



## Interim Comment

### 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)

Attention: KwaZulu-Natal - Department of Transport  
Private Bag X9043  
Pietermaritzburg  
3200

**The construction of a 130 metre Buffels River Bridge (Number 3717) over the Umzinyathi River on L2953 Local Road in the Mhlaba area east of Pomeroy in KwaZulu-Natal. Erf-Klip River 4665 & Reserve #18 15838. DC24/0012/2014**

Thank you for notifying Amafa Heritage KwaZulu Natal about the proposed development of the Buffels River Bridge. Our database search and Paleo-sensitivity map indicates that the development falls in an area that is associated with the Stone Age and Iron Age Era and a bedrock of moderate fossil sensitivity. The possibility of disturbing heritage resources in this area is high and therefore an assessment of the site and its surroundings is necessary. The survey should cover a radius of 50m in all directions to ensure that possible Rock Art sites are not impacted negatively.

A Full Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment including a Paleontological Desktop assessment must be conducted. This assessment must not only assess impacts in terms of the development footprint, but must also assess broader, indirect impacts to heritage that may result from the proposed development. This assessment must satisfy SAHRA's minimum requirements for impact assessments and must comply with the requirements in Section 38(3) of the NHRA and as such, this assessment must provide recommendations regarding the mitigation of any identified direct and indirect impacts to heritage resources.

Please visit the permits section of the Amafa website [www.heritagekzn.co.za](http://www.heritagekzn.co.za) and website of the PSSA, <http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za> for a list of specialists.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/260432>  
(KZN DoT, Ref: 3717)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to Amafa immediately.
3. Amafa reserves the right to request additional information as required.

