

Lie number 1: ***“The stunning OCA deception
ROBSERVATORY!***

***Robbing our future of jobs, property values and heritage preservation.
Price reduced for sale
A few individuals,”***

The Truth: The Observatory Civic Association adopted a resolution at its AGM in December 2021. All 59 members present in the meeting supported the resolution. Not one person abstained or voted against the resolution.

Lie number 2: ***“delinquently posturing as representative of the views and opinions of all
Observatory residents and home owners, “***

The Truth: The Observatory Civic Association is a membership organisation of residents and businesses in Observatory. We do not represent homeowners unless they are also resident in Observatory. Many Observatory residents and businesses support us in our activities, including the campaign against the River Club.

Lie number 3: ***“have created a blindingly deceptive narrative, “***

The Truth: There is nothing blinding or deceptive about our narrative. It concurs with the position of the competent heritage authority for the Western Cape Government that the Heritage Impact Assessment for the development failed to meet the requirement of law; and with the position of the City’s own environmental management department that the environmental authorisation was flawed on multiple counts including concerns about reduced climate resilience, increased risk of flooding, threats to biodiversity and damage to intangible heritage resources. We did not manufacture or put words into the mouths of competent professionals at HWC and the City EMD.

The deceptive narrative is entirely the developer’s which claims that the First Nations people of the Western Cape support the development

Lie number 4: ***“backed by obscure funding.”***

The Truth: The OCA has been transparent about its funding. We have stated on many occasions that the court action thus far has been entirely funded by crowd funding to which many Observatory residents have willingly contributed. In contrast, the recent interventions by Mr Tim Dunn who instructed a senior silk to represent a renegade faction of the Goringhaicona in repeated interventions in court intended to delay the contempt hearing, have costs hundreds of thousands of rands. Despite asking Mr Dunn where the applicants get such funding, no answers have been forthcoming. The source of the bestforobs website is also hidden from the public view. Is the LLPT funding this website? We can’t say because it is the campaign against the LAC which is backed by obscure funding.

Lie number 5: ***“They will also have you believe that they represent the wishes of the First Nations people of the Cape. Nothing could be further from the truth.”***

The Truth: The truth is contained in 20 sworn affidavits involving 18 First Nations Councils and organisations, attesting to the fact that they oppose the development, are not part of the First Nations Collective and were not consulted in the development process. That is the truth

that the LLPT and the FNC and the renegade Goringhaicona faction are hiding from you.

Lie number 6: “Affidavits by Chiefs, Elders and senior leadership of Cape Khoi Clans are before the High Court right now, denying the rights of Jenkins to claim any authority to speak on their behalf.”

The Truth: Three individuals submitted affidavits in the first attempt to interdict High Commissioner Tauriq Jenkins and Chief Aran from representing the Goringhaicona in the court. Two of these individuals, Shiratz Mohamed and Peter Ludolph had, in fact, participated in protests against the development organised by LAC in 2021 and had never expressed any concerns about Tauriq Jenkin’s leadership in the matter. Only when the LLPT are faced with contempt did they suddenly come forward with these claims. The third individual is a former chief in the Goringhaicona who left the tribe years ago and has no standing in the Council any longer. They have fabricated an fake NEC resolution based on a secret meeting on the 21st July (while the contempt hearing was delayed), which even notes that no notice was given of such a meeting, which purports to strip both Tauriq Jenkins and Chief Aran of any authority in the GKKITC. It is so transparently contrived that no-one of any intelligence will take it seriously. But it is being used to pound out a false message of fraud. The true GKKITC NEC took a resolution which gave Tauriq Jenkins authority to act in this matter, and Chief Aran confirmed such in a signed affidavit on 16th August that is part of court papers.

Lie number 7: “FACT CHECK: The developers are building on 35% of the land. 65% will be rehabilitated, publicly accessible Green Spaces.”

The Truth: The developers own 14.7 ha of property. Their development will occupy 9.58 ha of their property, meaning that only 5.17 of the LLPT erf will be open space. This means that 65% will be buildings and 35% open space. This is confirmed in the appeal by the City of Cape Town Environmental Professionals against the Environmental Authorisation: “The actual open space allocation on the River Club site (5.17ha of 14.75ha) equates to one third of open space being retained as open space of some sort.” Further, the EM comment point out that even that Open space retained on the LLPT erf will be of poor quality since it “is jeopardised by the road infrastructure and numerous buildings fragmenting the open space, and the infilling of the Liesbeek River...” They also point out that the claim to providing open space “is inaccurate because nothing new will be provided in these areas outside the River Club site on City land. These areas already constitute publicly owned open space. Accordingly, there will be a net loss of open space across the site.”

Who is lying here?

Lie number 8: “FACT CHECK: The developers are donating a R55 Million Heritage Centre to First Nations people, and providing indigenous herb gardens and ceremonial spaces. “

The Truth: The developers are building a development in which will be housed a Cultural Centre. They are not donating it but have a business agreement that the First Nations Collective will run the Centre and can use it for income generation where applicable. The land and property still belong to the developers. And the First Nations Collective is a Trust comprising 12 individuals one of whom is the developer’s heritage consultant. It is not a donation to ‘First Nation people’ since there are at least 18 first nation groups who reject the idea of a cultural centre as appropriate recognition for a sacred site to be destroyed by large buildings.

Secondly, Heritage Western Cape, the competent heritage authority for the province noted that “a 'memorial'/ 'museum' and recreated river courses are inadequate in commemorating the significance of the site and appear to be designed to create meaning rather than attempt to enhance identified heritage significances. It is the opinion of the committee that the site is of sufficient significance within itself and does not need to be imbued with meaning. The bulk and mass of the development proposal does not respond to the site as a living heritage.” Every Khoi and San respondent who submitted an affidavit opposing the development noted that “we do not regard any of the conditions to the respective authorisations to be sufficient for purposes of safeguarding our intangible heritage associated with the site. In our view, the aspects of the development which the developer claims will give express to, and celebrate, our intangible cultural heritage (i.e. the proposed indigenous gardens, cultural and media centre, amphitheatre and heritage eco-trail) do no such thing.”

Who is lying here?

Lie number 9: ***“FACT CHECK: The developer is rehabilitating the rivers and eco- system for future preservation.”***

The Truth: The developer is infilling a river, turning the original course of the Liesbeek into a swale. This is not rehabilitation. In the words of the City’s EM department “Diverting a 30m wide river to underground pipes is contrary to Water Sensitive Spatial Planning and Urban Design principles.” The developer will deconcretise the portion of the canal to the West of the site. This is a 500m stretch of a 9km river.

Further the City’s EM professionals noted that “the City’s own resilience to floods will be diminished through infilling the Liesbeek river and floodplain. In addition, neighbouring properties will be at risk of higher flood levels, particularly in terms of frequent floods of 1,2 and 5 year intervals...: and “Infilling a river course and developing within the floodplain are not consistent with the stated objectives of the City’s Climate Change Policy.”

Lie Number 10: ***“FACT CHECK: The developer owns the land. If they are forced to vacate, the land will become a prime target for the city’s homeless”***

The Truth: The campaign is not for the developers to vacate. The campaign is for the developers to obey the law and follow lawful processes. The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) is pursuing a process of grading the site as a national heritage site. Once it is graded as a national heritage site, the management of the site will follow national heritage guidelines. The claim that the land will become a prime target for the city’s homeless is scaremongering. The River Club site was not invaded when it traded as a golf course. The fact is that entire TRUP has not been invaded by the City’s homeless, yet the developers maintain the River Club site will be selectively chosen for informal dwellings unless they are allowed to build.

Lie number 11: ***“HEY OBS! MEET THE NEIGHBOURS!***

They’re moving in if you move Amazon out.

HEY OBS! MEET THE NEIGHBOURS!”

Is this the vision OCA (Observatory Civic Association) has for the future of the River Club land? Surely they must know, as they rally your current neighbours to their clarion call, while rousing the ignorant and the misinformed to fever pitch, surely they must know this

is the only outcome?

The Truth: See lie number 9 above. There is no basis for such a claim other than to scare people.

Lie number 12: ***“REALITY CHECK: This land is privately owned by the developer. If you shut them down, the land will be a prime target for the many thousands of homeless in our city. After all, three attempts have been thwarted already.”***

The Truth: There is no public record of such any such attempt – only the propaganda of the developers. There is no police case number, no press report, just the claims by the developers, willingly repeated by this website. Who knows, maybe the developers put their friends up to staging an invasion so they can scare you?

Lie number 13: ***“It’s not state land, so they can’t be forcibly removed.”***

The Truth: On this point, the author is deeply confused and does not understand the law. If it were state land, then people living informally on state land have greater protections against eviction. On private land, a court order can much more easily remove people.

Lie number 14: ***“And they’ll have rivers to bathe and ablute in.”***

The Truth: On the one hand, the developers claim the river are terribly polluted and not fit for human use. But when it suits them, this website claims people will use the rivers to bathe and ablute in. This is so unlikely as to be a farcical suggestion. Moreover, it is quite racist to assume that ‘squatters’ (and it is unsaid that they are black people) would want to bath and ablute in polluted river water.

Lie number 15: ***“Our First Nations brothers & sisters want the development to proceed. And we think, deep down, you do too.”***

The Truth: The First nations individuals who want the development to proceed are the First Nations Collective who stand to benefit directly from the concessions granted to them under the so-called “Social Compact”. At least 18 first nation entities have made it clear they do not want the development to proceed. The 2019 Interim Directive of the Heritage Appeal Tribunal on the Provisional Protection of the River Club summarised the position of First National participants in the Tribunal as follows: “The First Nations (indigenous) peoples ... regard the threats to the area and any losses that result from the development on the property, as intolerable.” The many, many individuals who have signed our petition (almost 75000) include persons who identify as Khoi and San who explicitly support our opposition to this development. The only brothers and sisters who want the development to proceed are those who see benefits for themselves and their immediate groups.

Lie number 16: ***Observatory Civic Association are full of it***
OBSERVATORY

If you’ve been following the narrative issued by OCA, and by Tauriq Jenkins and Leslie London specifically, your BS Meter should now be peaking way into the red.

The Truth: There is no misrepresentation in what we have stated publicly. The LLPT continue to claim we are peddling mistruths but they have yet to find anything we have said to lack factual backing. For example, Jody Aufrichtig wrote a rambling and incoherent attack in the Daily Maverick on our campaign on the 17th August 2021, claiming that Misinformation about the River Club must stop. The problem was that all the misinformation was coming from the developers as we pointed out in a response on the 25th August 2021. Nothing in our response has been rebutted by the developers yet they continue to manufacture false claims as seen in this propaganda sheet. The only BS is the BS coming from the developer and their proxies. If you are looking for BS, this website is where you will find it in abundance.

Lie number 17: And you should be worried. They purport to represent the interests of the Cape's First Nations clans, their heritage and their sacred spaces.

The Truth: The application has the support of the following first nation Khoi and San groups: Southern African Khoi and San Kingdom Council, the Western Cape Khoisan Legislative Council, the Cochoqua, the Guriqua, the Hessequa, the Gainoqua, the First Nations Indigenous Peoples of Southern Africa, the Taaibosch Korana, the Kai Korana !Transfrontier Royal House, the !Khorallxaullaes, the Sonqua-!Xam, the !Xarra Restorative Justice Forum, the Democratic Federation of Indigenous People SA, the !Aman // Aes Royal House, the House of Klaas and Dawid Stuurman, the Karoo-!Xam, the Kalahari-!Xam and the Goringhaicona – all of whom have sworn on oath that they do not support the FNC.

Lie number 18: And yet, the Chiefs, Elders and Leaders of those same Clans brand them as manipulative usurpers.

The Truth: The only leaders who brand them as ‘manipulative usurpers’ are those Khoi leaders who stand to benefit from the development – the LLPT, the First Nations Collective and their allies, including the few Goringhaicona whom they have recently persuaded to undermine the GKKITC. Chief Aran, Paramount Chief of the Goringhaicona, signed an affidavit on the 16th August 2022 that stated that “Mr Jenkins holds the position of Supreme High Commissioner of the Goringhaicona under me, and is a member and Vice Chairperson of the National Executive Council (“NEC”) of the GKKITC” and that he “authorised and requested Mr Jenkins to instruct the respondent to represent the GKKITC for the purposes of the River Club litigation and ratify, insofar as it may be necessary, all steps taken by him in that regard. I further confirm that the respondent’s authority to do so has not been terminated by me, the NEC or any other structure of the GKKITC, and is still in place.”

Lie number 19:According to Regent Edmen Hansen, of the Goringhaicona, “there is no possible basis for Tauriq Jenkins to act in any position akin to a “Supreme High Commissioner” as he is not a chief, to begin with, and incapable of deployment in this manner.”

The Truth: Edmen Hansen knows that Tauriq Jenkins was inducted through a traditional !Nau ceremony witnessed by numerous Khoi leaders and confirmed in the court affidavit of Khoi leader Kai B’ia Glen Taaibosch of the Taaibosch Korana. Tauriq Jenkins is the High Commissioner for the Supreme Council of the GKKITC, a structure contained in the

Council's Constitution. Chief Aran also confirmed in a sworn affidavit on the 16th August 2022 that "Mr Jenkins holds the position of Supreme High Commissioner of the Goringhaicona."

Mr Hensen is a former Goringhaicona member whose regency was terminated by Chief Aran in 2018, following which Hansen did not participate in the activities of the Goringhaicona. He has only now reappeared after the interventions of the FNC and the threat of a likely contempt finding against the LLPT. On Friday 2nd September, he was sitting next to Tania Kleinhans of the FNC in the Cape High Court, conversing and consulting over their intervention in the OCA's interdict application on 2nd September. The writer is gushing over Mr Hansen's misrepresentations which have no basis in fact.

Lie number 20: *Other Chiefs and leaders echo the Regent's strong sentiment.*

The Truth: Other chiefs and leaders do not echo Hansen's sentiments but have provided sworn affidavits stating that they have read Tauriq Jenkins' affidavit and confirm the contents of his affidavit insofar as he refers to these chiefs opposing the River Club development. There are 20 such affidavits here.

Lie number 21: ***And what about your interests? Do these men speak for you, the property owner, resident and proud Obs citizen? Have they told you how a World Class development such as this will positively impact property values well into the future?***

The Truth: There is no evidence that the development will improve property prices. In fact, one estate agent circulated a call in April 2021 with the following message, to Observatory residents: "I got your details online, with your objection to the development of the River Club development. The details are public record on River Club Redevelopment Pre-Application BAR. I thought it best to reach out to you. I am sure you are very concerned with the new development going up, and have concerns regarding flooding, traffic and pollution, just to name a few of the issues. If you feel that the development is going to affect you, and you are looking to sell your property now, or in the near future, please contact me." This signals the complete opposite of property prices increasing, doesn't it? On the other hand, if Observatory had a UNESCO Global Heritage Site, there might be quite positive impacts on property value.

Lie number 22: *Did they mention the Developers' close relationship with the Khoi people, and their massive financial and cultural investment in Heritage Preservation?*

The Truth: The developer has chosen some Khoi leaders to cultivate a close relationship with, so close that the First Nations Collective operated from the River Club, with River Club support and are indistinguishable from the developers in their interests and activities. In fact, the developer's heritage consultant, meant to be independent, is a member of the First Nations Collective – which stands to benefit directly from the development. However, the financial and cultural investment by the developers is limited to simply building the Centre and other elements for handover to the FNC. When challenged about ownership of the land and property by one unhappy Khoi leader, James Tannenberger, spokesman for the LLPT, denied that Khoi groups had any legitimate claim to ownership of the site. He stated "To ask a private owner to provide ownership stake to an unknown and limitless body of parties is completely unfeasible and will basically amount to expropriation without compensation..."

the social compact with the FNC is binding and states what rights and obligations the parties have.” Does this sound like a close relationship and massive investment in heritage protection? No, it sounds like a business deal and it is the LLPT who hold all the power there.

Lie number 23: *Do they share the widely-held opinion that if the developer is evicted, after owning this land for seven years, you could face an altogether more disturbing development? **SQUATTERS!***

The Truth: No-one is taking the LLPT to evict them. We are taking the LLPT to court to ensure they obey the laws of the land.

Lie number 24: ***Observatory Civic Association presents OBSERVASTORY!**
A tale of deception, greed and hubris.*

You couldn't make this stuff up; but they did! A story built on lies, deception and promises impossible to keep.

The Truth: To claim the ‘story’ is one ‘lies, deception and promises impossible to keep’ and “greed and hubis”) is simply a defamatory rant. The author provides no independent evidence of any deception, greed, hubris or promises” other than the claims of people who stand to benefit from the development. These claims have no basis in fact. But if you say often enough, you can hope that people will believe you. The only evidence the write seems to present is lie number 22 and lie number 23, both of which are easily refutable below. So, the person who is making stuff up is the writer on this website.

Lie number 25: *Attempts to shut down the River Club development by Tauriq Jenkins and Leslie London of the Observatory Civic Association (OCA), have been revealed as spurious and deceitful at best, and allegedly fraudulent and perjurious at worst.*

The Truth: There is nothing fraudulent or perjurious or deceitful or spurious in our court papers. The fact that Hansen and other entities make such allegations does not make them true, no matter how loud their counsel shouts them out. These will be matters that will be subject to oral argument in court and then the truth will emerge who is lying and who is telling the truth.

Lie number 26: *The whole plot of their story*

The Truth: There is no plot by Tauriq Jenkins and Leslie London. The plotting is by nameless and faceless men and women who stop at nothing to smear and harass opponents of the development. In early 2020, we were subjected to anonymous email smears in an attempt to influence the outcome of the Heritage Appeal Tribunal assessing the developer's appeal against provisional protection of the River Club. The developer's heritage consultant's name appeared as the author of the attachments to this defamatory email in the metadata of the pdf files. In May 2021, Leslie London was subject to an email from an anonymous source calling on the University to fire him for being a racist and publicly posting his home address. Attached to the smear email was an attack on attack on Leslie London written on an FNC letterhead with the River Club as its address, but Chief Zenzile Khoisan simply denied sending the email when asked by police investigating the matter. Today, we suddenly find

people claiming to have the Observatory community's interests at heart putting up an anonymous website smearing opponents of the development.

Who is doing the secret plotting here?

Lie number 27: *is founded on the premise that the First Nations people do not want the River Club land developed. This is a bare-faced fiction!*

The Truth: Simply look at the website where 20 affidavits say exactly that – Khoi and San leaders and organisations say NO to this development.

Who is lying here?

Lie number 28: *Will the value of your property hold if the development is frozen? There is no doubt that having this World Class development in your neighbourhood will increase demand and value of residential properties. But if the development is shut down, nobody will benefit.*

The Truth: There is no evidence that the development will improve property prices. The only doubt is how much money the LLPT is spending on this propaganda.

Lie number 29 *Not the Khoi, to whom the developer has donated a R55 million Heritage Centre, and provided 65% of the land as public Green Spaces.*

The Truth: This is a repeat of Lie numbers 5 and 6. The developers have not donated the centre but a business agreement (the so-called "Social Compact") will allow the First Nations Collective (not 'the Khoi') to run the centre and generate income they can for their own purposes. The buildings and the land will not be donated to anyone – that is clear from James Tannenberger's public statement. The development will provide 35% open space not 65% and much of that open space will be of low quality (confirmed by the City's own Environmental Management staff).

Lie number 30 – *And not the local home owners, because there is a real danger of squatters flooding into this privately-owned land within weeks.*

The Truth: This is a repeat of lie number 19. The flooding home owners should be worried about is the water that will well up in their houses if this development goes ahead. The one-in-a-hundred year flooding will now happen more frequently and more severely.

Lie number 31: The author of this website puts in a photo of Chief Shiraatz Mohammed holding this megaphone outside the Cape High Court in July 2022 (above) as if to say this is proof of First Nation support for the River Club development.

The Truth: Strangely, Shiraatz Mohammed wasn't worried about Tauriq Jenkins' leadership of the GKKITC and the court action in 2021. See below, where he participated in protests AGAINST the development and was happy with the GKKITC going to court (in October and November, we were, respectively 2 and 3 months into the court case already).

He only appears as opposed to the development when the LLPT resume construction and risk contempt of court in June 2022. He now claims the resolution taken in 2021 by the GKKITC

to authorise court action was fraudulent. The lie here is that his sudden conversion (and that of Hansen and Ludolph) has anything to do with Khoi heritage. It is simply about protecting the LLPT from contempt charges. Ask Shiraatz Mohammed what made him change his mind mysteriously in July 2022. What did Tania Kleinhans say to him that changed him from avidly supporting our campaign to avidly attacking the court action? You can work it out, I am sure. Would you really believe someone who can hold a placard one day that says “we reject concrete as our heritage” when he later says “Khoi say yes to the River Club”?

Lie number 32: LONDON’S CALLING

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How good men make bad calls.

Leslie London is a man who had a calling. After all, the impressive letters after his name aren’t bestowed on anyone with a passing fancy for something: MBChB MMed MD Cape Town BSc(Med)(Hons) Stell DOH Witwatersrand FCPHM SA.

But recently, he made a bad call.

He associated himself, and the Observatory Civic Association (OCA) with some rather questionable individuals; most notably, Tauriq Jenkins and Paramount Chief Aran (he demands to be called Your Majesty).

The Truth: The Observatory Civic Association is run by a Committee and decisions are not made by one person, the chair, but by a committee. So, the decision to oppose the development and to ally with the Goringhaicona and other Khoi groups is not a ‘call’ made by Leslie London. It’s a shared decision. The smear that Tauriq Jenkins is ‘a questionable individual’ is both defamatory and without foundation but also meant to spilt leadership in this ongoing struggle.

Lie number 33: *Ideologically, there’s no way these guys are on the same page. Hell, they’re not even in the same library!*

The Truth: Both Tauriq Jenkins and Leslie London were recommended for awards by the independent panel in the former Mayor’s office that adjudicated the annual Mayoral Community Service Awards in 2021 to “acknowledge the men and women who work tirelessly for the improvement and development of their communities.” Leslie London received the award for Community Leadership and Tauriq Jenkins was recommended by the committee for Community Bravery by panel to the sub-council 16 in June 2021. The Mayor’s press release described the awardees as “individuals working in communities are heroes who love their neighbourhoods and are passionate about creating a positive impact in various ways. Their involvement is crucial in helping to ensure greater community participation and working towards unity and progress. Creating an inclusive society whose focus is on the upliftment of others requires all of our efforts.”

Strangely, while Leslie London and Tauriq Jenkins were able to receive their awards at the ceremony, Tauriq Jenkin’s award mysteriously disappeared from the official list after the event, held at Council Chambers in Wale St. It would seem the Mayor’s office intervened to stop him being recognised for standing up against injustice. That sounds like Tauriq Jenkins

and Leslie London are on the same page, but powerful and sinister forces try to divide us, just like the author of this defamatory article.

Lie number 34: *While Professor London's motives might be pure, they're tainted by the controversy and dodgy fallout his associates drag around with them.*

The Truth: The idea that Leslie London is being misled is simply false. If that were the case, he must be very stupid or naïve, neither of which appear likely to anyone who knows him.

Lie number 35: *Work with the developers, Prof. Take a new look at their plans for heritage and environmental stewardship.*

The Truth: This statement implies that Leslie London has not examined the plans in detail. If you read the submissions and his various affidavits, it is very clear he knows exactly what the developers want to do and he knows that their plans for heritage and environmental stewardship do not meet the requirement of the law.

Take your know-how to the table. Cape Town's unemployed, Observatory's rate-payers and business owners and SA tourism will remember you.

• **MEET TAURIQ**
face behind the move to shut down the River Club development.
OBSERVATORY

Lie number 36: *The frontman of OCA (Observatory Civic Association)*

The Truth: The 'frontman' for the Observatory Civic Association is the Communications Portfolio holder, Edwin Angless. While Tauriq Jenkins may be prominent in the media, he is representing his Khoi Traditional Council.

Lie number 37: *and self-appointed spokesman for the Cape First Nations people.*

The Truth: The Goringhaicona National Executive Council took a resolution in 2021 that Tauriq Jenkins should represent the Council in this matter. Chief Aran confirmed this in a sworn affidavit dated 16th August 2022. Moreover, 18 other Khoi indigenous council have provided sworn statements confirming their opposition to the development and confirming the correctness of what Tauriq Jenkins states in his affidavit. He is de facto the spokesperson for the Goringhaicona and he speaks with the support of at least 18 other First Nation groups. So, he is not self-appointed, but a recognised leader with the wide support from other Khoi groups. This language of 'self-appointed' first appeared when the LLPT were paying for their media statements to be run in various newspapers and online publications earlier this year. So, this is the voice of the LLPT speaking here when it parrots the idea of 'self-appointed'. There is no basis for this claim, yet the LLPT and its supporters continue to ventilate a lie.

Comment: This is the name, the voice and the face behind the move to shut down the River Club development. Take a closer look. Perhaps you recognise the face? The heroic pose?

Maybe you've even heard him orate? Oh yes, he is quite the orator. Classically trained, in fact. Tauriq holds an MFA in Acting from Columbia University in New York. He has starred in a handful of feature films and series, and he is a deservedly acclaimed Shakesporean director and actor.

The Truth: There is no lie in the text above, but its sarcasm mimics the attempts by supporters of the development who released anonymous smear emails in January 2020 using the same actor meme to denigrate High Commissioner Jenkins. At that time, the LLPT wrote to the OCA to distance themselves from the anonymous email. Since then, we have been subject to further anonymous harassment. We have not seen the LLPT distance themselves from any of the more recent vituperous, dishonest and defamatory attacks on opponents of the development.

Lie number 38: *Which all makes sense, really: You'd have to be a damn fine actor to sell the lines he's been articulating of late. For example, he claims to represent the interests of the First Nations Clans.*

The Truth: As explained in the response to Lie numbers 29 and 30 above, there is documented and extensive support from Khoi and San leaders for Tauriq Jenkins' opposition to the development.

Lie number 39: *And yet the Chiefs, Elders and Leaders of those same Clans don't recognise him as one of their own.*

The Truth: Only those chiefs who are invested in the River Club development going ahead pretend to disbelieve his authority to represent the Goringhaicona.

Lie number 40: *In fact, he is from Zimbabwe.*

The Truth: Tauriq Jenkins is South African, born to South African parents who were in exile during apartheid because of their political activities and political convictions. He is not Zimbabwean (nor Korean, nor English nor any other nationality that those wanting to smear him have used). It is gobsmacking that anyone can make an argument in the democratic South Africa like this. It is deeply offensive, not to mention xenophobic, to imply that having had to flee apartheid oppression to live in Zimbabwe till the family returned, somehow negates his standing as a Khoi leader. What kind of world view does Edmen Hansen hold if people who sacrificed for our freedom are penalised for having done so – especially by other South Africans who did not make such sacrifices. It is quite pathetic and disgusting to stoop as low as to question the credibility of a community leader based on such a lie.

Lie number 41: *According to Regent Edmen Hansen, of the Goringhaicona, "there is no possible basis for Tauriq Jenkins to act in any position akin to a "Supreme High Commissioner" as he is not a chief, to begin with, and incapable of deployment in this manner."*

The Truth: This is a repeat of lies 19 and 20. Tauriq Jenkins was appointed as the High Commissioner for the Supreme Council of the Goringhaicona, confirmed in a sworn affidavit by Chief Aran on 18th August 2022. Edmen Hansen is making a claim which the LLPT have previously articulated in their public media. Hansen is the voice of the LLPT here.

Lie number 42: *Other Chiefs and leaders echo the respected Regent's strong sentiment.*

The Truth: Mr Hansen is not the Regent for the Goringhaicona. The Regent is Chief Moreki. Hansen was removed as Regent from the Goringhaicona in 2018 and has not been active in the organisation since then. The other leaders who 'echo' his sentiment are the leaders who were holding placards protesting against the River Club development in 2021. Here is Chief Ludolph, second from the left, holding a placard "our heritage is not for sale!" Mohammed is seen furthest to the right at the same October 2021 protest.

Lie number 43: *Another line he is fond of is the one about not being consulted about the River Club development. In the words of Chief Shiraatz Mohammed "the developers have consulted broadly and sensitively with our Clans. They have a deep respect for our culture."*

The Truth: Shiraatz Mohammed has to explain how it is that in 2021, he was so aggrieved about the developers not consulting that he picked a placard reading "we reject concrete as our heritage" but now he says the developers consulted widely? When did they do this consulting? In the first half of 2022 while they were building themselves into an impregnable position? It's clear that Chief Mohammed has no basis for the claim given his own opposition to the development a few months ago. More likely is that he has changed his story to suit his circumstances, and Tania Kleinhans of the FNC should be asked what she told Shiratz Mohammed that changed his mind.

Lie number 44: *65% of this barren land*

The Truth: Shiraatz Mohammed is simply repeating the developers' misrepresentations in the Basic Assessment Report about 65% being converted to open space. These are misrepresentations which the City's EMD pointed out as being inaccurate. In fact, there is a net loss of open space, according to the City's environmental specialists.

Lie number 45: *and the polluted rivers will be rehabilitated at their cost as green space for everyone to share."*

The Truth: The pollution of the rivers is used by the developers repeated as a claim to justify what they plan to do with the rivers, which is to bury the original river course of the Liesbeek and turn it into a swale and to decanalise the river to the East of the site. But while the Black River is highly polluted, the Liesbeek is one of the least impacted urban rivers in Cape Town. And the development will likely make the pollution in the Black River worse, since the sewage from the development will be piped to the Athlone Wastewater Treatment Works, which is already recognised as seriously under stress. The City's sewage engineers said that if the development were to go ahead, it can only do so on condition the development levy is used to upgrade the capacity and functioning of the Athlone sewage station. But the City approved the write off of the development levy against the construction of the Berkley Rd extension. Meaning we will get a road but no improvements in capacity to manage sewage – resulting in more pollution of the already polluted Black River.

Lie number 46: *That's a hard act to follow, Tauriq.*

The Truth: There is no acting in this matter. The opposition to the development is not just

Tauriq Jenkins or even the Goringhaicona Khoi Khoi Indigenous Traditional Council. It is opposition from the Southern African Khoi and San Kingdom Council, the Western Cape Khoisan Legislative Council, the Cochoqua, the Guriqua, the Hessequa, the Gainoqua, the First Nations Indigenous Peoples of Southern Africa, the Taaibosch Korana, the Kai Korana ! Transfrontier Royal House, the !Khorallxaullaes, the Sonqua-!Xam, the !Xarra Restorative Justice Forum, the Democratic Federation of Indigenous People SA, the !Aman // Aes Royal House, the House of Klaas and Dawid Stuurman, the Karoo-!Xam, the Kalahari-!Xam . Now that is the hard act for bestforobs.org to explain away...

Lie number 47: *7 GENERATIONS* same concept is shared among First Nations cultures around the world;

A society becomes great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they will never sit in.

The 7th generation principle.

The Seventh Generation Principle is an Indigenous Concept:

“Think of the 7th generation coming after you in your words, work and actions, and to remember the seventh generation who came before you”

This same concept is shared among First Nations cultures around the world; among the Maori of New Zealand, the Iroquois in America and the Khoi and San in Southern Africa.

The Truth: The 7th Generation Principle is being violated here because the supporters of the development are not looking beyond the current generation. In fact, they are not looking beyond themselves. As one First Nation opponent of the development said “the developers are putting our history in the grave.” A concreted site has no chance of lasting across generations.

Comment: *A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to put its pants on.*

Winston Churchill

We live in a age where “alternative facts” have become an acceptable part of our lexicon. The media has become so saturated with opinions and conspiracies dressed as fact that it is almost impossible to tell the fake news from the truth.

The Truth: This statement is not a lie, but it applies to what this website is presenting. There are no facts on this website, only claims, almost every one of which are simply contradicted by the evidence. Inconvenient truths.

Lie number 48: *At the end of the day, on most issues, we are left to make judgements within the paradigm of our own moral, intellectual and emotional matrix. And maybe that's a good thing. Ignore the “spin” and observe the questions and controversies of the day from all sides.*

The Truth: There is no basis for this statement. It is like saying Jacob Zuma did not commit any crimes because he had a different view of reality. This is simply rubbish being used to justify BS. The Truth will come out when the facts are examined. That is what a court process is. That is what the developers are doing their best to avoid.

Lie number 49: *The truth is, when looking at the River Club matter in this sober and*

considered way, we have two sides of a story, each with its own predictable outcome. But when you step back a little, when you take a broader view, it's not inconceivable to bring both sides together and create an historic narrative. Where economic development and heritage preservation are on equal sides.

The Truth: The developers had the opportunity to do this in 2017 when they received the Phase I heritage report from heritage expert Bridget O'Donoghue. This report gave clear indicators as to how heritage preservation could be ensured by having heritage indicators inform whatever development was to take place. She maintained that the open space of the site had to be preserved with limitations on bulk. The developers did not like that so they dispensed with her services by bringing in another heritage consultant whose views were more 'flexible'. This consultant, in the words of Heritage Western Cape produced a heritage report in which the "assessment of significance has been tailored to arrive at mitigation for the development rather than an assessment of significance that would assist in informing an appropriate development."

Lie number 50: *The truth is like a lion.*

You don't have to defend it.

Let it loose,

It will defend itself.

The Truth: This page is not letting truths loose. It is letting mistruths and half-truths and lies loose. By saying you don't have to defend it, you can put out there any kind of statement even when it has no basis in truth.

Lie number 51: *Learn the TRUTH about the River Club development*

The truth is, every interpretation of heritage, tangible or intangible, has contrasting narratives attached to it, grounded in differing historical perspectives and fixed to specific communities, or agendas. By definition, Heritage is the preservation of the past, and nothing is preserved by isolating it within its own community, or dissenting faction within.

The Truth: The only dissenting faction is the First Nations Collective. When the Heritage Appeal Tribunal met in 2018 to consider the provisional protection of the River Club, all the Khoi and San leaders were united in saying that the develop is a affront to their heritage. Any development was seen as "intolerable". Only after the developer employed a consultant to do a First Nations Report on the River Club, did the First Nations Collective emerge arguing support of the development. The developer's consultant was a founding member of the First Nations Collective. His report and process were found by Judge Goliath to have excluded Khoi and San leader who had a different view. The dissention was introduced the developer's consultant.

It should be celebrated, shared and communicated. Through broad and sensitively managed community engagement in a bottom-up approach, provisions for preservation, development and management can offer benefits to the indigenous stewardship, allied and broader communities, heritage and tourism operators*, developers, planners and to the public as well – local, regional, national and international.

Today, heritage has become a powerful instrument in the economic and territorial development of a country, when properly valorised and promoted.

****37% of global tourism has a cultural motivation. UNWTO***

57% global travellers are strongly influenced by history and culture in their choice of holiday destination. US National Trust for Heritage Preservation.

There has been considerable growth of a deeper level of engagement with local cultures over the past decade. European Travel Commission

- ***EXPOSED! ATTEMPTED CAPTURE OF THE KHOI NATION (Main Story)***

By Allan McDonald

Lie number 52: *The attempts to shut down the River Club development*

The Truth: The court action is to review the authorisations given the development which were called unlawful by Heritage Western Cape. Because the developers refused to pend their construction until the review adjudicated the authorisations, they invited an interdict.

Blaming the applicants for the situation the developers created is dishonest.

Lie number 53: *by Tauriq Jenkins, unconstitutionally appointed Supreme High Commissioner of the Goringhaicona Khoi Khoi Indigenous Traditional Council (GKKITC),*

The Truth: The Constitution of the 2021 GKKITC provides for a High Commissioner of the Supreme Council in Section 18. Chief Aran confirmed on 15th August in an affidavit that Tauriq Jenkins serves as the High Commissioner for the GKKITC.

Lie number 54: *There and Leslie London of the Observatory Civic Association (OCA), have been revealed as spurious and deceitful at best, fraudulent and perjurious at worst.*

The Truth: is no evidence presented for any fraud or perjury. This statement is defamatory in the extreme.

Lie number 55: *Their highly publicised opposition to the development is based on a distorted and delusive representation of the resolutions of the wider Khoi community.*

The Truth: The wider Khoi and San Community of 18 Khoi and San councils and organisations have all confirmed in sworn affidavits that they do not support the development.

Lie number 56: *At first glance, the objections raised by Jenkins and London seem to have legitimate foundations in the Khoi Sacred Land narrative; after all, heritage preservation, particularly among First Nations cultures, is catalytic in igniting powerful emotions among communities, commentators and activists. The opposition to the River Club development is no exception.*

A deeper look into the offended voices behind the resistance, however, is both illuminating and deeply disturbing. Chiefs, Elders and recognised members of the Goringhaicona and other Clans, have been forced to contest this attempted hijacking of their constitution and cultural values in the Cape High Court.

The Truth: There is no evidence of any hijacking, except inasmuch as the actions by a few members of the Goringhaicona have only appeared following the intervention by Tania Kleinhans-Cedras who is not a member of the Goringhaicona yet met with a lawyer to discuss the Goringhaicona constitution in May and then convened a meeting of Goringhaicona women. Shiraatz Mohammed and Peter Ludolph both willingly supported the campaign against the River Club in 2021. Their claim to hijacking of the Goringhaicona has yet to be test in court, because their lawyer simply failed to file papers in time, having

secured the objective of delaying the LLPT's appearance on contempt of court.

Lie number 57: *The tactics and strategies initiated by this splinter group of individuals go against every traditional consultative procedure, deliberately amplifying their own brand of social activism constructed around an arcane, minority agenda.*

The Truth: The splinter group is Hansen, Mohammed and Ludolph. They did not have any problem with the GKKITC actions in 2021, until the LLPT was due to appear in court for defamation. The actions of Tauriq Jenkins and the GKKITC NEC is fully mandated by the their constitution and their traditional protocols. The splinter group is Hansen, Ludolph, Mohammed and those who have been persuaded to join this undermining of the GKKITC. They have broken away from the GKKITC after being part of the GKKITC's decision to go to court in 2021.

Lie number 58: *According to Regent Edmen Hansen, of the Goringhaicona, "there is no possible basis for Tauriq Jenkins to act in any position akin to a "Supreme High Commissioner" as he is not a chief, to begin with, and incapable of deployment in this manner."*

The Truth: This is the same falsity as contained in lies 19 and 40. Edmen Hansen knows that Tauriq Jenkins was inducted through a traditional !Nau ceremony witnessed by numerous Khoi leaders and confirmed in the court affidavit of Khoi leader Kai B'ia Glen Taaibosch of the Taaibosch Korana. He also knows that Tauriq Jenkins is the High Commissioner for the Supreme Council of the GKKITC, a structure provided for in the Council's Constitution.

Chief Aran also confirmed in a sworn affidavit on the 16th August 2022 that "Mr Jenkins holds the position of Supreme High Commissioner of the Goringhaicona."

Mr Hensen is a former Goringhaicona member whose regency was terminated by Chief Aran in 2018, following which Hansen did not participate in the activities of the Goringhaicona. He has only now reappeared to sit next to Tania Kleinhans of the FNC in the Cape High Court, conversing and consulting over their intervention in the OCA's interdict application on 2nd September.

Lie number 59: *None of the Tribal Leaders we consulted have any idea how Tauriq Jenkins infiltrated Khoi leadership structures.*

The Truth: The GKKITC NEC signed a resolution in 2021 authorising Tauriq Jenkins to represent the Goringhaicona in this matter, and Chief Aran confirmed such in a signed affidavit on 16th August that is part of court papers. "Infiltrated" is a signal word suggesting dishonesty. There is no dishonesty involved since High Commissioner Jenkins was appointed in accordance with the constitution.

Lie number 60: *In fact, it is doubted that he belongs to any Khoi Clan,*

The Truth: Chief Aran confirmed such in a signed affidavit on 16th August that is part of court papers that Tauriq Jenkins holds the position of Supreme High Commissioner for the Goringhaicona. This is patently nonsense and malicious.

Lie number 61: *and is reported to be from Zimbabwe.*

The Truth: Tauriq Jenkins is a South African born to parent who had to seek exile in Zimbabwe. That does not make him “from Zimbabwe” and this is patently a cheap effort to smear Tauriq Jenkins, and symptomatic of the intolerance and xenophobia of the faction seeking to usurp the High Commissioner.

Lie number 62: *In a recent statement by Peter Ludolph, Senior Elder of the Goringhaicona, with some 50 years of association with the Tribe’s leadership, he said “Paramount Chief Aran and Tauriq Jenkins are purporting to represent the Goringhaicona without any consultation or engagement with myself or the rest of the Tribe, in respect of this matter. I am a senior member and elder of the Tribe and I expect that I should have been engaged with.”*

The Truth: Elder Ludolph will need to explain why he then participated in the protests against the development in 2021, under the leadership of High Commissioner Jenkins (with visual proof) if he believes now that Paramount Chief Aran and Tauriq Jenkins have no authority to act. He was supportive of their leadership at meetings where both spoke against the development. He only emerges now with this fiction, after intervention by Tania Kleinhans from the FNC and after the LLPT are facing contempt charges.

Lie number 63: *According to Ludolph, and other leaders of the Goringhaicona, “there is no authorisation for Mr Jenkins to act in any capacity whatsoever, much less as a “supreme high commissioner”, a position which does not even exist in our structures”.*

The Truth: Tauriq Jenkins was inducted through a traditional !Nau ceremony witnessed by numerous Khoi leaders and confirmed in the court affidavit of Khoi leader Kai B’ia Glen Taaibosch of the Taaibosch Korana. He is the High Commissioner for the Supreme Council of the GKKITC, a structure provided for in the Council’s Constitution. Chief Aran also confirmed in a sworn affidavit on the 16th August 2022 that “Mr Jenkins holds the position of Supreme High Commissioner of the Goringhaicona.”

Lie number 64: *From here, the intrigue only gets deeper. Although Jenkins and OCA have based their whole objection on the basis of the preservation of Sacred Land, Regent Hansen observed “in over 40 years in Cape Town, and as a Khoisan person, I have never myself seen or even heard of this land, in particular, to be used by any Khoisan person for any purpose, including any ceremony or rituals, and it should not be confused with, for example, the Oude Moulén property, or Hoerikwaggo (Table Mountain), which are of incalculable cultural and spiritual significance.”*

The Truth: A sworn affidavit by Chief Autshumao on the 18th May states as follows: “For many years, I would go to conduct sacred spiritual ceremonies on the River Club site. I conducted sacred cleansing water ceremonies, including praying and chanting and the burning of sacred herbs for the restoration of the land and the rivers, as well as the acknowledgement of our ancestors who fought and died for our freedom and for the land. However, six years ago, I was disrespectfully forbidden to enter the site and told I could not go there.”

Even the AFMAS report that was commissioned by the developer contradicts Hansen’s claim. One respondent talked about “The confluence of the Black River and the Liesbeeck River, that embankment area is the place where the Khoi would engage in marriage ceremonies and burial rites, cremation and these kinds of things. It’s also a political hotspot, because that’s

where the tribes would gather and meet... So symbolically, confluences for the Khoi, had a tremendous resonance." Hansen is clearly out of touch with his own cultural heritage or he is willing to subjugate his own cultural heritage for the benefit of the developer.

Lie number 65: *The majority of Khoi leaders we spoke to have extolled the efforts and the investment of the developers who have committed to valorising the Khoi heritage and culture through the donation of a R55 million Heritage Centre, the incorporation of Khoisan art and architectural representations in the construction, a green area dedicated to the Khoi Nation, the preservation of indigenous knowledge through plants and herbs and an amphitheatre for the celebration of Khoi culture.*

The Truth: The Khoi leaders you spoke to are the hand-selected individuals who have already sided with the developer. This is exactly what Rudewaan Arendse did in constructing the First Nations Collective, but it is exactly the process that Judge Goliath found to be a “wholly inadequate” process in creating the AFMAS report. The result of that meant that the report was “tainted”, according to the judge. This is exactly what the writer is doing here – choosing his own chorus to repeat what he wants the reader to hear. His master’s voice...

Lie number 66: *In the words of Chief Shiraatz Mohammed, “We are just as committed to heritage preservation as were our ancestors; perhaps even more so, given the continuous destruction of natural spaces, rural landscapes and historical sites through uncontrolled economic development and chaotic urbanisation taking place nowadays.*

The Truth: Shiraatz Mohammed presided over an aggressive rent-a-crowd on the 12th July who sported placards that were not about heritage preservation but about welcoming Amazon and insulting opponents of the development. What heritage protection is voiced by a placard that labels Tauriq Jenkins and Leslie London to be ‘development denaaiers’ (an image that the LLPT immediately posted on their website)? If, in 2021, he was of the mind that “we reject concrete as our heritage” (see the image of him participating in the opposition to the development) how can we believe him now when he is supporting the development but claiming to preserve heritage? The City Environmental Managers and Heritage Western Cape opposed the development on precisely the same grounds that destruction of natural spaces was not desirable, yet Mohammed is happy to wave on the infill of the historic floodplain and the river.

Lie number 67: *But the developers of the Liesbeek land have consulted closely with our people, and are sensitive and deeply respectful of our culture.*

The Truth: In 2021, Mohammed was of the view that the developers had not consulted with ‘our people.’ In 2018, all the Khoi chiefs in the Heritage Appeal tribunal were adamant that they had not been consulted and wanted to be consulted. Yet the developers only chose to consult those groups favourably disposed to the development. This is clear from Judge Goliath’s interim interdict finding.

Lie number 68: *After looking at the site and the footprint of the new development, he added “Contrary to what has been fed to the press by these pretenders, The River Club development site is not at the confluence of the Liesbeek and Black River.*

The Truth: This is an undeniably false statement. The developer’s Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) admits openly that the site is at the confluence of the Liesbeek and the

Black Rivers. In fact, the developer's own HIA mentions the word "confluence" 74 times and confirms that "The River Club project area is a roughly triangular site between a canal cut in 1952 to carry the waters of the Liesbeek River and a relic of the older river course, with at one point the confluence of the Liesbeek and Black Rivers." It seems Shiraatz Mohammed is in such a hurry to repeat what the developers say in their propaganda that he does not realise that he is making a fool of himself.

Lie number 69: *It's over an infill with old rubble covered by invasive and alien plant life – previously housing a driving range, mashie gold course, restaurant bar and tarmac parking area."*

The Truth: The fact that the site has been infilled by the apartheid authorities in the past does not lessen the significance of the intangible heritage associated with the open space. This is confirmed even in the AFMAS report. Heritage Western Cape also deal with this distraction as follows: "the fact that the site has been considerably disturbed in the latter half of the 20th Century does not in any way take away the meaning of the site as a historic frontier or point of containment. conflict and contact or its significance to the region." The site is also home to many threatened animal species.

Lie number 70: *In the words of Chief Shiraatz Mohammed "I am of the view that my beloved tribe is being misdirected, in order to serve an unknown master, with unknown motivations, where senior members, such as myself, have no knowledge of any tangible benefit to those we are supposed to serve."*

The Truth: Shiraatz Mohammed is not a senior member of the Goringhaicona and is posing as such to enable him to derail a court process which has been mandated by the NEC of the Goringhaicona in a properly constituted process consistent with the Constitution of the Council. In contrast, Shiraatz Mohammed's so-called 'authority' is based on a resolution taken by 13 people at a secret meeting on July 21st (5 days before the LLPT was due to appear on contempt). None of the signatories are NEC members. the resolution openly admits to having dispenses with any notice, including notifying the Chief of the tribe. It is hard to imagine a more fabricated process.

Lie number 71: *Across the world, the interpretation of Heritage, tangible or intangible, has contrasting narratives attached to it, grounded in differing historical perspectives and fixed to specific communities, or agendas. By definition, Heritage is the preservation of the past, and nothing is preserved by isolating it within its own community, or factions therein. Heritage should be celebrated, shared and communicated.*

Through broad and sensitively managed community engagement in a bottom-up approach, as undertaken by the River Club developers LLPT, provisions for Heritage preservation, development and management can offer many benefits to indigenous stewardship. It also provides sustainable opportunities to allied and broader communities, heritage and tourism operators, developers, planners and to the public as well – local, regional, national and international.

The Truth: Across the world, it is common for indigenous struggles against intrusive development to be co-opted by people with power, money and influence. As soon as there is successful resistance, we see the hand of the developer or corporate entity appear through local proxies. In Xolobeni, communities struggling to maintain traditional lifestyles in the face of mining threats, have been savaged by internal conflict fostered by those with an interest in securing private benefits. Protecting heritage cannot be done under such

circumstances of threat, coercion and subterfuge – all of which are being directed at opponents of the development who do not have the resources of large corporates who stand to make huge profits from the development. That is the lie being perpetrated at the River Club.

Lie number 72: *Today, research has shown that 37% of global tourism has a cultural motivation* and that 57% of global travellers are strongly influenced by history and culture in their choice of holiday destination***

The Truth: A national heritage site and heritage park would attract for more tourists than a commercial development with a cultural centre. Why would you be more likely as a tourist to visit a site that has 18 large buildings, up to 44m tall crowded onto a 14.7 hectare site (65% of the surface area) than to visit a heritage park, where a cultural centre blends in with this open space of the riverine valley. The open space of the Liesbeek constitutes the key element of the cultural landscape of the site (confirmed by Heritage Western Cape and expert affidavits in our court papers).

We are aware of shopping malls that contain cultural centres or museums. However, every Khoi and San respondent who submitted an affidavit opposing the development noted that “we do not regard any of the conditions to the respective authorisations to be sufficient for purposes of safeguarding our intangible heritage associated with the site. In our view, the aspects of the development which the developer claims will give express to, and celebrate, our intangible cultural heritage (i.e. the proposed indigenous gardens, cultural and media centre, amphitheatre and heritage eco-trail) do no such thing.”

Lie number 73: Which brings us, of course, to the thousands of new job opportunities that will be provided to unemployed Capetonians, and the many thousands already employed by Amazon.
Yes. Jobs.

The Truth: The Amazon development could have happened at any of the other 5 suitable shortlisted sites without destroying heritage and environmental resources. These jobs would have been a boon to the economy. This writer is asking you to sanction illegality and unlawfulness simply to create jobs. Jobs will not preserve cultural identity in the long term.

Lie number 74: *An ancient and sacred tenet of many Indigenous cultures here and around the world is The Seventh Generation Principle: “Remember the seven generations who came before you, and the 7 generations coming after you – in your words, work and actions.” Simply put, Heritage Preservation needs work.*

The Truth: There is no reason why heritage preservation cannot occur alongside work. Putting jobs ahead of heritage is exactly what Judge Goliath pointed out as part of the problem. The Amazon Headquarters should be located at a site that does not destroy heritage.