

**Proposed Demolition of buildings and structures in the Point Precinct in the Port of Durban**

**Letter of Advice**

**IN TERMS OF SECTION 34(1), 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND SECTION 37, 41(8) OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)**

Attention: Transnet National Ports Authority - Durban

4 Bayhead Road  
Durban, 4001

**Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) in the Port of Durban are proposing the demolition of buildings and structures in the Point Precinct in the Port of Durban. The proposed demolitions shall include Ocean Terminal Complex, L-and M Shed, Durmarine Building, N-Shed, Fresh Produce Terminal; Schoeman's Bridge, D Shed, F Shed, G Shed and MHA Facility . This is due to the Durban Logistics Hub strategy, business needs and streamlined operations of the Car (Automotive) Terminal. There are buildings on the site that are older than 60 years old which includes the Ocean Terminal Complex, Durmarine Building and Schoeman's Bridge, N-Shed, N-shed ablution, MHA Facility, F Shed, G-Shed and D Shed..**

The application for the demolition of all buildings on the T-Jetty and adjacent sites on Quayside Road for the further development of the automotive terminal, that was submitted on the 08 March 2022 remained incomplete until the final scoping report and the revised motivation for the demolition had been submitted on the 21 November 2022. The matter was put to the Heritage Officers Committee on the 23 November 2022 when the the National Ports Authority was given time to present in mitigation of that report:

- The presentation proposed that, despite the high heritage value of the buildings in question, it was still desirable to demolish everything in the operational area of the proposed extension to the automotive terminal due to security issues and the fact that it was better to park vehicles in the open as multi-storey buildings presented obstacles when maneuvering vehicles.
- In mitigation it was proposed that a new museum of the port, that included all the artworks salvaged from the Ocean Terminal building and Durmarine building, be built next to the new Cruise Liner Terminal. A tower office block was also proposed for that site to accommodate the loss of office space.

The interested and affected parties were given an opportunity for an initial response but it was noted that the Institute would place an advertisement in a regional newspaper and post it on the Institute's website within a week of the meeting. Thirty days from the date of the advertisement would be allowed for comment but this period would exclude the holiday break from 16 December 2022 - 15 January 2023.

Public consultation process: the advertisement was placed in the Mercury on the 28 November 2022. The thirty days for response is calculated from the 29 November 2022 to the 28 January 2023 as the period from the 16 December 2022 to the 15 January 2023 is excluded from the response period. An email confirming the advertisement was sent to Riona Sewnarain, the official who had submitted the case, on the 28 November 2022.

A similar email was sent to all interested and affected parties who had registered interest in this case, as well as architectural professional bodies, and registered heritage societies in the Durban area on the same day and the advertisement was placed on the Institute's website.

The case will be placed on the agenda of the review meeting to be held on the 1 February 2023 and the applicants and interested and affected parties will be advised of the time slot of this item on the agenda.

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:**

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