

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 \_\_\_\_\_ with reference to the Environmental Authorisation issued on 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 a copy of the appeal by Heritage Western Cape.

The persistent and repeated failure of the applicant to address the key heritage concerns related to the development were noted clearly in HWC's final comments on the application's Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) issued by HWC on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

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 heritage resources authority.

I hereby indicate my strong support for the appeal by HWC against this decision.

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 HWC have pointed out in their appeal that the applicant's heritage practitioner merely restated the finding of his initial report with each re-draft without responding to the HWC concerns. The failure to address concerns raised by IAPs is also 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 Heritage Western Cape for the reasons outlined above.

Yours

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