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Dear Monica

Pedestrian Bridge – Mkhomazi River (Zinkwani/Mhlangeni), Himeville

Basic Assessment Report (draft):

My records reflect that WESSA was not registered as an I&AP for the application, the reason being that our workload has been heavy and in certain applications where the risk of environmental damage is not significant we have elected not to participate. However, with a copy of the report to hand we offer a comment on the design of the pedestrian bridge which is within a 1:100 year floodline. This is a concern as with more frequent and more severe rainfall events, associated with climate change, the long term viability of the bridge is at risk. Damage during flooding may put lives at risk.

The sensitivity of the environment within the project site is recognized and construction activities need to take this into account as has been noted in the report.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards

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