

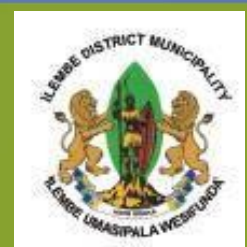


Comments and Responses Report – Issues Trail as part of the Public Participation Process for the Emergency Nondabula Water Reticulation Project

A Report for the BA Process

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PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

Public participation is a process that is designed to enable all interested and affected parties (I&APs) to voice their opinion and/or concerns which enables the practitioner to evaluate all aspects of the proposed development, with the objective of improving the project by maximising its benefits while minimising its adverse effects. I&APs include all interested stakeholders, technical specialists, and the various relevant organs of state who work together to produce better decisions.

A comprehensive public participation process has been undertaken as part of the Basic Assessment (BA) process for the proposed **Emergency Nondabula Water Reticulation project** and a summary of the issues raised and responses in relation to these issues is provided in this Issues Trail. This Issues Trail provides a summary of concerns raised by I&APs.

The issues have been arranged into groups of similar issues from a particular stakeholder, and are listed within each group in the date order in which they were received. The name, affiliation and date of the commentator are also indicated.

A full record of the public participation process and stakeholder / I&AP correspondence is available at Royal HaskoningDHV offices.

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1 Comments, Questions, Concerns raised by Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs

ISSUE/COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
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10 Comments Questions Concerns raised by Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

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11 Comments, Questions, Concerns raised by other I&APs

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11.1 Comments on Background Information Document or Focus Group Meeting		
As the Local Leadership, we are not happy with the Ingonyama Trust Board due to a previous issue on another project involving Umgeni Water.	Mr. B M Ngcobo – Nodwengu Traditional Council (Secretary)	The grievance is noted, however, the specific concern is separate to this current environmental process (as it is not related to this project or Developer), however, the Developer (Ilembe District Municipality), Engineer and Ingonyama Trust Board will be notified for their information purposes.
I am happy about the project and want it to proceed. We should not stop it now.	Mr. Z M Hlela – Nodwengu Traditional Council	The comment is noted and will be communicated to the relevant officials.
I welcome the project, as long as things are done accordingly and proposal does not come and go as has been the case before on some projects – which never came about in the end due to empty promises.	Mr. S M Dlamini – Nodwengu Traditional Council	The comment is noted. We are not here to make any promises as this meeting forms part of an environmental regulatory process and we cannot guarantee that a positive decision will be granted to authorise the project to proceed. However, we will communicate the desire for this project. We will also ensure that the permitting process is carried out as per the legal requirements so as to not delay the process.
Promises have been made regarding the use of local labour from the community.		Noted. Although no promises can be given from the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), the requirement to use local labour, as far as is practically possible, will form part of the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).
I am also happy with the project.	Mr. S O Zondo	Noted.
It is agreed unanimously that the project is supported by all within the Traditional Council.	All Traditional Council Members	Noted.
11.2 Comments on Consultation Basic Assessment Report		



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Appendix A
Comments Received