# **Newcastle Landfill Development**

Our Ref: SAH15/7654

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# **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: Newcastle Local Municipality

The Newcastle Municipality is proposing to develop a new landfill site in the area due to the existing landfill site rapidly reaching the end of its design life. The proposed general waste landfill site is to be established within the province of KwaZulu Natal on vacant land in the area of Newcastle at coordinates 270 50'53.6" S and 290 55' 12.2" E

Thank you for informing us about this development and giving us an opportunity to comment in terms of the heritage legislation. The information that you submitted has been reviewed and it is noted that the greater part of the proposed landfill site falls within the very high palaeo-sensitivity zone. The archaeological database also indicates that the general Newcastle area is associated with Late Stone Age, Rock Art, Late Iron Age and Historical cultural material. For this reason an impact assessment of the proposed developmental site is mandatory.

Considering the heritage value of the area of proposed development, a Heritage Impact Assessment is required for the above proposed project. This must include the field-based palaeontological and archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Amafa KZN Heritage therefore requires the appointment of an Amafa accredited Heritage Practitioner to assist in the provision of recommendations and mitigation procedures.

Please download our list of Heritage Practitioners from our website <a href="www.heritagekzn.co.za">www.heritagekzn.co.za</a>. and the website of the PSSA, <a href="http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za">http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za</a>.

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/269779 (EDTEA, Ref: DC25/0007/2014 and DC25/WML/0002/2014)

### 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.

