



**The construction of 3no. structures along Provincial Road (P176), within the  
Mgwenya River, Estcourt, KwaZulu-Natal**

**Our Ref: SAH20/14271**

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## **Final Comment**

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

Attention: KZN Department of Transport

**The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport (Applicant) proposes to construct 3no. structures over the Mgwenya River on Provincial Road 176 (P176). The proposed structures will replace the existing, ineffective structure at the crossing points. The details of the causeway structure can be found below:**

- 1. The construction of a Low-level bridge structure (12no. 5m spans, 2no. abutments & 11no. piers), at 28°53'58.04''S; 30°05'03.51''E, over the Mgwenya River;**
- 2. The construction of a Low-level bridge structure (15no. 5m spans, 2no. abutments & 14no. piers), at 28°55'07.47''S; 30°05'57.94''E, over the Mgwenya River;**
- 3. The construction of a 18no. 2.4m x 2.4m box culvert structure, at 28°56'20.07''S; 30°06'24.56''E, over the Mgwenya River**

The survey by Gavin Anderson on the proposed development concluded that the causeways on the P176 require no further mitigation provided they do not extend beyond the current sizes, nor access quarries and/or borrow pits".

The Institute therefore has no objection to the development. You are therefore required to adhere to the standard conditions listed below:

1. The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earth-moving activities and all development should cease until further notice.
2. No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished altered or extended without a permit from the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
3. Under no circumstances may any heritage material be destroyed or removed from site unless under direction of the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute and a heritage specialist.
4. Should any remains be found on site that is potentially human remains, the South African Police Service (SAPS) should also be contacted. No SAPS official may disturb or exhume such remains, without the necessary permission from the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
5. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.



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6. Sources of all natural materials (including topsoil, sands, natural gravels, crushed stone, asphalt, etc.) must be obtained in a sustainable manner and in compliance with the heritage legislation.

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: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/527956>

**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 the Institute immediately.
3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.