering as an I&amp;AP for this project at this stage. WESSA has made a decision to engage with development issues at a strategic level, so we will not be engaging with individual EIAs for the moment. Please find attached a letter from our Chief Operations Officer and Director: Conservation in this regard.</p> <p>Please find the above-mentioned letter attached to Appendix E of this Report.</p>	<p><b>WESSA (email) – Bianca McKelvy</b> Date: 27.05.2013</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p><u>RE: Minutes of Meeting for Replacement of the Nseleni Bridge- Crystal Holdings</u> Thanks for this. We will require details maps of all the areas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Directly impacted on that will go out of cane growing</li><li>2. Indirectly impacted on, where cane will be damaged and will require replanting.</li></ol> <p>I will need to meet again on site to verify these areas please.</p>	<p><b>Crystal Holdings Farm Manager (email)- Gerry Barry.</b> Date: 03.06.2013</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. I have forwarded your email to the engineers as it more a financial and technical matter than environmental. Triplo4 does not need to be present at this second meeting as it regards survey information. Should you have any concerns that we can address please feel free to contact us.</p>

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<p><u>Replacement of Nseleni Bridge: Interim Comment:</u>                      In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act (Act 4 of 2008)</p> <p>Attention: Department of Transport, KZN</p> <p>Establishment of new 2 lane bridge. The existing single lane river bridge is a steel truss that is deemed structurally inadequate. The bridge, build shortly after 1931, does not comply with the required standards for the class and loading it has to carry. In addition, adequate provision is essential in terms of the requirement to serve as an emergency road to the N2. Going forward, it is planned that the road be upgraded to a Road Class 3 with a 100km/h design speed (Note: this upgrade falls outside the scope of the bridge upgrade project). Preservation of the existing steel bridge being a historical structure is proposed.</p> <p>We acknowledge receipt of your application for HIA requirements. Please note that the steel structure adjacent the area of the proposed new bridge requires protection in terms of the KwaZulu Natal Heritage Act No.4 of 2008 and the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999 (Section 38 (1)), therefore <b>a Heritage Impact Assessment is required for the above proposed project.</b> Amafa KZN Heritage therefore requires the appointment of an Amafa accredited Heritage Practitioner to assist in the provision of recommendations and mitigation procedures.</p> <p>Please download our list of Heritage Practitioners from our website <a href="http://www.heritagekzn.co.za">www.heritagekzn.co.za</a>. Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p>	<p><b>Amafa KZN Heritage (SAHRIS Website)-                      Bernadet Pawandiwa</b>                      Date: 06.06.2013</p>	

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<p><u>DC28/0013/2013: Acknowledgment of Receipt of Basic Assessment Report For the Proposed Replacement of Nseleni River Bridge No. 261 on The P425 with Alternative Re-alignment Situated at Empangeni and Nseleni</u></p> <p>1. The Basic Assessment Report for the above mentioned activity, submitted in terms of requirements of regulation 23 (1)(a) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010, is hereby acknowledged as having been received by this Department on the 14 June 2013.</p> <p>2. Enquiries regarding this application may be directed to the Assistant Manager: Impact Assessment: Mr Muzi Mdamba, Tel no: 053 780 6844 Fax no: 035 789 8211 at the uThungulu District Office.</p>	<p><b>Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (email)- Muzi Mdamba.</b> Date: 02.07.2013</p>	

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