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**LETTER OF EXEMPTION FOR THE PEACE VALLEY III ROAD UPGRADE**

I have undertaken a brief desktop study of the proposed Peace Valley III Road Upgrade. The following upgrades will be made:

- The existing gravel roads vary in width between 3m and 5m with poor geometric alignment. The terrain can be classified as mountainous with grades as high as 22%.
- The proposed road generally follows the existing alignment apart from an improved horizontal curve and vertical grades at the sharp bend and excessively steep grades respectively.
- The road cross sections consist of the following (5m wide surfaced road, 1.5m wide concrete sidewalk, culvert, longitudinal and subsoil drains).
- The proposed road partially pass a wetland and also intersect and cross the wetland, proposed design culverts
- The approximate extent of the area to investigate for the road under consideration is 2.10km long x 20m wide.

I have undertaken a desktop study of known sites in the study area (fig. 1). There are no known heritage sites near the road. There are unlikely to be heritage sites affected by the road upgrade due to the steep gradient of the area and that it is highly developed (fig. 2). The road is currently 4 -6m wide and will not be widened much more.

If any graves do occur, then this will be dealt with by individual families.

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The area is coded green for palaeontological sensitivity. However, this is a road upgrade and will not be exposing palaeontological layers.

The project should be exempt from further HIA studies as it is highly unlikely to yield additional information.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Anderson', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gavin Anderson

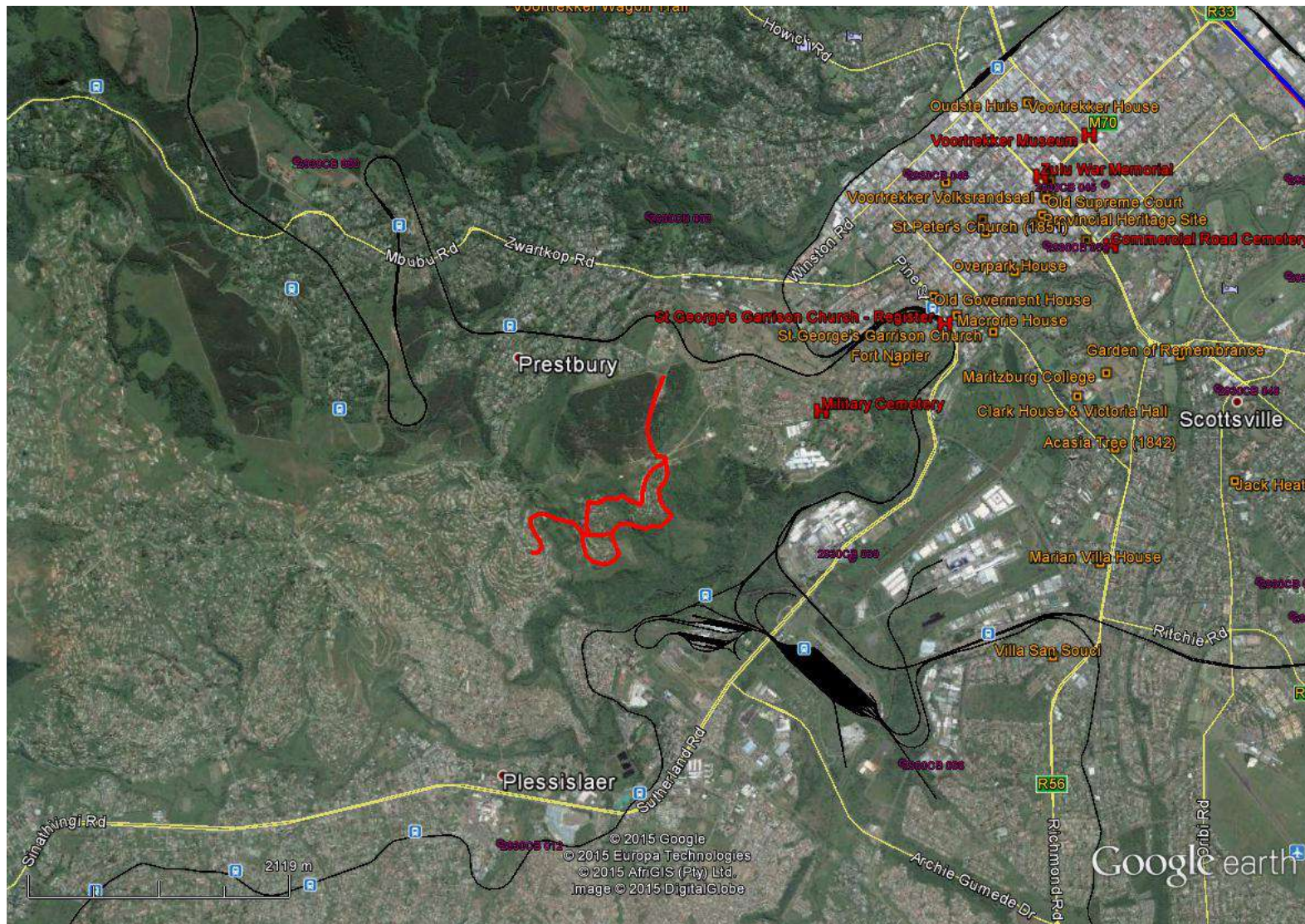


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FIG. 1: LOCATION OF KNOWN SITES IN THE STUDY AREA





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FIG. 2: AERIAL VIEW OF THE STUDY AREA

