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Appendix F – Comments and Response Report

DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project

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Table 1: Comments and Response Report – Pre-Application and BAR Application Process

Ref No	Registered I&AP Details	I&AP 's Comment	Hatch's Response
Pre-Application Process			
HEES 1	Sharon van Hees Secretary – Redford Conservancy mazoe5@mweb.co.za	<p>Correspondence via email: 1 September 2020</p> <p>Good morning –</p> <p>Thank you for the informative document.</p> <p>May I forward this to the data base of residents in Redford that I hold for the Redford Conservancy? If I read it correctly there is still an opportunity to register as an I&AP. I don't believe that many residents have yet done so.</p> <p>And could you confirm that the Conservancy, and I, in my personal capacity, are registered already, please?</p> <p>Kind regards – Sharon van Hees Secretary – Redford Conservancy</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 1 September 2020</p> <p>Good day Sharon</p> <p>Please do forward this onto the Redford Conservancy database – thank you so much. There is definitely still an opportunity to register as an I&AP. We can confirm that Conservancy, as well as yourself, have been registered on the project's database.</p> <p>Regards, Margaret Muller</p>
BARD 1	Stephanie-Anne Barnardt Heritage Officer (Archaeologist) Heritage Resource Management Services : Heritage Western Cape	<p>Correspondence via email: 1 September 2020</p> <p>Good day Muller</p> <p>Thank you for providing HWC time to comment.</p>	Comment was noted.

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	stephanie.barnardt@westerncape.gov.za	<p>Please note that our previous comment still stands, please see attached.</p> <p>Kind regards, Stephanie-Anne Barnardt Heritage Officer (Archaeologist) Heritage Resource Management Services Heritage Western Cape</p>	
KAMK 1	<p>Jessica Kamkam Ward Councillor 1 JKamkam@plett.gov.za 072 769 2342</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 1 September 2020</p> <p>Hope this email find you in excellent health.</p> <p>We are delighted with the fact that the Western Cape Government is in the process of going out to tender on the Roads upgrade project within ward 1 of Bitou Municipality (R102 Natures Valley, OP 7720 entrance to Kurland and the Redford Road.</p> <p>This project certainly is a game changer, because it has been listed in the IDP for a number of years. The Craggs area is a very popular tourism destination and this project is going to give the area a much needed "facelift".</p> <p>Entrance to Kurland Village:</p>	Comment was noted.

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		<p>Thank you for including the walkway as listed within the IDP, because many people walk this route daily .</p> <p>It is certainly a great safety concern that the lights as requested in the IDP has not been included.</p> <p>Please note , that with the recent upgrade of the garage , which is likely to operate till late in the evening , it is of great importance that lighting be included in the tender.</p> <p>It is a great safety issue, and I can only imagine the danger it would hold to pedestrians should it be omitted from the current tender.</p> <p>This specific area is known for being high risk and I would appreciate if your department could please consider this request.</p> <p>Hope to hear from you soonest .</p> <p>Regards, Cllr. Kamkam</p>	
WOLF 1	<p>Anton Wolfaardt Landowner acwolfaardt@gmail.com</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 1 September 2020</p> <p>Dear Margaret,</p> <p>Thanks for the communication and document. I was wondering whether it would be possible to get</p>	<p>Figures were sent to Anton Wolfaardt on 17 September 2020.</p>

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		<p>better quality versions of some of the figures – Figures 2.1, 2.2 and 4.1, for example, are completely illegible, at least on my computer.</p> <p>Regards, Anton Wolfaardt</p>	
SCOT 1	<p>Drew Scott Landowner - Owners of Portion 42 farm 232 Redford drew@simplygreen.org.za</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 1 September 2020</p> <p>Hello Margaret</p> <p>Thanks for detailed info on Redford Road upgrade to tar. Please could you supply a higher res pic (second right bottom row of page 4)</p> <p>It seems to be different from the one Niel sent me. If this is correct it raises the following concerns in the construction process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a <i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i> that is well matured and will be effected by this. 2. The security of our stock will be of high concern as our nursery beds are 3m from the road and this will open up to theft of our product. This was identified by the botanist surveying the flora. <p>Look forward to your reply</p> <p>Owners of Portion 42 farm 232 redford Kind Regards</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 1 October 2020</p> <p>Good morning Drew,</p> <p>Thank you so much for your email.</p> <p>We have been looking into your comments.</p> <p>Please see the attached for a Res Image of the Expropriation areas.</p> <p>With regards to the drawings which Niel sent you, these are correct and I have attached them again for ease of access to the drawings. Please note that the top of the page is not North so you have to turn the drawing around to get a better understanding.</p> <p>With regards to the <i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i>, a surveyor is going out in the next few weeks to have a look and see what we are dealing with and if the road will impact the tree. We will keep you posted with regards to this concern.</p> <p>With regards to the security, all fencing which is already there will be replaced in line with the Western Cape</p>

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		Drew Scott	Standards. I have copied in Niel and Craig if you would like to get some more information on this concern. Regards, Margaret Muller
Public Participation Period			
BLIG 1	Tony Blignaut Interested Party tony@monkeyland.co.za	Correspondence via email: 14 October 2020 Hi Michelle, I have no comments, just happy to see progress in this matter - which I started nearly 20 years ago when I was Chairman of the local ratepayers association, my main interest is to see that it happens. So, if you ever need a helping hand feel free to call on me. Kind regards Tony Blignaut	Hatch response via email: 14 October 2020 Good morning Tony, That is great to hear! It's been really refreshing to have support from the surrounding community. Have a great rest of your day Kind regards Michelle Miles
BGCM 1	Breede Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA) Commenting Authority	Correspondence via email: 29 September 2020 Good day	Hatch response via email: 11 November 2020 Good afternoon Lesele,

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	rmphahlele@bgcma.co.za	<p>RE: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE DR1797 FROM KM 0.00 TO KM 4.87 (REDFORD) ROAD IN THE PLETTENBERG BAY</p> <p>Reference is made to the Executive Summary Document (ESD) dated August 2020, received by the Breede Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA) in respect of the above mentioned project.</p> <p>The following are BGCMA comments on the project which should be adhered to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is stated in page 14, paragraph 4.7 of the ESD that the road DR 1797 crosses over tributaries of the Whiskey Creek River, as well as a tributary of the the Keurbooms River Keurbooms River. Further, paragraph 2.3.6 in page 6 of the ECO, states that the upgrade work will include the replacement of minor culverts and construction of a major culvert at km 705; and paragraph 2.3.6.2 in page 7 of the ESD informs that the major culvert is required at km 0.705 where a tributary of the Whiskey Creek River crosses the DR1797. These activities will trigger the requirement for a Water Use Authorisation as they are regarded as the use of water, in terms of section 21 (c) & (i) of the National Water Act 36 of 1988 (NWA), within the regulated area of a watercourse. 	<p>Thank you very much for your comments on the project which were sent on the 30 of September 2020 and the 21 October 2020 (attached).</p> <p>Just one note, the subject line has been changes to reflect the relevant project.</p> <p>The comments made in the document named "Proposed upgrade of DR 1797 (Redford Road) have been note.</p> <p>For the DR 1797 Road upgrade, Hatch is currently in the process of conducting the General Authorisation (GA) Application for the project on E-WULAAS. The risk assessment has been undertaken by a SACNASP Registered Freshwater Specialist which identified that a GA was required. With regards to the general authorisation, the site visit was conducted for the DR 1797 Road by your colleague Thembele Bushula and will be included as part of the GA Application.</p> <p>We will be submitting the GA Application soon.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me if you would like clarity on any of project details.</p> <p>Have a great rest of your afternoon</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>

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		<p>"regulated area of a watercourse" means or refers to:</p> <p>(a) The outer edge of the 1 in 100 year flood line and /or delineated riparian habitat, whichever is the greatest distance, measured from the middle of the watercourse of a river, spring, natural channel, lake or dam;</p> <p>(b) In the absence of a determined 1 in 100 year flood line or riparian area the area within 100m from the edge of a watercourse where the edge of the watercourse is the first identifiable annual bank fill flood bench (subject to compliance to section 144 of the Act);or</p> <p>(c) A 500 m radius from the delineated boundary (extent) of any wetland or pan</p> <p>2. A Risk Matrix (Based on the Department of Water and Sanitation 2015 publication: section 21 (c) & (i) water use Risk Assessment Protocol) must be undertaken in respect of the project by a suitably qualified professional registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP). The Risk Matrix will inform the type of Water Use Authorisation that will be required for this project. It must include a Mitigation report and a Rehabilitation report.</p>	

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		<p>3. As required by section 22 of NWA, a Water Use Authorisation is required prior commencement with any water use activity contemplated in section 21 of NWA. Moreover, commencement with any water use activity without a authorization as required by section 22 of NWA constitute an offence in terms of section 151(1)(a) of NWA. In terms of section 151(2) of NWA, any person who contravenes is guilty of an offence and liable, on first conviction to a fine or an imprisonment of a period not exceeding five years or both such a fine and imprisonment.</p> <p>4. In light of the above, you are advised that the onus remains with the Western Cape Government to adhere to the NWA prior to commencement of the water use activities related to the upgrade of DR1797.</p> <p>5. This office can be contacted for further information related to the application for and/or requirements for a Water Use Authorisation.</p> <p>This office reserves the right to amend and revise its comments as well as to request any further information.</p> <p>Yours Faithfully</p> <p>Pp Mr. Jan Van Staden</p>	

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BGCM 2	Breede Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA) Commenting Authority rmphahlele@bgcma.co.za	<p>Correspondence via email: 21 October 2020</p> <p>Attention: Michelle Miles</p> <p>RE: BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DR1797 (REDFORD) ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT, GARDEN ROURE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, WESTEN CAPE</p> <p>Reference is made to the Draft Basic Assessment received by the Breede Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA) on the 02 October 2020, in respect of the above mentioned project</p> <p>The following are BGCMA comments relating to the project. which should be adhered to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BGCMA has no further comments or concerns with regards to the project. However, the comments dated 29/09/2020, already made by BGCMA on this project still stand and must be adhered to. 2. This office reserves the right to amend and revise its comments as well as to request any further information. <p>Yours faithfully</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 22 October 2020</p> <p>Good morning Rabokale,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well.</p> <p>Thank you so much for your response. It is much appreciated.</p> <p>Have a great rest of your day.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>

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		<p>Pp Mr. Jan Van Staden</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer (Acting)</p>	
IRVI 1	<p>Emma Irvine</p> <p>Landowner</p> <p>emmairvine69@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 23 October 2020</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>Please refer to my comments below regarding existing water furrows on the Redford Road. Speed measures should also be considered with a maximum of 60 kmph.</p> <p>I hope the above will be considered.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Emma</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 23 October 2020</p> <p>Good morning Emma,</p> <p>Thank you so much for your comments.</p> <p>With regards to the drainage lines and watercourses which flows under the road, all of this will remain the same. We will be replacing the culverts to actually allow better flow as most of the culverts are blocked due to overgrown vegetation.</p> <p>The main purpose of aligning the road and surfacing it, is to allow for a 60km/hr speed limit. There will also be traffic signage along the road indicating the speed limit as well as if there are any sharp turns.</p> <p>I hope this answers your comments.</p>

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			<p>Please feel free to reach out if you would like me to clarify further.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>
IRVI 2		<p>Correspondence via email: 23 October 2020</p> <p>Thanks for your email.</p> <p>I was referring to water run off not culverts under the road. On the verges, water is diverted from the main Redford Road down subsidiary roads to landowners dams. Portion 23 of farm 290 as an example. That is the second official turn off on the left.</p> <p>Kind regards.</p> <p>Emma</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 23 October 2020</p> <p>Hi Emma,</p> <p>Thanks for clarify.</p> <p>The road upgrade won't be changing the runoff from the road. We will be upgrading the side drains so the road does drain but it will remain the same as it is now.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>
ERAS 1	<p>Véronique Erasmus Surrounding Landowner (End of the Road, Rondebosch Ln, Redford Rd, The Craggs) veronique@romulus.co.za</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 23 October 2020</p> <p>Hi Michelle,</p> <p>It is important that there must be a safe speed limit on the road - not more than 60 km ph</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 27 October 2020</p> <p>Good afternoon Veronique,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well</p>

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		<p>Also will there be a wide enough sidewalks / yellowlines for pedestrians and cyclists? There are many people walking or cycling on Redford Rd</p> <p>Perhaps also some gentle speed bumps...?</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Veronique Erasmus</p>	<p>The speed limit of the DR 17997 (Redford) Rd will be a maximum of 60km/hr and such will be indicated along the road in the form of traffic signage.</p> <p>With regards to the speed humps, these are not used on rural roads such as the DR 1797 (Redford) Rd and are mainly only used as traffic calming measures for slowing traffic typically in the vicinity of hospitals and schools.</p> <p>The installation of speed humps also creates a safety concern as there is no street lighting on the road which significantly reduces the visibility of the speed humps at night. Due to this, speed humps have not been included as part of the DR 1797 Rd upgrade.</p> <p>With regards to pedestrian and cyclist traffic, one of the main purposes is to construct a shoulder on each side of the road to allow for pedestrians on the road.</p> <p>I hope this addresses your concern.</p> <p>Thanks again for the comment and have a lovely day.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>
DAVI 1	<p>23 October 2020</p> <p>Correspondence via email</p>	Correspondence via email: 23 October 2020	Hatch response via email: 27 October 2020

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	<p>Thandi Davies Surrounding Landowner thandi.davies@gmail.com</p>	<p>Good day Michelle and Margaret</p> <p>Regarding the above proposed tar road, I trust that the appropriate ENVIRONMENTAL concerns will be examined (this is not my area of expertise), but I would like to request that speed bumps are placed on the tar road at close intervals please?</p> <p>People have a tendency to speed down this road and there are agricultural workers, children, livestock, domestic and wild animals that are OFTEN on the road and that would be put very much at risk if a plain tar road is laid without speed bumps to slow people down.</p> <p>Thank you so much and I appreciate your consideration.</p> <p>Best wishes</p> <p>Thandi Davies</p>	<p>Good morning Thandi,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well.</p> <p>Thanks you so much for your query and comment.</p> <p>With regards to your comment on speed humps, these are not used on rural roads such as the DR 1797 (Redford) Rd and are mainly only used as traffic calming measures for slowing traffic typically in the vicinity of hospitals and schools. The installation of speed humps also creates a safety concern as there is no street lighting on the road which significantly reduces the visibility of the speed humps at night. Due to this, speed humps have not been included as part of the DR 1797 Rd upgrade.</p> <p>We understand that the road is used by a large amount of pedestrians which is why one of the main purposes of the upgrade activities is to construct a shoulder on each side of the road to allow for pedestrians on the road.</p> <p>I hope this clarifies and addresses your comments.</p> <p>Have a great rest of your day.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>

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FOUR 1	<p>Peter Fourie Landowner (Rondebosch Road) peterfourie558@gmail.com</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 23 October 2020</p> <p>We are residents in The Craggs . We reside in Rondebosch Road . How far will the road ve tarred will it be as far as Simply Green or Rondebosch Road as there are businesses all along Redford Road . We will be very happy if the tarred road stretches as far as Rondebosch Road .We know of people who visited here whos cars engine was badly damaged on Redford Road due to being a gravel road which led to the repairs being too costly and the car being sold as voetstoots which they lost a huge amount of money on the asking price .</p> <p>0734253883 . Regards, Peter Fourie</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 27 October 2020:</p> <p>Good afternoon Peter, I hope this email finds you well.</p> <p>Thank you so much for your query and I am so sorry to about the damaged vehicles due to the gravel road. All the more reason to upgrade the road.</p> <p>The upgrade activities will go up until km 4.85 along the road which is past the Simply Green Nursey and Rondebosch Rd. I have attached the locality map of the upgrade activities for your information.</p> <p>I hope this answers your query.</p> <p>Have a lovely rest of your day.</p> <p>Kind regards Michelle Miles</p>
GAGE 1	<p>23 October 2020</p> <p>Correspondence via email</p> <p>Peter Gage Landowner gage@jaws.co.za</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 23 October 2020</p> <p>Good Day Michelle, I wish to add comment for consideration.</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 27 October 2020</p> <p>Good afternoon Peter, Thank you for your comments.</p>

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		<p>1. The traffic speeds down Redford road in it's present state are high and dangerous – speeds will also go up once it is surfaced. Can consideration be given to introducing traffic calming measures, at least speed bumps? Maybe a few circles at the intersections. I realise that these introduce additional cost but, practically, something is necessary.</p> <p>2. Pedestrian traffic is significant along the existing road. The situation at present is somewhat unsafe – this needs consideration.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Peter Gage, BSc Eng (Civil), Pr Eng</p>	<p>With regards to the speed limit of the road. The speed limit will be 60km/hr and such will be indicated along the road in the form of traffic signage. With regards to the speed humps, these are not used on rural roads such as the DR 1797 (Redford) Rd and are mainly only used as traffic calming measures for slowing traffic typically in the vicinity of hospitals and schools. The installation of speed humps also creates a safety concern as there is no street lighting on the road which significantly reduces the visibility of the speed humps at night. Due to this, speed humps have not been included as part of the DR 1797 Rd upgrade.</p> <p>With regards to pedestrian traffic, one of the main purposes is to construct a shoulder on each side of the road to allow for pedestrians on the road.</p> <p>I hope this addresses your comments.</p> <p>Have a great rest of your day.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>

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RICH 1	Gill Richardson Resident – Redford Road gill@mabelstone.co.za	<p>Correspondence via email: 23 October 2020</p> <p>Good-day Ladies</p> <p>There seems to be a lot of discussion today regarding the upgrade of this road so am sure you have had a few e-mail objections today.</p> <p>I, on the other hand would just like to lodge our absolute approval of this plan and look forward to the commencement of this project.</p> <p>Any information you have on commencement would be appreciated.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Gilli Richardson</p> <p>Resident – Redford Road</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 27 October 2020</p> <p>Good afternoon Gill,</p> <p>Thank you so much for your support. It is much appreciated.</p> <p>The construction activities should commence at the end of June 2021 but this should be communicated to all affected prior to the commencement of construction.</p> <p>Have a great rest of your day</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>
GOED 1	<p>Telephone Call : 30 October 2020</p> <p>Jack Goedhals</p> <p>Landowner</p> <p>northnife@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 30 October 2020</p> <p>Good afternoon Jack,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well.</p> <p>I understand you spoke to my colleague Margaret Muller about your concerns with the DR 1797 Rd Upgrade. She has given me some feedback and I thought I would send you an email to address the comments.</p>	

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		<p>I understand you are unable to access the documents on the website and would like to see how your land will be affected. I have attached the map indicating the area which will be expropriated. Please can you let me know if you would like any additional information?</p> <p>With regards to the Expropriation of some of your land, I understand Zeenat Allie from the Hatch Engineering team contacted you back in April to notify you that some of your land would be required as part of upgrade activities. As far as I understand she sent you the drawings indicating which areas would be required as well as a letter for you to sign to acknowledge receipt of land acquisition (I have attached the signed letter as a refresher). The actual Land Acquisition process will be handled by the Western Cape Government and has not commenced yet and should do once the project have receives the Environmental Authorisation.</p> <p>With regards to the hump which is at beginning of your access road due to other upgrade activities conducted by the Local Municipality, all access road which are connected to the DR 1797 Rd</p> <p>Upgrade will be levelled and connected accordingly.</p> <p>Security has been a common concern among a few of your neighbours. All the new fences will be erected, like for like, prior to your old fence being taken down.</p> <p>We understand that there is a concern with regards to the speed limit, the road will have a maximum speed limit of 60Km/hr and such will be indicated by road signage.</p> <p>I hope this addresses your concerns and please let me know if you would like me to clarify further.</p> <p>Have a great rest of your day.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>	

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GOED 2	<p>Jack Goedhals</p> <p>Landowner northnife@gmail.com</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 1 November 2020</p> <p>Hi Michelle,</p> <p>Thank you for forwarding the proposed expropriation areas highlighted schematically in yellow.</p> <p>The ones that impact on my property are detailed in enlargements numbered 6,7 and 8.(Portion 43/232)</p> <p>The main area of concern to me is shown in number 6. It is not not clear from the image how my cattle crush located in that area is going to be affected. You will appreciate that the crush is an important part of the day to day running of the animals well-being. That is where parasite (ticks) control and emergency veterinary cases are treated(difficult births,etc).</p> <p>It is also not clear how the adjacent dam wall is going to be affected. Over recent times the provincial roads department has constructed two raised sections of the road to facilitate water passing underneath. So doing they have created dams next to the road which in my view will impact on the integrity of my dam walls .</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 3 November 2020</p> <p>Good afternoon Jack,</p> <p>Thanks so much for your email.</p> <p>With regards to your cattle crush, please can you provide us with the location the cattle crush? This way we will be able to have a look to see if it will be impacted by the road upgrades. Once we have done this we will respond to you accordingly.</p> <p>With regards to the adjacent dam wall you have on your property. One of the main purposes of the road upgrades is to replace the culverts which have become blocked over time causing ponding on either side of the road. The culverts will be constructed as to allow for proper drainage of the area as well as flow of water under the road.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me if you would like me to explain further.</p> <p>Have a lovely rest of your day.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>

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		<p>I was pleased to receive your verbal reassurance that access to and from my property will be properly treated.</p> <p>Currently I have 5 access points, 3 on the northern side and 2 on the southern side of the Redford Road.</p> <p>I hope my concerns are clear.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jack Goedhals</p>	
GOED 3	<p>Jack Goedhals</p> <p>and telephone</p> <p>Landowner northnife@gmail.com</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 3 November 2020</p> <p>Hi Michelle,</p> <p>The crush is just west of the 2.5 km marker and east of the dam shown in "6" close to the fence, and is within the area highlighted in yellow on the northern side of the Redford Road.</p> <p>I hope my explanation helps.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Jack Goedhals</p>	<p>Telephone Call: 3 November</p> <p>Jack Goedhals contacted Michelle Miles via a telephone call to discuss the location of the cattle crush. Jack Goedhals could not take a photo due to lack of technology. Due to this, Michelle Miles went to the area where the cattle crush was located and took a photo from the road. The below email was sent to Jack Goedhals on the 10th of November after the site visit:</p> <p>Hatch response via email: 10 November 2020</p> <p>Hi Jack,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well.</p>

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			<p>I was in your area on Sunday to take down the Public Participation Poster and tried to get hold of you but it seems you were not in.</p> <p>However, I managed to see your cattle crush from the road and took a photo for the engineering team (see attached). I sent it to the engineering team and it seems it will be affected by the road alignment. Due to this, to avoid destroying your cattle crush, it will be relocated to an appropriate location with consultation with yourself, the engineering team and the Western Cape Government.</p> <p>I am working from home this week but if you would like me to clarify anything please contact me on my cell number: 083 602 4988.</p> <p>Have a great day.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>
WOLF 2	<p>Anton Wolfaardt on behalf of the Redford Conservancy</p> <p>Chair, Redford Conservancy Committee, The Craggs acwolfaardt@gmail.com</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 30 October 2020</p> <p>On Behalf of the Redford Conservancy a letter was sent to the EAP with their concerns. The following summarizes the concerns of the Redford Conservancy:</p>	<p>Hatch response via email: 2 November 2020</p> <p>Good afternoon Anton,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well.</p> <p>Thank you so much for comments from the Redford Conservancy. Your participation in this process is very much appreciated.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Redford Conservancy actively manages invasive alien vegetation on the verges of the Redford Road and protects and facilitates the growth and spread of indigenous plants, such as the many <i>Searsia chirindensis</i> trees. The Redford Conservancy would like the project to control the spread of any invasive alien plants in the road reserve and where possible, to restore (replant) in adjacent areas any indigenous trees, such as the <i>Searsia chirindensis</i>. Ensure that the day to day activities associated with the actual road works are strictly managed to minimise any potential negative impacts of the work <p>The full letter can be found attached to this Comments and Response Report.</p>	<p>Please see my response to your comments below:</p> <p><u>Freshwater Mitigation Measures</u></p> <p>The mitigation measures which were suggested by the Freshwater Specialist have been included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). The EMPr will become a legally binding document to which the applicant (and construction contractor) will need to comply with and implement, once the Environmental Authorisation is issued.</p> <p><u>Alien Invasive Plants Management</u></p> <p>One of the main activities which will be done in line with the upgrade activities, will be to remove all alien invasive plants throughout the project area. As indicated in the Freshwater Specialist Study, there are a lot of alien invasive plants within the culverts to be upgraded. As part of the upgrade activities, the construction team will remove the alien invasive plants.</p> <p><u>Conservation of biodiversity along the road</u></p> <p>Prior to the commencement of the upgrade activities, "Search and Rescue" activities will be undertaken to remove the indigenous vegetation which may be impacted on as part of the upgrade activities. This was also suggested by the Botanical Specialist and has been included in the EMPr. Where possible, the indigenous</p>

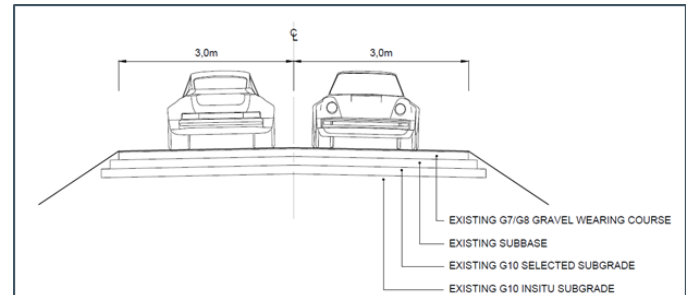
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			<p>plants will be removed and stored in a nursery and will be replanted upon completion of the upgrade activities.</p> <p><u>Maintaining Day-to-Day activities</u></p> <p>The upgrade of the road will be done in phases, starting at the one end of the road and progressing to the other end. To allow for the road to be continuously used throughout the project, one lane will be constructed first and then the other lane. Stop & Go will be used to allow for continuous use by both lanes.</p> <p>I hope that answers your inputs but please feel free to contact me if you would like me to clarify further.</p> <p>Have a wonderful rest of your day.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>
OEELS 1	<p>Fred Oelschig</p> <p>Landowner</p> <p>fredko263@gmail.com</p>	<p>Correspondence via email: 3 November 2020</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to participate in this project that will greatly benefit the community using Redford Road to gain access to their properties.</p> <p>I wish to urge the authorities to consider a 60 kph speed limit on this road, when tarred, due to the many (hidden) property entrances encountered on</p>	<p>Comment was noted.</p>

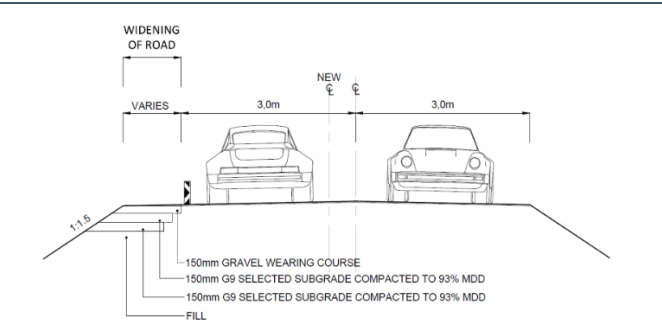
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		<p>the road, the high traffic volumes and the many pedestrians along the road. A speed limit of this nature could easily be enforced by the Bitou traffic authority.</p> <p>I also wish to urge the authorities not to take heed of requests for speed bumps, traffic circles or pedestrian walkways and the like as these are ill considered requests from individuals who have not given careful thought to their own illogical requests.</p> <p>I thank you for your kind consideration.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p> <p>FRED OELSCHIG (0812709553)</p> <p>FYNBOSRAND (39/232)</p>	
DEAD 1	<p>Jessica Christie</p> <p>Correspondence via email (Official Letter received)</p> <p>2 November 2020</p> <p>Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</p> <p>DEADPEIAAdmin.George@westerncape.gov.za</p>	<p>The Basic Assessment Report dated 30 September 2020 and received by this Directorate from your environmental assessment practitioner, Hatch, on 1 October 2020 and a site meeting held on 20 October 2020, refers.</p>	Noted
		<p>After considering the information provided in the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR), this Directorate has the following comments on the proposal:</p>	Noted

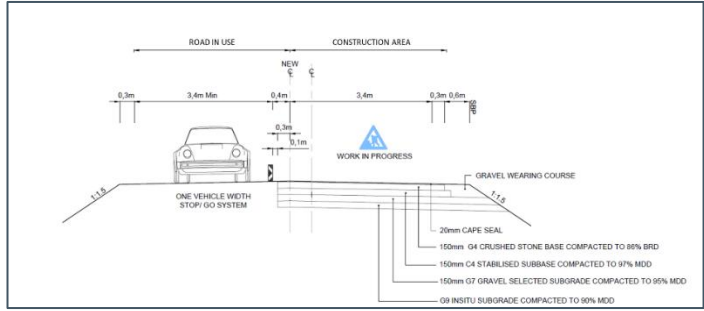
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		<p><u>Expropriation of land and landowner's expectations</u></p> <p>More detail is required regarding the expected outcome and rehabilitation to address the expectations which the respective landowner's will have since expropriation of their land will occur. Experience has shown that once construction is underway, numerous complaints are made with regard to reinstatement of fencing or rehabilitation along the road verges.</p> <p>For example, from the site visit to the area, it was noted that extensive verge clearing will take place as a result of expropriation and it is not known what the level of reinstatement of a vegetation buffer / berms will be for noise or security aspects. All requirements from the landowners affected by expropriation must be included and reported on.</p>	<p>The DR 1797 Road is an existing public road, currently in use. As part of the DR 1797 Road upgrade activities, land expropriation will be required and included into the road reserve. Clearing and grubbing of the road reserve will occur including the removal of landowners fencing.</p> <p><u>Fencing</u></p> <p>New fencing will be installed, in agreement with landowners, in areas where the existing fencing falls within the road reserve. The new fencing will be installed prior to construction and prior to the removal of the old fencing. This has been communicated to those affected landowners who raised concerns.</p> <p><u>Rehabilitation of the property verges</u></p> <p>Prior to the commencement of clearing and grubbing activities, an indigenous vegetation search and rescue programme will be undertaken for plant species identified by the botanical specialist. Where possible, indigenous vegetation will be removed from the verge and kept in a nursery for the duration of the DR 1797 Road upgrade. Once construction is complete the indigenous vegetation will be reinstated beyond the demarcated road but within the road reserve. Please refer to the Environmental Management Programme for details pertaining to this activity.</p>

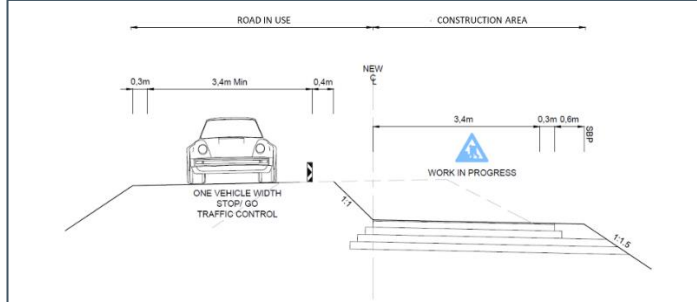
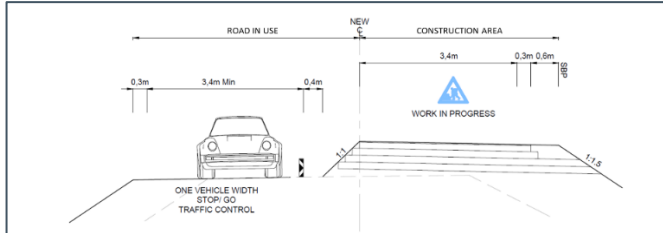
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			<p>During the Public Participation Process, the Redford Conservancy requested that, where possible, should <i>Searsia chirindensis</i> be found within areas which are to be cleared, these should be restored/ replanted adjacent to where they were found. In addition to this, the Redford Conservancy requested that all alien invasive plants be controlled and removed to prevent re-establishment of new alien invasive plants. This has been included in the Environmental Management Programme.</p> <p>As DR 1797 Road is an existing public road there were no comments received, during the Public Participation Process, with regards to the road traffic noise. It is expected that the noise levels created by traffic will reduced once the DR 1797 Road upgrade is complete due to the nature of the road surface. Furthermore, no construction activities will be undertaken at night and strict day-time hours will be implemented during the construction.</p>
		<p><u>Synchronisation of the WULA – EIA processes / applications</u></p> <p>It is not clear whether an application for a WULA or General Authorisation has been submitted. All aspects of the WULA application must be detailed in the FBAR.</p> <p>You are reminded that if these processes are not aligned, the lack thereof or delay as a result</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, the culverts which intersect with the DR 1797 Road to allow for drainage of the area, are in a poor condition due to lack of maintenance and overgrown vegetation. These blocked culverts have caused poor drainage along the road and of the surrounding area. Due to this, as part of the upgrade activities of the DR 1797 Road, the culverts will be replaced to allow for improved drainage. The outcome of the risk assessment conduct according to GNR.1352 (1999) undertaken by the

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		thereof may prejudice the success of the outcome of this application for environmental authorisation.	<p>Freshwater Specialist notes that the culvert watercourse crossings trigger the need for a General Authorisation in terms of GNR 509 of 2016 Section 21 (c) and (i)</p> <p>Currently, Hatch is in the process of compiling the information required for the General Authorisation that will be submitted through the e-WUULAS system in accordance with the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998).</p> <p>The Competent Authority within the area is the Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency. The Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency is a registered I&APs and has participated in the Public Participation Process undertaken as part of the Basic Assessment Process. The Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency has sent through comments as part of both the Pre-Application Process, as well as the Basic Assessment Process, indicating that no work may commence within watercourses until the General Authorisation has been approved. Refer to the Final Basic Assessment Report, Appendix F.</p> <p>In addition to this, a site visit with the Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency was conducted along the road, during which the affected culverts areas were visited.</p>
		<u>Major culvert at Km 0.705 over a tributary of Whiskey Creek</u>	The culvert located at km 0.705 will be replaced with a major culvert. Furthermore, the road will be raised along this section to allow for better road alignment and to

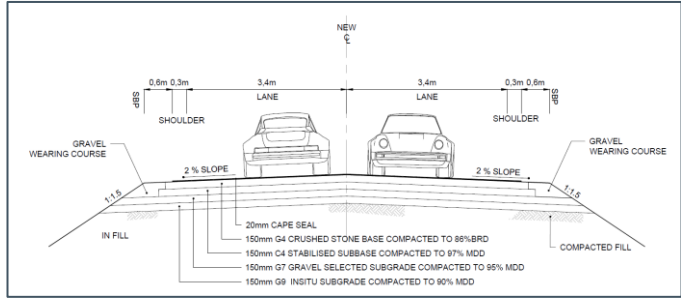
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		<p>It is noted that the culvert is to be constructed in two phases for traffic accommodation purposes. The traffic will be accommodated to either the existing road or on the new culvert, once completed. The amount of traffic on the road is not known and this Directorate would strongly suggest assessing an alternative that includes constructing a bypass road up- or downstream of the existing road. Input from the freshwater specialist must be obtained on this proposal.</p>	<p>reduce the "driver" blind spot on either side of the road culvert crossing.</p> <p>Hatch has illustrated, below, the typical construction methodology which will be used to construct the major culvert at km 0.705.</p> <p>Currently, the existing DR 1797 is as depicted in Error! Reference source not found. and has the following layers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G7/G8 gravel • Subbase • G10 selected subbase • G10 in situ subgrade.  <p>Figure 1: Existing Cross Section of the DR 1797 Road</p> <p>The construction of the DR 1797 Road Major culvert at km 0.705 will be done in five steps as follows:</p> <p><u>Step 1: Widening of Left Hand Side (at current road level)</u></p>

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			<p>The first step will to widen the Left Hand Side (LHS) of the road to the permanent width of the upgraded road at the current level. This will be done by using fill material, G9 Selected subgrade and gravel.</p>  <p>Figure 2: Widening of the LHS at the existing level</p> <p><u>Step 2: Construction of Right Hand Side (at current road level)</u></p> <p>Once the widening of the LHS is complete, it will be used to accommodate the traffic. Construction will then commence on the Right Hand Side (RHS) of the road at the current road level.</p> <p>Only one vehicle will be able to cross the culvert at a time which will be controlled in terms of a Stop/Go System.</p>

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			 <p>Figure 3: Construction of the RHS at the existing level</p> <p><u>Step 3: Construction of the RHS Cut (at existing level)</u></p> <p>The next step in the construction of the major culvert will be to cut the RHS of the DR 1797 Road. The material which currently makes up the gravel road of the DR 1797 Road, will be removed and replaced with the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 In situ Subgrade • G7 Gravel Selected Subgrade • C4 Stabilised Subbase • G4 crushed stone base • Cape seal. <p>The LHS of the road will remain at the same level while the RHS is being constructed.</p>

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			 <p>Figure 4: Construction of the RHS at the existing level (Cut)</p> <p><u>Step 4: Construction of the RHS Fill</u></p> <p>During this step the road will be raised to the new elevated level. Material will be used to fill in the area to raise the road to the designed height. This is the last activity to be undertaken on the RHS.</p>  <p>Figure 5: Construction of the RHS (Fill)</p> <p><u>Step 5: Construction of the LHS</u></p>

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			<p>Once the RHS is complete, vehicles will be moved to the RHS and the LHS will be closed for construction. This will entail filling the LHS to the same height as the RHS of the road with the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 In situ Subgrade • G7 Gravel Selected Subgrade • C4 Stabilised Subbase • G4 crushed stone base • Cape seal. <p>Figure 6: Construction of the LHS (Fill)</p> <p><u>Final Cross Section of the upgraded DR 1797</u></p> <p>Once the major culvert has been constructed and the road has been upgraded, the final cross section of the road will be as depicted in Figure 7</p>

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			 <p>Figure 7: Final cross section of the DR 1797 Road</p>
		<p><u>Source of infill material</u></p> <p>It is further noted that extensive infill will occur at km 0.705 and the final road fill on top of the culvert will be 5 metres high. This Directorate would like to know where the infill material will be sourced from and also if the facility has the necessary approvals / licence.</p>	<p>The construction of the DR 1797 road upgrade will go out to tender in first quarter of 2021. Thus, at this point in time the source of material that will be used to infill the road at km 0.705 is unknown. The sourcing of material will be the responsibility of the contractor once appointed. However, material used for infilling will be sourced from a licenced borrow pit/ quarry.</p>
		<p><u>Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)</u></p> <p>The contents of the EMPr must meet the requirements outlined in Section 24N (2) and (3) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and Appendix 4 of GN No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014. The EMPr must address the potential environmental impacts of the activity throughout the project life cycle, including an assessment of</p>	<p>Section 5 of the Final Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) compiles to GNR 982.</p>

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		<p>the effectiveness of monitoring and management arrangements after implementation (auditing).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditing programme <p>It is noted in the EMPr that there is no section dealing with audits that must be undertaken at a required frequency. The author of the EMPr must include an auditing programme which will address the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014. Please keep in mind that there is a difference between compliance monitoring and auditing.</p>	
		<p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>This Directorate advises that where possible, the final Comments and Responses Report be made available to the registered I&APs prior to the final BAR being submitted to this Directorate. This will allow the I&APs to ascertain whether their concerns were adequately addressed.</p>	Registered Interested and Affected Parties were directly responded to, via email and telephone, as comments were received. These comment and responses have been incorporated into the Comments and Response Report and will be made available to registered Interested and Affected Parties prior to submission of the Final Basic Assessment Report to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.
		<p><u>Submission of Basic Assessment Report</u></p> <p>In accordance with Regulation 19 of GN No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014 (as amended on 7 April 2017) the BAR must be submitted to this Department for decision within 90-days from the</p>	Noted

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		<p>date of receipt of the application by the Department.</p> <p>If, however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the BAR, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 140 days from receipt of the application) would be required for the submission of the BAR. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report/additional information.</p> <p>If the BAR is not submitted within 90 days or 140 days, where an extension is applicable, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of Government Notice Regulation No. 982 of 4 December 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid.</p> <p>Note: In accordance with Environmental Impact Assessment best-practice, you are required to notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties including the authorities identified in the Public</p>	

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		<p>Participation Plan of the submission of the FBAR and to make the document available them. This will provide such parties an opportunity to review the document and how their issues were addresses. The FBAR must be made available to such parties within five (5) calendar days of the submission of the document to the Competent Authority.</p>	
		<p>Please note that one (1) printed copy as well as one (1) electronic copy of each document must be submitted to the Department for consideration. Your EAP is advised to make the necessary arrangements with the George Regional Office support staff with regard to the submission of the printed / hardcopies.</p> <p>Due to the current measures being implemented by the Department to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 and until such time that the Department requires otherwise, all applications, reports and documents, which include all signatures and Annexures which are included as part of the application and subsequent reports, must be submitted via e-mail to the relevant official, with attached PDF versions of letters and reports. If the documents are too large to attach to an e-mail, the competent authority must be notified per e-mail and provided with an</p>	Noted

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		<p>electronic link to such documents that is accessible by the relevant authority.</p> <p>Note: The Directorate: Development Management (Region 3), has created a generic e-mail address to centralise its administration within the component (i.e. notifying clients of decisions and receiving EIA applications, Notice of Intent form; request for fee reference numbers, etc.) Please make use of the new e-mail address too when submitting such documents:</p> <p>DEADPEIAAdmin.George@westerncape.gov.za</p>	
		Please note that the proposed activities may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.	Noted
		The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.	Noted
CAPE 1	<p>Megan Simons</p> <p>Correspondence via email (Official Letter received)</p> <p>27 November 2020</p> <p>CapeNature</p> <p>msimons@capenature.co.za</p>	<p>Dear Michelle,</p> <p>I trust this email find you well.</p> <p>Kindly find attached comment from CapeNature for the DBAR DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project.</p> <p>Have a good day.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>Good morning Megan,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well. Thank you so much for your comments.</p> <p>We will be submitting the Final BAR on Monday so it's perfect timing.</p> <p>With regards to your comments, majority of these have been addressed in the EMPr especially with regards to the</p>

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		<p>Megan</p> <p>Refer to Appendix CAPE for the letter received from Cape Nature</p>	<p>spread of alien invasive plants. The Redford Conservancy also made a comment that alien invasive plants must be eradicated and there must be no new introduction of alien invasive plants.</p> <p>The Botanical Specialist identified the two protected trees and a permit will be applied for prior to the commencement of construction to remove/ re-locate the trees. We have also included in the EMPr that indigenous plants must be used as part of rehabilitation including the reinstatement of plants recovered as part of the search and rescue. With regards to the development of the</p> <p>Rehabilitation Plan, this has also been included in the EMPr but is a good point to get a botanist to develop this.</p> <p>With regards to your other comment, these have been noted and will be included in the EMPr if they have not already been included.</p> <p>Thanks again for your comments and have a great rest of your day and weekend.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Michelle Miles</p>

Pre-Application Process Comments

From: [Muller, Margaret](#)
Subject: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 4:31:12 PM
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Cc: [Miles, Michelle](#)
Subject: RE: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 11:45:08 AM
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Good day Sharon

Please do forward this onto the Redford Conservancy database – thank you so much. There is definitely still an opportunity to register as an I&AP. We can confirm that Conservancy, as well as yourself, have been registered on the project's database.

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Subject: RE: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project

Good morning –

Thank you for the informative document.

May I forward this to the data base of residents in Redford that I hold for the Redford Conservancy?
If I read it correctly there is still an opportunity to register as an I&AP. I don't believe that many

residents have yet done so.

And could you confirm that the Conservancy, and I, in my personal capacity, are registered already, please?

Kind regards –

Sharon van Hees

Secretary – Redford Conservancy

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Good day Muller

Thank you for providing HWC time to comment.

Please note that our previous comment still stands, please see attached.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Monday, 31 August 2020 16:31

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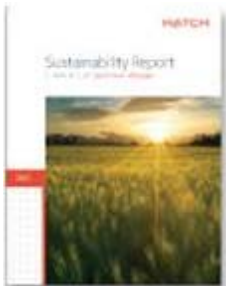
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From: [Muller, Margaret](#)
To: [Miles, Michelle](#)
Subject: FW: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:09:59 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

FYI

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From: Councillor Jessica Kamkam <JKamkam@plett.gov.za>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>
Subject: RE: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project

Hope this email find you in excellent health.

We are delighted with the fact that the Western Cape Government is in the process of going out to tender on the Roads upgrade project within ward 1 of Bitou Municipality (R102 Natures Valley, OP 7720 entrance to Kurland and the Redford Road.

This project certainly is a game changer, because it has been listed in the IDP for a number of years. The Crag's area is a very popular tourism destination and this project is going to give the area a much needed "facelift".

Entrance to Kurland Village:

Thank you for including the walkway as listed within the IDP, because many people walk this route daily .

It is certainly a great safety concern that the lights as requested in the IDP has not been included. Please note , that with the recent upgrade of the garage , which is likely to operate till late in the evening , it is of great importance that lighting be included in the tender.

It is a great safety issue, and I can only imagine the danger it would hold to pedestrians should it be omitted from the current tender.

This specific area is known for being high risk and I would appreciate if your department could please consider this request.

Hope to hear from you soonest .

Regards,
Cllr. Kamkam
072 769 2342

From: Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>

Sent: Monday, 31 August 2020 07:31

Subject: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project

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From: [Anton Wolfaardt](#)
To: [Muller, Margaret](#)
Cc: [Miles, Michelle](#)
Subject: Re: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:16:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi Margaret,

Many thanks, including for the helpful update on the current status of the project.

Regards,
Anton

From: "Muller, Margaret" <margaret.muller@hatch.com>
Date: Thursday, 17 September 2020 at 12:44
To: Anton Wolfaardt <acwolfaardt@gmail.com>
Cc: "Miles, Michelle" <michelle.miles@hatch.com>
Subject: RE: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project

Good day Anton

Apologies for the lack of response – and thanks for the reminder!

Please see the attached figures as requested. Please let me know if this will suffice?

In terms of the timing, the Environmental Application was submitted to the DEA&DP on Monday 14th September 2020 for their acknowledgement. Thereafter, the Draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available for a 30-day public review period from **Monday 28th September 2020 to Wednesday 28th October 2020**. We will be putting the report onto our website for I&APs to download; but we will make a plan to get the document to any I&AP who cannot access it via our website. Furthermore, we will be available during this time period for a Focus Group Meeting (virtual via Zoom or Microsoft Teams) should the need arise from any I&AP.

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From: Anton Wolfaardt <acwolfaardt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>
Subject: Re: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project

Dear Margaret,

I have sent a couple of emails to your email address over the last couple of weeks – see below – but have not yet had a response. In addition to the question posed previously, I would be grateful if you could give me an update on the status of the process. I am the chair of the Redford Conservancy, and would like to present an update on the project at our committee meeting next Tuesday if possible.

Thank-you,
Dr. Anton Wolfaardt

From: Anton Wolfaardt <acwolfaardt@gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, 1 September 2020 at 10:30
To: "Muller, Margaret" <margaret.muller@hatch.com>
Subject: Re: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project

Dear Margaret,

Thanks for the communication and document. I was wondering whether it would be possible to get better quality versions of some of the figures – Figures 2.1, 2.2 and 4.1, for example, are completely illegible, at least on my computer.

Regards,
Anton Wolfaardt

From: "Muller, Margaret" <margaret.muller@hatch.com>
Date: Monday, 31 August 2020 at 16:31
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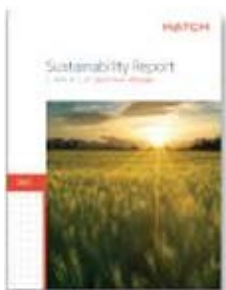
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From: Drew Scott
To: Mies, Michelle
Cc: Tolksdorff, Paula; Muller, Margaret; Claassens, Niel; Bradley, Craig
Subject: Re: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road
Date: Thursday, October 1, 2020 10:11:49 AM

Thanks Michelle

Appreciate your speedy reply. Ill wait to hear further. The security issue can be discussed on site as its more about the construction period prior to new fence being installed that is of greatest concern

Many Thanks
Andrew Scott

On Oct 1, 2020, at 9:48 AM, Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com> wrote:

Good morning Drew,

I hope this email finds you well

We have been looking in to your comments.

Please see the attached for a Res Image of the Expropriation areas.

With regards to the drawings which Niel sent you, these are correct and I have attached them again for ease of access to the drawings. Please note that the top of the page is not North so you have to turn the drawing around to get a better understanding.

With regards to the Afrocarpus falcatus, a surveyor has just gone out to have a look and see what we are dealing with and if the road will impact the tree. We will keep you posted with regards to this concern as we should get feedback soon.

With regards to the security, all fencing which is already there will be replaced in line with the Western Cape Standards. I have copied in Niel and Craig if you would like to get some more information on this concern.

Have a lovely day.

Kind regards

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From: Drew Scott <drew@simplygreen.org.za>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>
Cc: Tolksdorff, Paula <paula.tolksdorff@hatch.com>; Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>
Subject: Re: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road

Morning

Please find my concerns for our property portion 42 farm 232 Redford.

.....Hello Margaret

Thanks for detailed info on Redford Road upgrade to tar. Please could you supply a higher res pic (second right bottom row of page 4)
It seems to be different from the one Niel sent me. If this is correct it raises the following concerns in the construction process.

1. There is a Afrocarpus falcatus that is well matured and will be effected by this. This was identified by the botanist surveying the flora. I discovered more sensitive specimens recently when taking a closer inspection.
2. The security of our stock will be of high concern as our nursery beds are 3m from the road and this will open up to theft of our product.

Look forward to your reply
Owners of Portion 42 farm 232 redford

Kind Regards
Drew Scott

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On Oct 1, 2020, at 7:29 AM, Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder

DEA&DP Reference Number: 16/3/3/1/D1/9/0011/20: BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DR 1797 (REDFORD) ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE

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From: [Miles, Michelle](#)
To: [Muller, Margaret](#)
Bcc: rogan@crprojects.co.za; Ctredoux81@gmail.com
Subject: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road
Date: Friday, October 2, 2020 3:30:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Stakeholder

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From: Miles, Michelle
To: ["Tony Blignaut"](#)
Subject: RE: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road.
Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020 7:12:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good morning Tony,

That is great to hear! It's been really refreshing to have support from the surrounding community.

Have a great rest of your day

Kind regards
Michelle Miles

From: Tony Blignaut <tony@monkeyland.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>
Subject: RE: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road.

Hi Michelle,

I have no comments, just happy to see progress in this matter - which I started nearly 20 years ago when I was Chairman of the local ratepayers association, my main interest is to see that it happens.

So, if you ever need a helping hand feel free to call on me.

Kind regards
Tony Blignaut

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From: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>

Sent: Wednesday, 14 October 2020 13:09

To: Tony@monkeyland.co.za

Cc: Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>

Subject: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road.

Good afternoon Tony,

Thank you so much for registering as an Interested and Affected Party for the proposed project as detailed below.

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From: [Miles, Michelle](#)
To: [Noncedo Lesele](#)
Cc: [Carlo Abrahams](#); [Andiswa Sam](#); [Rabokale Mphahlele](#); [Muller, Margaret](#)
Subject: RE: Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 from Km 0.00 to Km 4.87 (Redford) Road in the Plettenberg Bay
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 3:23:00 PM
Attachments: [Proposed upgrade of DR1797 \(Redford Road\).pdf](#)
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[image004.png](#)

Good afternoon Lesele,

Thank you very much for your comments on the project which were sent on the 30 of September 2020 and the 21 October 2020 (attached).

Just one note, the subject line has been changes to reflect the relevant project.

The comments made in the document named "Proposed upgrade of DR 1797 (Redford Road) have been note.

For the DR 1797 Road upgrade, Hatch is currently in the process of conducting the General Authorisation (GA) Application for the project on E-WULAAS. The risk assessment has been undertaken by a SACNASP Registered Freshwater Specialist which identified that a GA was required. With regards to the general authorisation, the site visit was conducted for the DR 1797 Road by your colleague Thembela Bushula and will be included as part of the GA Application.

We will be submitting the GA Application soon.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like clarity on any of project details.

Have a great rest of your afternoon

Kind regards

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From: Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 12:57 PM

To: Noncedo Lesele <NLesele@bgcma.co.za>

Cc: Carlo Abrahams <cabrahams@bgcma.co.za>; Andiswa Sam <ASam@bgcma.co.za>; Rabokale

Mphahlele <rmphahlele@bgcma.co.za>; Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>

Subject: RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A THIRTY-FIVE (35) TELECOMMUNICATION BASE STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 42 OF FARM 428, PLETTENBERG BAY, WESTERN CAPE

Good day

Many thanks for submitting your comments. Once we have reviewed these, we provide you with a response.

Regards,

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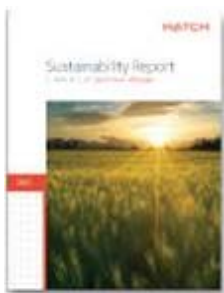
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Good day

Herewith attached please find BGCMA comments on the development referenced above

Kind regards

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To: [Rabokale Mphahlele](#); mphahlelerabokale@gmail.com
Cc: [Andiswa Sam](#); [Muller, Margaret](#)
Subject: RE: DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project - General Authorisation
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 6:57:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning Rabokale,

Thanks you so much for your response.

Please could you send me Thembela's email as I dint see it cc'd into the email you sent back?

Thanks so much and have a great day

Kind regards
Michelle Miles

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Cc: Andiswa Sam <asam@bgcma.co.za>; Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>
Subject: Re: DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project - General Authorisation

Good day

Please liaise with my colleague (cc'd) ,Thembela Bushula, for the site visit. She is the freshwater specialist and will be able to guide you with respect to the requirements of the water use registration in terms of GA.

I am currently in Limpopo and will not make it to site on the proposed date.

Kind regards

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Cc: Andiswa Sam <asam@bgcma.co.za>; Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>
Subject: DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project - General Authorisation

Good afternoon Rabokale,

I hope this email finds you well.

I understand from Andiswa, you are responsible for the Bitou Local Municipality within the BGCMA.

The Western Cape Government is currently undertaking the upgrade of the DR 1797 Road north of Plettenberg Bay. Hatch has been appointed to conduct the Basic Assessment as well as the General Authorisation for the Project.

I am currently trying to get my client linked on the e-wuulas system so we can start the GA process, however, from past experience I know you require a site visit as part of the GA process.

My colleague and I will be doing a site visit of the DR 1797 Road with the DEA&DP on Tuesday the 20th of October and I was wondering if you would like to join us for this site visit?

We are based in Johannesburg and would like to use this opportunity to conduct both site visits at the same time to reduce unnecessary costs.

If you would like me to call you and clarify please can you provide me with your contact details and I will call you.

Have a great rest of your day.

Kind regards

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From: [Miles, Michelle](#)
To: [emma irvine](#)
Cc: [Muller, Margaret](#)
Subject: RE: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project
Date: Friday, October 23, 2020 10:39:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning Emma,

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Kind regards
Michelle

From: emma irvine <emmairvine69@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 7:20 AM
To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>
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Hello,

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Thank you.

Emma

From: emma irvine <emmairvine69@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, 5 September 2020, 19:29

To: margaret.muller@hatch.com

Subject: Fwd: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project

Hello Margaret,

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Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 8:20:52 AM

To: Sharon van Hees <mazoe5@mweb.co.za>

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From: Muller, Margaret [<mailto:margaret.muller@hatch.com>]

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 4:31 PM

Subject: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project

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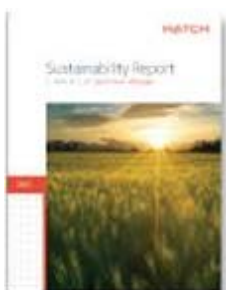
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IRVI 2

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Subject: Re: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project
Date: Friday, October 23, 2020 11:28:20 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you Michelle.

Kind regards.

Emma

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Sent: 23 October 2020 10:21
To: emma irvine <emmairvine69@hotmail.com>
Cc: Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>
Subject: RE: Pre-Application Process: Information on the DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project

Hi Emma,

Thanks for clarify.

The road upgrade won't be changing the runoff from the road. We will be upgrading the side drains so the road does drain but it will remain the same as it is now.

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Thanks for your email.

I was referring to water run off not culverts under the road. On the verges, water is diverted from the main Redford Road down subsidiary roads to landowners dams. Portion 23 of farm 290 as an example. That is the second official turn off on the left.

Kind regards.

Emma

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ERAS 1

From: [Miles, Michelle](#)
To: [Veronique Erasmus](#)
Cc: [Muller, Margaret](#); [Bradley, Craig](#)
Subject: RE: Upgrade of Redford Road
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 1:50:00 PM

Good afternoon Veronique,

I hope this email finds you well

The speed limit of the DR 17997 (Redford) Rd will be a maximum of 60km/hr and such will be indicated along the road in the form of traffic signage.

With regards to the speed humps, these are not used on rural roads such as the DR 1797 (Redford) Rd and are mainly only used as traffic calming measures for slowing traffic typically in the vicinity of hospitals and schools. The installation of speed humps also creates a safety concern as there is no street lighting on the road which significantly reduces the visibility of the speed humps at night. Due to this, speed humps have not been included as part of the DR 1797 Rd upgrade.

With regards to pedestrian and cyclist traffic, one of the main purposes is to construct a shoulder on each side of the road to allow for pedestrians on the road.

I hope this addresses your concern.

Thanks again for the comment and have a lovely day.

Kind regards
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-----Original Message-----

From: Veronique Erasmus <veronique@romulus.co.za>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 7:23 AM
To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>
Subject: Upgrade of Redford Road

Hi Michelle,

It is important that there must be a safe speed limit on the road - not more than 60 km ph

Also will there be a wide enough sidewalks / yellowlines for pedestrians and cyclists? There are many people walking or cycling on Redford Rd

Perhaps also some gentle speed bumps...?

Kind regards

Veronique Erasmus
End of the Road
Rondebosch Ln
Redford Rd
The Craggs
0823774691

DAVI 1

From: [Miles, Michelle](#)
To: [Thandi Davies](#)
Cc: [Muller, Margaret](#); [Bradley, Craig](#)
Subject: RE: DEA&DP Reference Numbre: 16/3/3/1/D1/9/0011/20: PROPOSED DR 1797 (REDFORD) ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 1:39:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good morning Thandi,

I hope this email finds you well.

Thanks you so much for your query and comment.

With regards to your comment on speed humps, these are not used on rural roads such as the DR 1797 (Redford) Rd and are mainly only used as traffic calming measures for slowing traffic typically in the vicinity of hospitals and schools. The installation of speed humps also creates a safety concern as there is no street lighting on the road which significantly reduces the visibility of the speed humps at night. Due to this, speed humps have not been included as part of the DR 1797 Rd upgrade.

We understand that the road is used by a large amount of pedestrians which is why one of the main purposes of the upgrade activities is to construct a shoulder on each side of the road to allow for pedestrians on the road.

I hope this clarifies and addresses your comments.

Have a great rest of your day.

Kind regards

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From: Thandi Davies <thandi.davies@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 10:44 AM

To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>

Cc: Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>

Subject: DEA&DP Reference NumbRe: 16/3/3/1/D1/9/0011/20: PROPOSED DR 1797 (REDFORD) ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

Good day Michelle and Margaret

Regarding the above proposed tar road, I trust that the appropriate ENVIRONMENTAL concerns will be examined (this is not my area of expertise), but I would like to request that speed bumps are placed on the tar road at close intervals please?

People have a tendency to speed down this road and there are agricultural workers, children, livestock, domestic and wild animals that are OFTEN on the road and that would be put very much at risk if a plain tar road is laid without speed bumps to slow people down.

Thank you so much and I appreciate your consideration.

Best wishes

Thandi Davies

0832629778



-Live simply, so that others can simply live -

FOUR 1

From: [Peter Fourie](#)
To: [Miles, Michelle](#)
Subject: RE: Redford Road Upgrade .
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 12:51:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon ,
This is great news . Thank you very much .
Regards,
Peter

On 27 Oct 2020 12:48, "Miles, Michelle" <michelle.miles@hatch.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Peter,

I hope this email finds you well.

Thank you so much for your query and I am so sorry to about the damaged vehicles due to the gravel road. All the more reason to upgrade the road.

The upgrade activities will go up until km 4.85 along the road which is past the Simply Green Nursey and Rondebosch Rd. I have attached the locality map of the upgrade activities for your information.

I hope this answers your query.

Have a lovely rest of your day.

Kind regards

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From: Peter Fourie <peterfourie558@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 11:19 AM

To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>

Subject: Redford Road Upgrade .

We are residents in The Craggs . We reside in Rondebosch Road . How far will the road be tarred will it be as far as Simply Green or Rondebosch Road as there are businesses all along Redford Road . We will be very happy if the tarred road stretches as far as Rondebosch Road . We know of people who visited here whose cars engine was badly damaged on Redford Road due to being a gravel road which led to the repairs being too costly and the car being sold as voetstoots which they lost a huge amount of money on the asking price . 0734253883 . Regards, Peter Fourie

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GAGE 1

From: [Miles, Michelle](#)
To: [Peter Gage](#)
Cc: [Muller, Margaret](#); [Bradley, Craig](#)
Subject: RE: Update: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 12:39:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon Peter,

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From: Peter Gage <gage@jaws.co.za>

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 1:55 PM

To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>

Subject: RE: Update: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road

Good Day Michelle,

I wish to add comment for consideration.

1. The traffic speeds down Redford road in it's present state are high and dangerous – speeds will also go up once it is surfaced. Can consideration be given to introducing traffic calming measures, at least speed bumps? Maybe a few circles at the intersections. I realise that these introduce additional cost but, practically, something is necessary.
2. Pedestrian traffic is significant along the existing road. The situation at present is somewhat unsafe – this needs consideration.

Regards

Peter Gage, BSc Eng (Civil), Pr Eng

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From: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>

Sent: Friday, 02 October 2020 3:12 pm

To: Tolksdorff, Paula <paula.tolksdorff@hatch.com>

Cc: Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>

Subject: Update: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road

[EXTERNAL SENDER] THINK!

Dear Stakeholder

DEA&DP Reference Number: 16/3/3/1/D1/9/0011/20: BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DR 1797 (REDFORD) ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE

The Agricultural Compliance Statement was received this morning and although we indicated in the report that this would be included as part of the Final Basic Assessment (BA) Report we are pleased to make this available to you now. The document has been upload as Appendix G on the Hatch website.

To comply with the NEMA EIA Regulations, we have extended the Public Participation Review by two days to allow you enough time to review all applicable information. The final day for submission of comment and response will now be the 2 of November 2020.

You can find an electronic copy of the Draft BA Report online at <https://www.hatch.com/Draft-Basic-Assessment-Report-for-the-Upgrade-of-the-DR1797>.

It would be appreciated if the comments could be made well within this period in order for us to

address these comments appropriately.

If you have any further queries please feel free to contact me. We look forward to receipt of your comments.

Kind regards

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RICH 1

From: [Miles, Michelle](#)
To: [Gill Richardson](#)
Cc: [Muller, Margaret](#)
Subject: RE: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF DR 1797 ROAD, CRAGS, WESTERN CAPE
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 12:11:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon Gill,

Thank you so much for your support. It is much appreciated.

The construction activities should commence at the end of June 2021 but this should be communicated to all affected prior to the commencement of construction.

Have a great rest of your day

Kind regards

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From: Gill Richardson <gill@mabelstone.co.za>

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 3:45 PM

To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>; Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>

Subject: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF DR 1797 ROAD, CRAGS, WESTERN CAPE

Good-day Ladies

There seems to be a lot of discussion today regarding the upgrade of this road so am sure you have had a few e-mail objections today.

I, on the other hand would just like to lodge our absolute approval of this plan and look forward to the commencement of this project.

Any information you have on commencement would be appreciated.

Kind regards

Gilli Richardson

Resident - Redford Road

GOED 1

From: [Miles, Michelle](#)
To: [jack goedhals](#)
Cc: [Muller, Margaret](#)
Subject: DR 1797 (Redford) Rd Upgrade - Comments
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 12:38:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Appendix B1 - Expropriation Map.pdf](#)
[Jack Goedhals - 43 of 232.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Jack,

I hope this email finds you well.

I understand you spoke to my colleague Margaret Muller about your concerns with the DR 1797 Rd Upgrade. She has given me some feedback and I thought I would send you an email to address the comments.

I understand you are unable to access the documents on the website and would like to see how your land will be affected. I have attached the map indicating the area which will be expropriated. Please can you let me know if you would like any additional information?

With regards to the Expropriation of some of your land, I understand Zeenat Allie from the Hatch Engineering team contacted you back in April to notify you that some of your land would be required as part of upgrade activities. As far as I understand she sent you the drawings indicating which areas would be required as well as a letter for you to sign to acknowledge receipt of land acquisition (I have attached the signed letter as a refresher). The actual Land Acquisition process will be handled by the Western Cape Government and has not commenced yet and should do once the project have receives the Environmental Authorisation.

With regards to the hump which is at beginning of your access road due to other upgrade activities conducted by the Local Municipality, all access road which are connected to the DR 1797 Rd Upgrade will be leveled and connected accordingly.

Security has been a common concern among a few of your neighbours. All the new fences will be erected, like for like, prior to your old fence being taken down.

We understand that there is a concern with regards to the speed limit, the road will have a maximum speed limit of 60Km/hr and such will be indicated by road signage.

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Cc: [Muller, Margaret](#); [Bradley, Craig](#); [Allie, Zeenat](#)
Subject: RE: DR1797 (Redford) Rd Upgrade
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 12:31:00 PM

Good afternoon Jack,

Thanks so much for your email.

With regards to your cattle crush, please can you provide us with the location the cattle crush? This way we will be able to have a look to see if it will be impacted by the road upgrades. Once we have done this we will respond to you accordingly.

With regards to the adjacent dam wall you have on your property. One of the main purposes of the road upgrades is to replace the culverts which have become blocked over time causing ponding on either side of the road. The culverts will be constructed as to allow for proper drainage of the area as well as flow of water under the road.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like me to explain further.

Have a lovely rest of your day.

Kind regards
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-----Original Message-----

From: jack goedhals <northnife@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>
Subject: DR1797 (Redford) Rd Upgrade

Hi Michelle,

Thank you for forwarding the proposed expropriation areas highlighted schematically in yellow.
The ones that impact on my property are detailed in enlargements numbered 6,7 and 8.(Portion 43/232)

The main area of concern to me is shown in number 6. It is not not clear from the image how my cattle crush located in that area is going to be affected. You will appreciate that the crush is an important part of the day to day running of the animals well-being. That is where parasite (ticks) control and emergency veterinary cases are treated(difficult births,etc).

It is also not clear how the adjacent dam wall is going to be affected. Over recent times the provincial roads department has constructed two raised sections of the road to facilitate water passing underneath. So doing they have created dams next to the road which in my view will impact on the integrity of my dam walls .

I was pleased to receive your verbal reassurance that access to and from my property will be properly treated.

Currently I have 5 access points, 3 on the northern side and 2 on the southern side of the Redford Road.

I hope my concerns are clear.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jack Goedhals

GOED 3

From: [Miles, Michelle](#)
To: [jack goedhals](#)
Cc: [Muller, Margaret](#); [Bradley, Craig](#); [Allie, Zeenat](#)
Subject: RE: DR1797 (Redford) Rd Upgrade
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:54:00 PM
Attachments: [IMG_4227.JPG](#)

Hi Jack,

I hope this email finds you well.

I was in your area on Sunday to take down the Public Participation Poster and tried to get hold of you but it seems you were not in.

However, I managed to see your cattle crush from the road and took a photo for the engineering team (see attached). I sent it to the engineering team and it seems it will be affected by the road alignment. Due to this, to avoid destroying your cattle crush, it will be relocated to an appropriate location with consultation with yourself, the engineering team and the Western Cape Government.

I am working from home this week but if you would like me to clarify anything please contact me on my cell number: 083 602 4988.

Have a great day.

Kind regards
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From: jack goedhals <northnife@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>
Subject: Re: DR1797 (Redford) Rd Upgrade

Hi Michelle,

The crush is just west of the 2.5 km marker and east of the dam shown in "6" close to the fence, and is within the area highlighted in yellow on the northern side of the Redford Road.

I hope my explanation helps.

Regards,
Jack Goedhals

WOLF 2

From: [Anton Wolfaardt](#)
To: [Miles, Michelle](#)
Cc: [Muller, Margaret](#); [Tolksdorff, Paula](#)
Subject: Re: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road
Date: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:30:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Michelle,

Thanks very much for your prompt and helpful responses.

Kind regards,
Anton

From: "Miles, Michelle" <michelle.miles@hatch.com>
Date: Monday, 2 November 2020 at 15:38
To: Anton Wolfaardt <acwolfaardt@gmail.com>
Cc: "Muller, Margaret" <margaret.muller@hatch.com>, "Tolksdorff, Paula" <paula.tolksdorff@hatch.com>
Subject: RE: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road

Good afternoon Anton,

I hope this email finds you well.

Thank you so much for comments from the Redford Conservancy. Your participation in this process is very much appreciated.

Please see my response to your comments below:

Freshwater Mitigation Measures

The mitigation measures which were suggested by the Freshwater Specialist have been included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). The EMPr will become a legally binding document to which the applicant (and construction contractor) will need to comply with and implement, once the Environmental Authorisation is issued.

Alien Invasive Plants Management

One of the main activities which will be done in line with the upgrade activities, will be to remove all alien invasive plants throughout the project area. As indicated in the Freshwater Specialist Study, there are a lot of alien invasive plants within the culverts to be upgraded. As part of the upgrade activities, the construction team will remove the alien invasive plants.

Conservation of biodiversity along the road

Prior to the commencement of the upgrade activities, "Search and Rescue" activities will be undertaken to remove the indigenous vegetation which may be impacted on as part of the upgrade

activities. This was also suggested by the Botanical Specialist and has been included in the EMPr. Where possible, the indigenous plants will be removed and stored in a nursery and will be replanted upon completion of the upgrade activities.

Maintaining Day-to-Day activities

The upgrade of the road will be done in phases, starting at the one end of the road and progressing to the other end. To allow for the road to be continuously used throughout the project, one lane will be constructed first and then the other lane. Stop & Go will be used to allow for continuous use by both lanes.

I hope that answers your inputs but please feel free to contact me if you would like me to clarify further.

Have a wonderful rest of your day.

Kind regards

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Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 8:38 PM

To: Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com>; Tolksdorff, Paula <paula.tolksdorff@hatch.com>

Cc: Muller, Margaret <margaret.muller@hatch.com>

Subject: Re: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford Road)

Dear Michelle and colleagues,

Please find attached comments from the Redford Conservancy on the proposed upgrade of the DR 1797 road. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Kind regards,
Anton Wolfaardt

From: "Miles, Michelle" <michelle.miles@hatch.com>

Date: Friday, 2 October 2020 at 15:12

To: "Tolksdorff, Paula" <paula.tolksdorff@hatch.com>

Cc: "Muller, Margaret" <margaret.muller@hatch.com>

Subject: Update: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797

(Redford) Road

Dear Stakeholder

DEA&DP Reference Number: 16/3/3/1/D1/9/0011/20: BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DR 1797 (REDFORD) ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE

The Agricultural Compliance Statement was received this morning and although we indicated in the report that this would be included as part of the Final Basic Assessment (BA) Report we are pleased to make this available to you now. The document has been upload as Appendix G on the Hatch website.

To comply with the NEMA EIA Regulations, we have extended the Public Participation Review by two days to allow you enough time to review all applicable information. The final day for submission of comment and response will now be the 2 of November 2020.

You can find an electronic copy of the Draft BA Report online at <https://www.hatch.com/Draft-Basic-Assessment-Report-for-the-Upgrade-of-the-DR1797>.

It would be appreciated if the comments could be made well within this period in order for us to address these comments appropriately.

If you have any further queries please feel free to contact me. We look forward to receipt of your comments.

Kind regards

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Michelle Miles
Environmental Advisor
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By email: michelle.miles@hatch.com

20 October 2020

Dear Ms Miles,

**Comments on Basic Assessment Report for the proposed DR 1797 (Redford)
Road upgrade project, Garden Route District Municipality. Hatch Project Number
H357403**

Thanks for the opportunity to participate in the public participation and review process in respect of proposed upgrading of the Redford (DR 1797) Road. I am submitting these inputs on behalf of the Committee of the Redford Conservancy, in the Craggs. The Mission Statement of the Redford Conservancy is that *'we shall aim to ensure the conservation and restoration of the environment, its flora, fauna and any special architectural, cultural and geological features within its defined area, for the best interests of all residents and for future generations.'* Please note that our comments are focussed on the biodiversity and conservation related aspects of the proposal and assessment documents.

Overall, we would like to thank Hatch and its specialist consultants for the thorough and professional manner in which it has undertaken the assessment work. These assessments will help ensure that any proposed activities proceed in a risk-averse manner that minimises any impacts on the local environment.

We note and support the conclusions of both the botanical and freshwater assessments that the proposed upgrade does not pose any significant environmental impacts, and that the upgrading of the existing culvert structures may actually contribute towards long-term environmental benefits. We strongly support the mitigation measures proposed in the freshwater assessment report, and urge both the authorities and contractors to ensure that these are made conditions of any approval provided and are duly implemented.





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The Redford Conservancy has been very active in managing the invasive alien vegetation on the verges of the Redford Road and protecting and facilitating the growth and spread of indigenous plants, such as the many *Searsia chirindensis* trees that occur along and adjacent to the verges. We encourage the authorities and contractors to ensure that any invasive alien plants in the road reserve are controlled on an ongoing basis during the project, and, where possible, to restore (replant) in adjacent areas any indigenous trees, such as the *Searsia chirindensis*, that are impacted by the activities.

It will be important to ensure that the day to day activities associated with the actual road works are strictly managed to minimise any potential negative impacts of the work on the local environment and the community, and indeed to contribute towards a net positive outcome for both the environment and the community.

We trust that these inputs will be considered constructively in the decision-making process and in the further development of plans, and would be grateful to be kept informed of the process.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Redford Conservancy Committee, The Craggs
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OELS 1

From: [Fred Oelschig](#)
To: [Miles, Michelle](#)
Subject: Re: Reminder: Public Participation Review Period for the Proposed Upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 7:17:35 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

UPGRADE OF REDFORD ROAD

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in this project that will greatly benefit the community using Redford Road to gain access to their properties.

I wish to urge the authorities to consider a 60 kph speed limit on this road, when tarred, due to the many (hidden) property entrances encountered on the road, the high traffic volumes and the many pedestrians along the road. A speed limit of this nature could easily be enforced by the Bitou traffic authority.

I also wish to urge the authorities not to take heed of requests for speed bumps, traffic circles or pedestrian walkways and the like as these are ill considered requests from individuals who have not given careful thought to their own illogical requests.

I thank you for your kind consideration.

Kind Regards,

FRED OELSCHIG (0812709553)
FYNBOSRAND (39/232)

On Mon, Nov 2, 2020 at 3:02 PM Miles, Michelle <michelle.miles@hatch.com> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder

DEA&DP Reference Number: 16/3/3/1/D1/9/0011/20: BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DR 1797 (REDFORD) ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE

Please note the Public Participation Review Period for the proposed upgrade of the DR 1797 (Redford) Road within the Garden Route District Municipality of the Western Cape Province ***concludes today (2 November 2020)***. If you have any comments or queries please can you send these through by the end of today so we can address them accordingly.

An electronic copy of the Draft Basic Assessment (BA) Report can be found online at <https://www.hatch.com/Draft-Basic-Assessment-Report-for-the-Upgrade-of-the-DR1797>.

Persons wishing to comment on the Draft BA Report are requested to submit comments to myself (Michelle) at the contact details provided below:

Name	Michelle Miles
E-mail	michelle.miles@hatch.com
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We would like to thank all those that have already shared their concerns and comments with us.

If you have any further queries please feel free to contact me . We look forward to receipt of your comments.

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: 16/3/3/1/D1/9/0011/20: COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PERIODIC MAINTENANCE OF TR2/12 – KURLAND TO EASTERN CAPE BORDER (BLOUKRANSPAS) – UPGRADE OF THE DR 1797, REDFORD ROAD
Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 12:36:00 PM
Attachments: [H357403-00000-124-024-0002_\(Response to DEA&DP Comments\).pdf](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Good morning Jessica,

I hope this email finds you well.

Please see attached for a letter with Hatch's response to the comments you proved for the Draft Basic Assessment for the Periodic Maintenance of TR2/12 – Kurland to Eastern Cape Border (Bloukranspas) – Upgrade of the DR 1797, Redford Road.

Please let me know if you would like me to clarify anything within the letter.

Have a great rest of your day.

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: 16/3/3/1/D1/9/0011/20: COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PERIODIC MAINTENANCE OF TR2/12 – KURLAND TO EASTERN CAPE BORDER (BLOUKRANSPAS) – UPGRADE OF THE DR 1797, REDFORD ROAD

Good day

Many thanks for the submission of DEA&DP's comments on the Draft BAR. We shall attend to these accordingly.

Regards,

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Dear Mr November

Please find attached the comment regarding the aforementioned subject.

Kind regards

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THE DIRECTOR
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Attention: Mr. A. November

Tel: 021 483 0536
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Dear Sir

**COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PERIODIC MAINTENANCE OF
TR2/12 – KURLAND TO EASTERN CAPE BORDER (BLOUKRANSPAS) – UPGRADE OF THE
DR 1797, REDFORD ROAD**

1. The Basic Assessment Report dated 30 September 2020 and received by this Directorate from your environmental assessment practitioner, *Hatch*, on 1 October 2020 and a site meeting held on 20 October 2020, refers.
2. After considering the information provided in the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR), this Directorate has the following comments on the proposal:

2.1 Expropriation of land and landowner's expectations -

More detail is required regarding the expected outcome and rehabilitation to address the expectations which the respective landowner's will have since expropriation of their land will occur. Experience has shown that once construction is underway, numerous complaints are made with regard to reinstatement of fencing or rehabilitation along the road verges. For example, from the site visit to the area, it was noted that extensive verge clearing will take place as a result of expropriation and it is not known what the level of reinstatement of a vegetation buffer / berms will be for noise or security aspects. All requirements from the landowners affected by expropriation must be included and reported on.

2.2 Synchronisation of the WULA – EIA processes / applications

It is not clear whether an application for a WULA or General Authorisation has been submitted. All aspects of the WULA application must be detailed in the FBAR.

You are reminded that if these processes are not aligned, the lack thereof or delay as a result thereof may prejudice the success of the outcome of this application for environmental authorisation.

2.3 *Major culvert at Km 0.705 over a tributary of Whiskey Creek*

It is noted that the culvert is to be constructed in two phases for traffic accommodation purposes. The traffic will be accommodated to either the existing road or on the new culvert, once completed. The amount of traffic on the road is not known and this Directorate would strongly suggest assessing an alternative that includes constructing a bypass road up- or downstream of the existing road. Input from the freshwater specialist must be obtained on this proposal.

2.4 *Source of infill material*

It is further noted that extensive infill will occur at km 0.705 and the final road fill on top of the culvert will be 5 metres high. This Directorate would like to know where the infill material will be sourced from and also if the facility has the necessary approvals / licence.

2.5 *Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)*

The contents of the EMPr must meet the requirements outlined in Section 24N (2) and (3) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and Appendix 4 of GN No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014. The EMPr must address the potential environmental impacts of the activity throughout the project life cycle, including an assessment of the effectiveness of monitoring and management arrangements after implementation (auditing).

- *Auditing programme*

It is noted in the EMPr that there is no section dealing with audits that must be undertaken at a required frequency. The author of the EMPr must include an auditing programme which will address the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014. Please keep in mind that there is a difference between compliance monitoring and auditing.

2.6 *Public Participation*

This Directorate advises that where possible, the final Comments and Responses Report be made available to the registered I&APs prior to the final BAR being submitted to this Directorate. This will allow the I&APs to ascertain whether their concerns were adequately addressed.

GENERAL

3. *Submission of Basic Assessment Report*

In accordance with Regulation 19 of GN No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014 (as amended on 7 April 2017) the BAR must be submitted to this Department for decision within 90-days from the date of receipt of the application by the Department.

If, however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the BAR, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 140 days from receipt of the application) would be required for the submission of the BAR. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report/additional information.

If the BAR is not submitted within 90 days or 140 days, where an extension is applicable, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of Government Notice Regulation No. 982 of 4 December 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid.

Note: In accordance with Environmental Impact Assessment best-practice, you are required to notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties including the authorities identified in the Public Participation Plan of the submission of the FBAR and to make the document available to them. This will provide such parties an opportunity to review the document and how their issues were addressed. The FBAR must be made available to such parties within five (5) calendar days of the submission of the document to the Competent Authority.

4. Please note that one (1) printed copy as well as one (1) electronic copy of each document must be submitted to the Department for consideration. Your EAP is advised to make the necessary arrangements with the George Regional Office support staff with regard to the submission of the printed / hardcopies.

Due to the current measures being implemented by the Department to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 and until such time that the Department requires otherwise, all applications, reports and documents, which include all signatures and Annexures which are included as part of the application and subsequent reports, must be submitted via e-mail to the relevant official, with attached PDF versions of letters and reports. If the documents are too large to attach to an e-mail, the competent authority must be notified per e-mail and provided with an electronic link to such documents that is accessible by the relevant authority.

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5. Please note that the proposed activities may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.
6. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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CAPE 1

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Subject: RE: Draft Basic Assessment Report DR 1797
Date: Friday, November 27, 2020 1:24:49 PM
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Dear Michelle,

Thank you for your response, it's much appreciated. Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,
Megan

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Subject: RE: Draft Basic Assessment Report DR 1797

Good morning Megan,

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you so much for your comments.

We will be submitting the Final BAR on Monday so it's perfect timing.

With regards to your comments, majority of these have been addressed in the EMPr especially with regards to the spread of alien invasive plants. The Redford Conservancy also made a comment that alien invasive plants must be eradicated and there must be no new introduction of alien invasive plants.

The Botanical Specialist identified the two protected trees and a permit will be applied for prior to

the commencement of construction to remove/ re-locate the trees. We have also included in the EMPr that indigenous plants must be used as part of rehabilitation including the reinstatement of plants recovered as part of the search and rescue. With regards to the development of the Rehabilitation Plan, this has also been included in the EMPr but is a good point to get a botanist to develop this.

With regards to your other comment, these have been noted and will be included in the EMPr if they have not already been included.

Thanks again for your comments and have a great rest of your day and weekend.

Kind regards

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Subject: Draft Basic Assessment Report DR 1797

Dear Michelle,

I trust this email find you well.

Kindly find attached comment from CapeNature for the DBAR DR 1797 Road Upgrade Project.

Have a good day.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Ms Michelle Miles

**DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADING OF
THE DR 1797 ROAD (REDFORD ROAD), KURLAND, BITOU LOCAL
MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE.**

DEA&DP reference: 16/3/3/1/D1/9/0011/20

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to review your application for DT 1797 road. The applicant proposed the following as extracted from the dBAR:

“The DR 1797 is currently a gravel road. The main purpose of this project is to upgrade the road from a gravel road (Class 4) to a surfaced road (Special Class 4). The project is located on the DR 1797, which is a minor road off the N2 Highway in the Bitou Local Municipality of the Western Cape. This road is a dual lane, single carriageway and is situated in the jurisdiction of the Garden Route District Municipality (formerly known as the Eden District Municipality). The upgrade of DR 1797 Road will be from km 0.00 (left off the N2 and just past The Crags Petrol Station) to km 4.87, this includes the limit for construction as well.”

Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application. CapeNature wishes to make the following comments:

According to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (WCBSP 2017)¹ a minor section along DR 1797 road has Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA 1: Terrestrial) and Ecological Support Areas (ESA 1: Terrestrial and Aquatic and ESA 2: Restore) are mapped across the road. The site is surrounded by the Garden Route National Park (to the east) and Whiskey Creek Nature Reserve (to the west). The Duiwelsgat and Rondebos Rivers flows along the northern boundry of the road and non-perennial rivers are present. National Freshwater

¹ Pool-Stanvliet, R., Duffell-Canham, A., Pence, G. & Smart, R. 2017. The Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan Handbook. Stellenbosch: CapeNature.

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Ecosystem Priority Areas (FEPAs)² wetlands and dams are mapped across the site and the road is situated within a Strategic Water Source Area (Tsitsikamma). Additionally, the area is mapped as part of the Keurbooms Water Source Protection and South Eastern Coastal Belt Watercourse Protected. The vegetation units present along the DR 1797 road is Least Concerned Tsitsikamma Sandstone Fynbos³.

Indigenous Forest type are present and we recommend that the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) be consulted regarding the extent of the forest. CapeNature reminds the applicant to apply for a permit from DEFF before removing protected trees and with working in the extent of the Forest.

The property has *Pittosporum viridiflorum* (Cheesewood) and *Podocarpus falcatus* (*Afrocarpus falcatus*) (Outeniqua Yellowwood) which are listed indigenous protected tree species⁴. Therefore, during construction there should not be any disturbance or damage to the protected trees. Prior to construction carefully mark the trees that will be retained and have measures to protect these trees. Throughout the road upgrading, the impact on the indigenous vegetation has to be minimal. Protected trees that will be retained and/ or transplanted has to be clearly marked. In addition, the re-planting of these trees must be in areas that will not be disturbed in future, due to development.

In terms of the Alien and Invasive Species regulations, specific alien plant species are either prohibited or listed as requiring a permit; aside from restricted activities concerning, *inter alia*, their spread, and should be removed⁵; without the use of heavy machinery, especially in close proximity to the watercourse.

The removal of alien and invasive plant species must be continuous and around properties adjacent to the road. Furthermore, we object to the introduction of alien invasive plant species for re-vegetation. Suitable indigenous vegetation must be used during the rehabilitation. We recommend a rehabilitation plan be compiled with inputs from a Botanist to inform the plan. The rehabilitation plan should include the following:

1. A list of suitable indigenous vegetation to be used for the rehabilitation;
2. define the timeframe for the re-vegetation; specify a timeframe and strategy for re-vegetation (i.e. season or time of the year when plants must be planted);
3. list when and how seeds or cuttings should be harvested from identified indigenous plants to be used for rehabilitation purposes; and
4. delineate the locations of suitable indigenous plant populations which could be sustainably used.

To prevent the dispersal of alien seeds, we advise that construction vehicles and machinery be washed regularly and away from any watercourse.

Prior to construction a search-and-rescue should be conducted for plant and animal species. A CapeNature permit would be required for plant and animal search-and-rescue. If any animal species are found, they should be relocated to suitable habitats. The plant and animal species can be used during rehabilitation.

² Nel, J.L., Murray, K.M., Maherry, A.M., Petersen, C.P., Roux, D.J., Driver, A., Hill, L., Van Deventer, H., Funke, N., Swartz, E.R., Smith-Adao, L.B., Mbona, N., Downsborough, L. & Nienaber, S. (2011). Technical Report for the National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas project. WRC Report No. K5/1801.

³ Skowno, A. L., Poole, C. J., Raimondo, D. C., Sink, K. J., Van Deventer, H., Van Niekerk, L., Harris, L. R., Smith-Adao, L. B., Tolley, K. A., Zengeya, T. A., Foden, W. B., Midgley, G. F. and Driver, A. 2019. National Biodiversity Assessment 2018: The status of South Africa's ecosystems and biodiversity. Synthesis Report. Pretoria, South Africa. 214 pp.

⁴ National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No 84 of 1998) Notice of the List of Protected Tree Species under the National Forest Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998). Government Gazette no. 650

⁵ National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 2004. (Act No.10 of 2004). Draft Alien and Invasive Species Regulations 2018. Government Gazette no. 112

The construction and expropriation should remain within the existing road and not disrupt areas that are currently undisturbed and the indigenous forest.

Identify and label separate waste receptacles for different waste. Ensure that the containers do not overflow by emptying them regularly.

Waste generated by the development (stored on site until it is removed to a landfill) must be away from the watercourse to avoid any waste along the road or in the aquatic habitats.

The extraction of material from borrow pits and quarries must be obtained from a registered source and the necessary authorization must be acquired.

The construction site should not be located within the extent of the indigenous vegetation or in close proximity to the watercourses.

The Environmental Control Officer (ECO) should be present, if possible, during the clearing of alien invasive plant species and vegetation to ensure the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures and to identify any harmful activities.

In conclusion, CapeNature objects to the introduction of alien invasive plants for the rehabilitation. Only indigenous vegetation should be used during re-vegetation. Invasive alien plant species should be removed using acceptable methods. Protected trees should not be harmed during the construction and clearly marked if they would be retained or re-located.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely



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