

Dear DEA&DP Appeals

I am a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and write to you in response to, and in strong support of, the appeal lodged by Goringhaicona Khoi Khoin Indigenous Traditional Council with reference to the Environmental Authorisation issued on the 20<sup>th</sup> August for the re-development of the River Club, Observatory for a Mixed Use development and associated infrastructure on the remainder of Erf 15326 and Erven 26169-26175, 26426-26427, 108936 and 151832, Observatory; DEA&DP Reference Number 16/3/3/1/A7/17/3001/20.

I received the appeal sent to me by the Goringhaicona who are one of a number of First Nation groups extremely concerned about the lack of respect paid to heritage matters in this application.

I hereby indicate my strong support for their appeal. In particular, I draw attention to the decision's non-compliance with S38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (act 25 of 1999) (the NHRA) in that the consenting authority has not ensured that the HIA has fulfilled the requirements of the competent heritage resources authority, Heritage Western Cape.

The applicant failed to address the heritage concerns raised by the Goringhaicona in their appeal. These concerns are consistent with the final comments issued by HWC on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 that the HIA was inadequate and its proposals failed to protect the intangible heritage of the River Club site.

I also draw attention to the statement in the Environmental Authorisation that "All the concerns raised by I&APs were responded to and adequately addressed during the public participation process." I do not believe this to be the case as illustrated by the breadth and range of appeals submitted to the EA.

I would therefore like it noted that I am in strong support of the appeal by the Goringhaicona Khoi Khoin Indigenous Traditional Council for the reasons outlined above.

Yours

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