



APPENDIX 5B: Proof of Public Participation Process— Notices, Email Notifications, and Availability of Documents

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

**SCOPING & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (S&EIA) FOR THE
PROPOSED 2 MEGALITRES PER DAY (MLD) SOLAR POWERED SEAWATER
DESALINATION PLANT IN THE PORT OF EAST LONDON, BUFFALO CITY
METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE, BY TRANSNET
NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY**

DFFE EA Application Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2845

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Proof of Public Participation: New 2026
Application Process

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AUTHORITY**

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Notification email to I&APs: Resubmission of Application (April 2026)

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AUTHORITY**

DFFE EA Application Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2845

8 April 2026

Dear Stakeholder / Interested and Affected Party,

NOTICE: INTENTION TO RESUBMIT APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Project: Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) for the Proposed 2 MLD Solar-Powered Seawater Desalination Plant in the Port of East London, Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, Eastern Cape Province

DFFE Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2675

Transnet SOC Ltd, through its division Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA), proposes to develop and operate a two megalitres per day (2 MLD) reverse osmosis desalination plant within the Port of East London to supply potable water for port operations (Figure 1). The project requires Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) through a S&EIA process.

An application for Environmental Authorisation was initially submitted to the DFFE on 27 February 2025. Thereafter, a Draft Scoping Report was compiled and circulated as part of the Scoping Phase public participation process conducted from 11 March to 10 April 2025. Following incorporation of comments, the Final Scoping Report was submitted to the DFFE and accepted on 30 May 2025. A Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was subsequently compiled and made available for public review and comment from 2 to 31 October 2025.

However, due to delays in finalising the project layout, the Final EIAR could not be completed and submitted within the prescribed timeframe, and the application therefore lapsed. The project layout has since been finalised, enabling the applicant to proceed with the application for Environmental Authorisation. As the approved Scoping Report remains valid, and the project meets the requirements of Regulation 21(2)(a) to (d) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), it is not necessary to repeat the Scoping Phase. The process will therefore resume from the EIA phase following resubmission of the application.

A revised Draft EIAR, incorporating the updated and final project layout, will be made available for public review and comment as part of a new public participation process. Details in this regard will be communicated in due course.

This notice serves to inform all registered and potential new Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the intention to resubmit the application for Environmental Authorisation.

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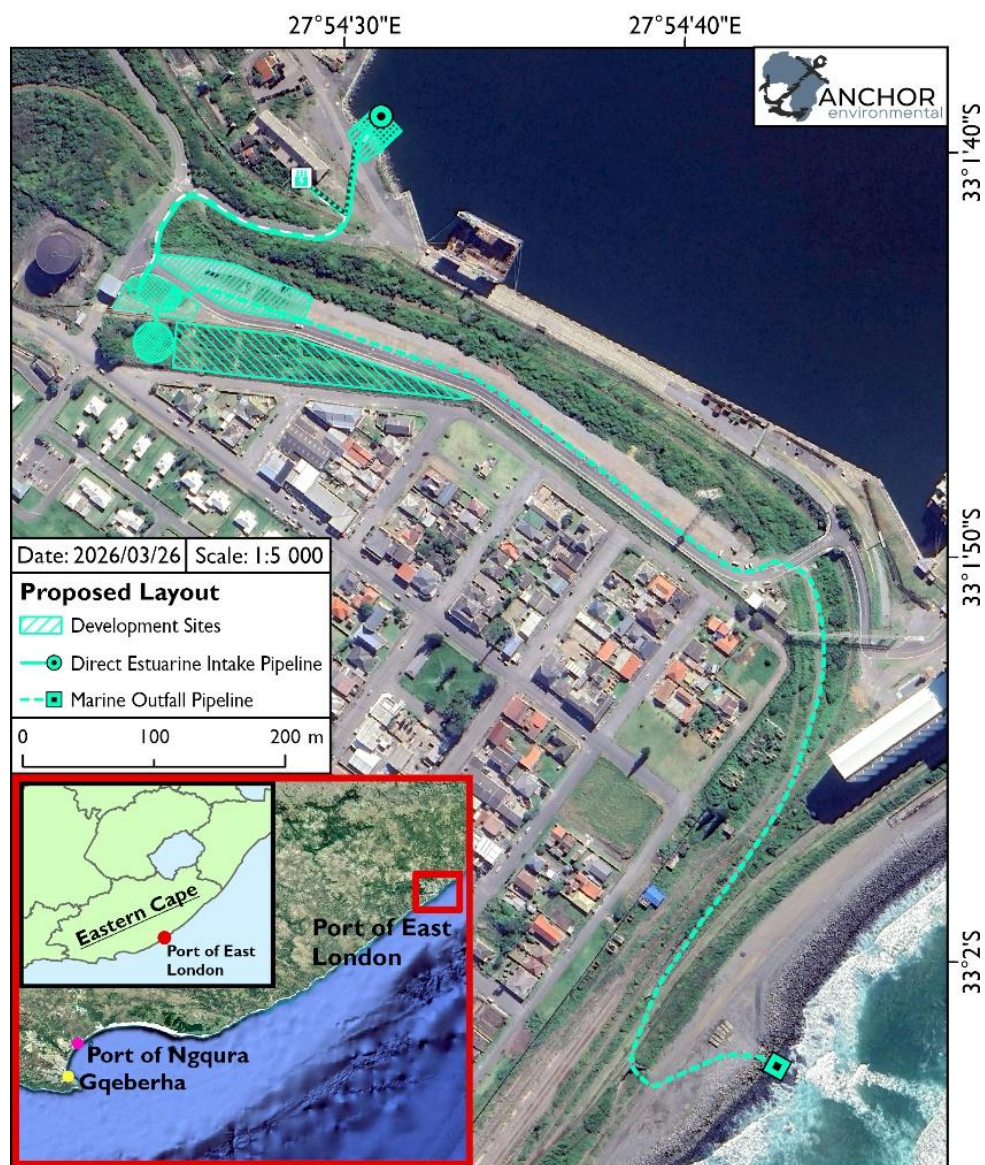


Figure 1. Location of the proposed development within the Port of East London, Eastern Cape, South Africa.

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Project: Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) for the Proposed 2 MLD Solar-Powered Seawater Desalination Plant in the Port of East London, Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, Eastern Cape Province

DFFE Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2675

This email serves to notify all registered and potential new Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the intention to resubmit the application for Environmental Authorisation for the above-mentioned project. Please find the formal notice attached, which provides further details.

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Proof of the 30-day public participation process from 18 July to 18 August 2026

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SCOPING & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (S&EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED 2 MEGALITRES PER DAY (MLD) SOLAR POWERED SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT IN THE PORT OF EAST LONDON, BUFFALO CITY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE, BY TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY

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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

Notice in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) (NEMA) and National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (24 of 2008) (ICMA) for:

THE PROPOSED 2 MEGALITRES PER DAY (MLD) SOLAR POWERED SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT IN THE PORT OF EAST LONDON, BUFFALO CITY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

APPLICANT: *Transnet SOC Limited—Division Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA)*

PROJECT DETAILS: Transnet SOC Limited, through its division TNPA, proposes a solar-powered seawater desalination plant in the Port of East London, Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality. Water

will be abstracted from the estuary and desalinated to produce 2 million litres of fresh water per day for port operations, including drinking water, reducing reliance on municipal supply. The brine by-product will be discharged into the ocean.

Environmental Authorisation (EA) is required from Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations for:

- **Listing Notice 1** (GN R983 of 2014): Activities 14, 16, 17, 19A, 25, & 27
- **Listing Notice 2** (GN R984 of 2014): Activities 6 & 14
- **Listing Notice 3** (GN R985 of 2014): Activities 2, 4 & 12

A Scoping & EIA (S&EIA) process is required to assess potential environmental, social and other impacts before the project may proceed. A Coastal Waters Discharge Permit (CWDP) is also required under ICMA for the marine discharge of brine. Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake the S&EIA.

You are herewith invited to review the Draft EIAR and supporting documents and provide your comments on the proposed development and discharge of brine into the marine environment during 30-day public participation:

From 18 July 2026 to 23:59 on 18 August 2026

Documents are available as follows:

- **Online:** <https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/public-documents>
- **Hardcopy:** West Bank Library (Hood St, West Bank Village, East London)

To submit comments or questions, or to register for project updates, contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner below:

Disclosure of interest

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Protection of Personal Information

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Kind Regards,
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Rover Raceway set to roar as MX Nationals head to Eastern Cape

Top riders face off as championship battle heats up

BRENDAN KELLY

SA's finest motocross riders are preparing for an action-packed weekend as Rover Raceway on Victoria Drive hosts round five of the seven-round National Motocross Championship on Saturday, with official practice getting under way on Friday.

With championship points becoming increasingly valuable, spectators can expect fierce racing, spectacular battles and plenty of adrenaline as riders push themselves and their machines to the limit.

Widely regarded as one of SA's premier motocross venues, Rover Raceway has earned a formidable reputation for its demanding soft-sand surface. The constantly changing terrain develops deep ruts, braking bumps and technical lines throughout the day, ensuring that no two laps are ever the same.

Established in 1950, the historic circuit remains one of the toughest tests on the national calendar, combining massive jumps, sweeping berms, elevation changes and technical corners that reward precision, bravery and fitness.

The Eastern Cape has long been recognised as a breeding ground for exceptional motocross talent, and supporters



ACTION PACKED: KwaZulu-Natal's Matthew "Maddy" Malan launches through the air during MX1 action and will be among the riders to watch when the National Motocross Championship arrives at Rover Raceway this weekend. Picture: RUBEN LOUW

will have plenty of riders to cheer on.

In the 50cc class, rising stars Rhyder Rehse, Mylan Barnes and Noah Botha currently occupy 11th, 12th and 13th positions in the national championship standings, respectively.

Competing against the country's best youngsters, the local trio will be aiming to use home-track advantage to climb the leaderboard, while KwaZulu-Natal's Nate Small continues to

lead the championship.

The Eastern Cape looks particularly strong in the 85cc category. Local favourite Riley Geldenhuys arrives at Rover Raceway with an impressive 20-point advantage at the top of the standings over Northern Regions rider Richard Smith and will be determined to strengthen his championship lead in front of his home crowd.

Fellow Eastern Cape rider Aiden Retief also has plenty to

race for.

Sitting 22 points behind championship leader Brody Bircher from KwaZulu-Natal, Retief will be looking to capitalise on his local knowledge and reduce the deficit, while another local contender, Seth van der Walt, is well placed in fourth and firmly in the hunt for a podium finish.

One of the day's most fiercely contested categories promises to be the 125 MX High School Class.

Championship leader Trent Valsecchi holds an 18-point advantage, but challengers Triston Durow and Cameron Stuckie will be eager to close the gap.

Local rider Caden Weise currently sits seventh in the standings and should never be underestimated. Racing on familiar terrain, Weise has all the ingredients to produce one of the day's biggest surprises and could well emerge as the dark horse of the meeting.

The premier MX1 Class is

shaping up to be one of the closest championship battles of the season.

Cameron Durow leads the standings by just two points over Slade Smith, with Jayden Proctor waiting to pounce should either rider make a mistake. Every race and every point could prove decisive in the championship fight.

In MX2, Trey Cox, son of SA motocross legend Alfie Cox, continues to lead the championship, although Cameron Durow remains just seven points behind and will be looking to challenge on two fronts.

Veteran Morne Janse van Rensburg returns to Rover Raceway in the MX3 Class after missing the previous three championship rounds.

Though currently lying 12th overall, his experience makes him one of the riders capable of upsetting the established order.

The Senior Support Class is also expected to deliver exciting racing, with Craig Kruger and Daniel Forbes both aiming for strong performances.

Spectators can enjoy live music, a variety of food stalls, a beer garden, jumping castles, face painting and a VIP viewing area.

Racing gets under way at 10am on Saturday, with tickets available at the main entrance. Spectator admission is R100 per person, while under-12s enter free.

Continuity driving Warriors' rise, says Charlton

AMIR CHETTY

The Dafabet Warriors' memorable 2025/2026 campaign was no accident, but the product of a carefully cultivated culture built on depth, continuity and collective responsibility, assistant coach Mark Charlton believes.

The Warriors enjoyed one of their finest domestic seasons in recent memory, lifting the CSA T20 Challenge title, reaching the Four-Day Series final and remaining in contention throughout the One-Day Cup as they established themselves among the SA's leading franchises.

"It was one of the best seasons in the past 30 years for the Warriors.

"To win a trophy and then play in a competitive four-day

final was incredible," Charlton said.

"The biggest drivers were a young and hungry squad and a fantastic group of people.

"Whenever things got tough, somebody always put their hand up and got us over the line."

Now entering his third season with the Warriors after previous coaching spells with the Titans and Northern Cape, Charlton credits head coach Robin Peterson with helping shape his growth, while the coaching staff continued building a balanced squad capable of succeeding in all conditions.

"Robin has taught me a massive amount, especially from a tactical point of view.

"From a team perspective, getting the balance right between youth and experience,

To win a trophy and then play in a competitive four-day final was incredible

and having a squad equally strong with bat and ball, has been a huge driver in our success."

Charlton believes one of the defining features of last season was the mindset throughout the wider squad, with every player expected to be ready when called upon.

"It wasn't just about the starting XI. Even when there was a team playing, another four or five players were training.

"Credit must go to the coaching staff for preparing every-

body. Our players were ready for opportunities and, when they got them, they took them with both hands.

"We started some amazing young careers because of that," he said.

That continuity has also influenced the Warriors' recruitment ahead of the new season.

Rather than making sweeping changes, the franchise retained the core of the squad while adding proven experience through former Titans batter Sibonelo Makhanya and Proteas seamer Beuran Hendricks, while all-rounder Andile Mkgakane returns to Gqeberha for a second stint with the Warriors.

"Around 80% of the squad is the same, and I like that continuity because we gelled so well last year.

"Makhanya brings experience from successful teams, while Hendricks adds quality, leadership and a valuable left-arm option.

"They fill very specific roles within our group."

With expectations now higher than ever, Charlton said last season's achievements would count for little unless the Warriors were prepared to repeat the hard work that underpinned their success.

"We can't get too far away from the recipe that worked for us, but we're starting from a clean slate again.

"Those building blocks have to be put in place because success doesn't just happen.

"We can't rest on where we are. We have to put in even more hard yards if we want more of the same."

Banyana set sights on Wafcon crown and World Cup

NEVILLE KHOZA

After a disappointing semifinal exit in the last Women's Africa Cup of Nations (Wafcon) in Morocco, where they failed to defend their title, Banyana Banyana are returning with renewed focus and ambition.

Their goal is to reclaim the title and qualify for next year's Fifa Women's World Cup in Brazil.

At the Wafcon in Morocco, Banyana will face Tanzania on July 27, Ivory Coast four days later, and Burkina Faso on August 4, as they pursue a top-four finish that secures a coveted spot at the global tournament.

Banyana coach Desiree Ellis said they were not taking anything for granted as they looked to reclaim their title and qualify for the World Cup.

"It's not just a Wafcon, it is a World Cup qualifying tournament, so I don't think you can count out anyone," Ellis said on Wednesday.

"You have to make sure you execute your plans and take it game by game and day by day.

"I think the first game against Tanzania is going to be the most important one, which will set the tone for the rest of the tournament.

"We've played them a couple of times; some results have been close, others have not.

"We are taking nothing for granted be-

cause the World Cup [US, Canada and Mexico] has shown you that if you underestimate a team, you do it at your own peril, and we don't want to be one of those teams to look back and say we could have.

"So, we want to make sure that we cover everything.

"We are taking it game by game, but obviously, our realistic target is qualifying for the World Cup, and then we will take it from there."

Banyana have participated in the previous World Cups in France in 2019 and Australia and New Zealand in 2023 and want to qualify for their third successive one.

Ellis said she had a meeting with all the players, those who played and those who had not, to make sure they were all on the same page to qualify.

"We've been there before, and that helps; there are others who have not been there.

"We have to make sure that everyone is on the same page," she said.

"We will continue preaching that message about how important it is for everyone to step up because at the end of the day, everyone knows why we are here and qualifying for the World Cup is big, and that will hopefully bring more sponsors."

Banyana will travel to Morocco on Saturday. — Sowetan

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BUFFALO CITY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE CONDITIONS AND PERMANENT DEPARTURE FOR ERF 11545 EAST LONDON, 16 CECIL LLOYD STREET, STIRLING

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 5 of the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipal Planning and Land Use Management By-Law 2016, for an application that has been made to the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality for:

- Removal of Restrictive conditions 3(b & d) and C.2 found in Deed of Transfer T000015499/2025 pertaining to Erf 11545 East London.
- Relaxation of the lateral building lines to permit the existing storeroom and rainwater tanks.

Details of the proposal may be inspected at the Town Planning Enquiry Counter, First Floor, City Engineering Centre, 26 Oxford Street, on weekdays from 08:00 to 12:45 or by email to BavuyiseM@buffalocity.gov.za. Any person who cannot write may come during office hours to the above offices where a staff member will assist to document that person's objections, comments or representations.

Members of the public are invited to lodge written objections to the proposal, with reasons, no later than 30 Days from the date of this notice as follows:

To the HOD: Spatial Planning and Development, P.O. Box 81, East London, by registered mail or hand delivery

And the applicant:

Ayanda Skwebu, 16 Cecil Lloyd Street, Stirling 5200, (043 705 2280 and email address: AyandaSk@buffalocity.gov.za)

Should you fail to lodge or forward objections to both parties by the said date your objection will be invalid.

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INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SOLAR-POWERED DESALINATION PLANT IN THE PORT OF EAST LONDON

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Invitation to review the Draft EIA and Comment during 30-day public participation:

From 18 July 2026 to 23:59 on 18 August 2026.

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Where to Find the Draft EIR/ Indawo yokufikelela kwiNgxelo yoYilo lweNgcingane:

- https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/public-documents
- West Bank Library: Hood St, West Bank Village, East London

To submit comments or questions, or to register for project updates, contact: Ukungenisa izimvo okanye imbuzo, okanye ukubhalisela ukufumana uhlaziyo ngeprojekthi, qhagamshelana no: Mr Steve September Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd. Tel: 021 701 3420 Email/ I-imeyile: steve@anchorenvironmental.co.za

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JHOOM Food & Gift Studio founder Mamta Ranchod, whose passion for authentic flavours and thoughtfully curated gifts has helped establish the business as a popular destination for food lovers and gift shoppers alike. **Picture: SUPPLIED**

Studio combines creativity, food with conversation

JHOOM brings a fresh concept to Berea

ZENAKHE GXASHE

A new business in Berea is offering more than just good food, inviting visitors into a space where conversation, creativity and community come together.

JHOOM Food & Gift Studio, founded by publisher and author Mamta Ranchod, recently opened its doors and is already making an impression with its unique blend of freshly prepared Indian-inspired food, locally sourced gifts, books and flowers.

The studio marked its first week of trading with an intimate launch event on Friday, where guests gathered over chai, wine and the studio's signature samoosa chaat, reflecting the warm and welcoming atmosphere Ranchod hopes to cultivate.

For Ranchod, JHOOM is a deeply personal venture inspired by her lifelong belief that food creates meaningful connections.

"Not in grand ways, but in everyday moments," Ranchod said.

"Whether it's a quiet browse for a gift or books, or even a connection with a stranger, JHOOM grew from wanting to create a space where all those moments could exist under one roof."

The studio is also a tribute to her late parents.

Having grown up in their retail business, Ranchod said JHOOM honours their legacy by combining memory, creativity and community in one thoughtfully curated space.

Her passion for storytelling extends beyond the business.

Ranchod recently published her debut recipe book, *Indish: A Love Letter to Food*, featuring 76 recipes across eight chapters. The book blends Indian-inspired cooking with poems, letters and personal reflections exploring the relationship between food, family and memory.

Rather than operating as a conventional café or deli, JHOOM describes itself as a "food and gift studio", serving fresh Indian-inspired meals alongside locally produced deli items, books, flowers and carefully selected gifts.

"Everything has been chosen slowly and intentionally," Ranchod said.

"We wanted to create a space that feels creative, welcoming and a little unexpected."

Drawing on her publishing background, she believes meaningful stories are at the heart of every successful experience.

"Publishing taught me that people connect with stories, not products," she said. "Instead of publishing stories on paper, we're creating a place where stories happen naturally around food, conversation and shared experiences."

The response from the community has exceeded expectations.

Ranchod recalled strangers becoming friends, returning customers bringing flowers and gifts, and even receiving homemade treats decorated with the JHOOM logo.

"Many words of encouragement bounced off the walls of JHOOM in our first week," she said.

Although launching a new business has presented its challenges, Ranchod believes the experience has strengthened both the concept

and the team behind it. I can see that people are looking for connection just as much as they're looking for food.

"Some of our most memorable moments haven't been about food at all, but conversations about life."

Looking ahead, she hopes JHOOM will become part of people's everyday lives — a place to enjoy a memorable meal, discover a thoughtful gift or simply pause during a busy day.

Her future plans include cooking classes, silent book clubs, artisan markets and curated social gatherings. For Ranchod, the studio represents the culmination of her passions.

"It brings together my love of food, the memory of my parents, writing, books, design and creating spaces where people feel welcome."

"I'd love people to feel that they can exhale when they walk in."

"If they leave feeling a little lighter than when they arrived, then I think we're doing something right."

Collaborative exhibition of young artists' voices

MFUNDO PILISO

Young artists from across the Eastern Cape are showcasing their creativity, identity and lived experiences in The Group Chat, a collective exhibition currently on display at the Ann Bryant Art Gallery.

The exhibition, which opened on Saturday, brings together emerging artists whose work explores themes ranging from personal identity, emotion and imagination, to social commentary.

Featuring diverse artistic styles, The Group Chat aims to encourage dialogue while making contemporary art more accessible to the public.

As part of the exhibition programme, Sip & Paint East London invited visitors to engage with art in a creative and social way.

The group's founder, Anelisa Mbokomba, who organised the Sip & Paint Experience, said the collaboration reflected the power of bringing different creative disciplines together.

"This collaboration is special because it brings together a respected gallery, talented visual artists and an interactive art experience in one space."

"It allows visitors not only to appreciate art, but to become part of the creative journey themselves."

She said meaningful partnerships had always been central to Sip & Paint East London's mission.

"Collaboration is how we continue to grow the creative community. By working alongside galleries and professional artists, we create opportunities for more people to experience art in an accessible and welcoming environment."

She said the exhibition and Sip & Paint Experience celebrated the diversity of artistic

expression across the Eastern Cape. "Every artist brings a unique perspective and medium, making this a truly one-of-a-kind experience."

"We are honoured that Sip & Paint East London forms part of an exhibition that showcases exceptional local talent while encouraging creativity, conversation and connection."

Curator Leon du Preez said what made The Group Chat stand out was that it had been conceived and organised by the artists themselves.

"Rather than waiting for opportunities to come to them, these talented young creatives have taken the initiative to create a platform where they can exhibit together, support one another, exchange ideas and engage with the public," he said.

Du Preez said the exhibition represented more than a collection of artworks.

"It reflects a new generation of artists who understand the importance of collaboration, community and building sustainable careers."

"These emerging artists are the future of our creative economy, and exhibitions like this provide valuable exposure and opportunities to connect with collectors and the wider public."

He encouraged residents who have never visited the gallery to take the opportunity to experience the exhibition.

"Whether you are an experienced collector, someone developing an interest in art or simply looking for a memorable cultural experience, there is something here that will inspire and challenge you while celebrating the incredible talent found in the Eastern Cape."

The exhibition runs at the Ann Bryant until Saturday during normal gallery opening hours, with free entry for the public.



Participants immerse themselves in creativity during a Sip & Paint session at the The Group Chat exhibition at the Ann Bryant Art Gallery, where art lovers gathered around the table to paint, connect and celebrate the Eastern Cape's vibrant creative community. **Picture: SUPPLIED**

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A Scoping & EIA is required to assess potential impacts. The findings are presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), which will be available for public review and comment.

Invitation to review the Draft EIAR and comment during 30-day public participation: From 18 July 2026 to 23:59 on 18 August 2026

The Draft EIAR is available as follows:

- Online:** <https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/public-documents>
- Hardcopy:** West Bank Library (Hood St, West Bank Village, EL)

For comments/ questions, or to receive updates, contact: Ngezimvo, imibuzo okanye uhlaziyo, qhagamshelana no: Mr/Mnu Steve September

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Notice Date: 16 July 2026

Summary

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Author: Steve GNEC
Post date: 28/07/2026 - 10:43
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Application Form Submissions

ECPHRA.S38.Notification of Intent to Develop Form: Submission #338

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Province(s): Offshore

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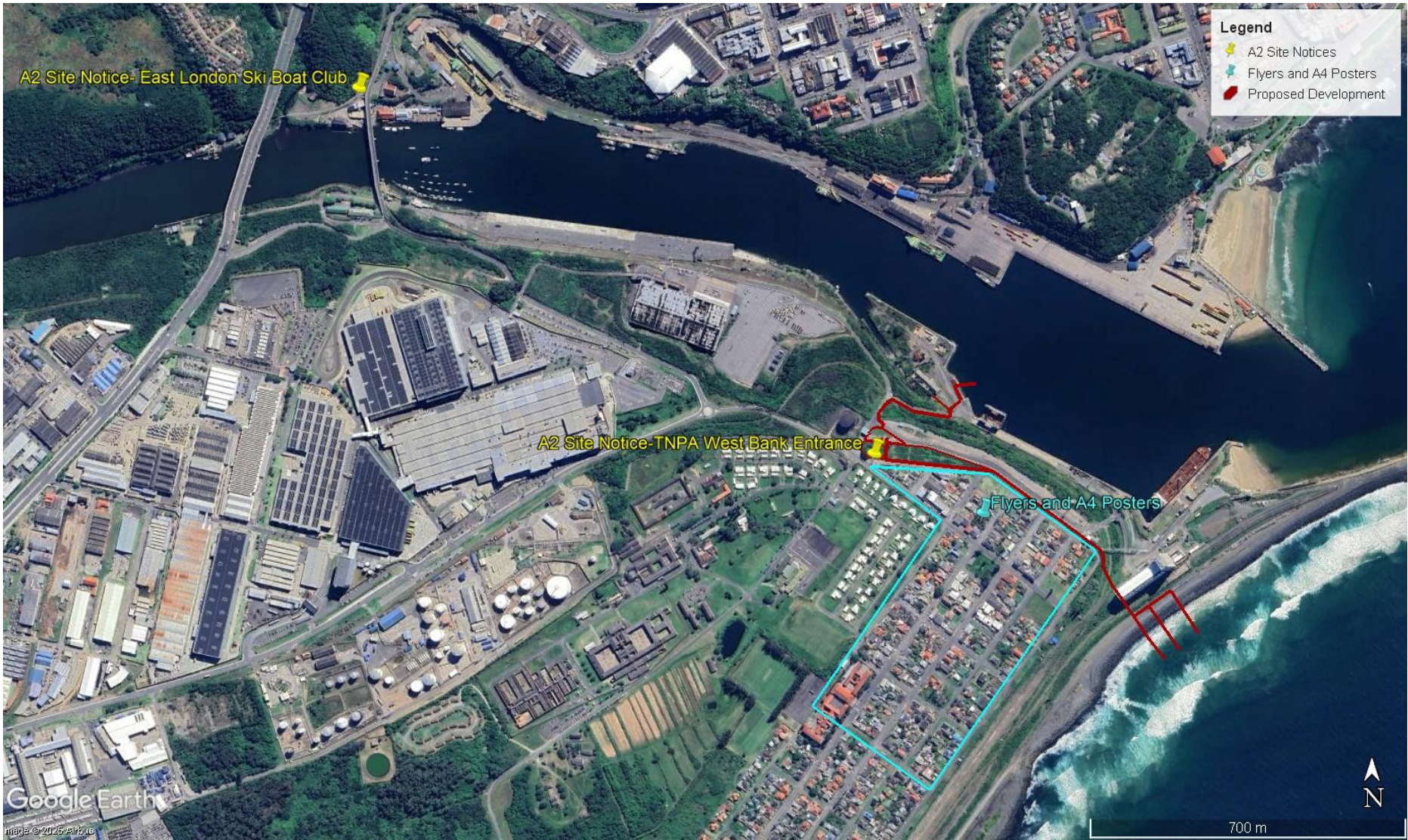
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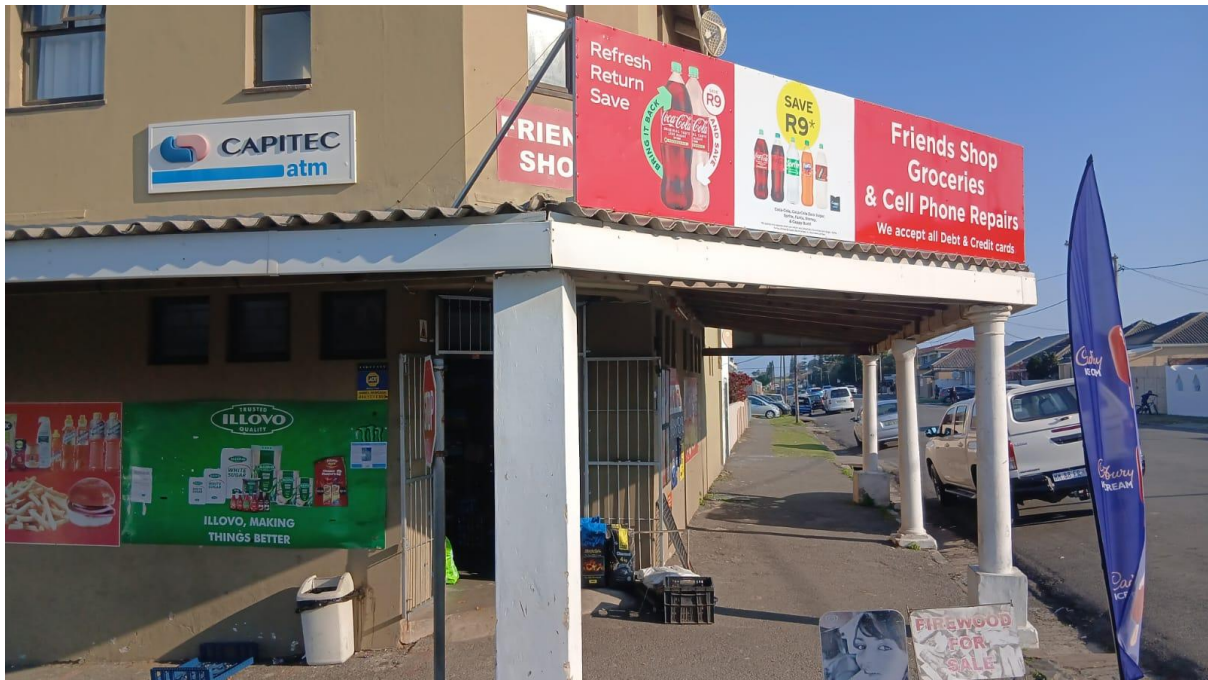


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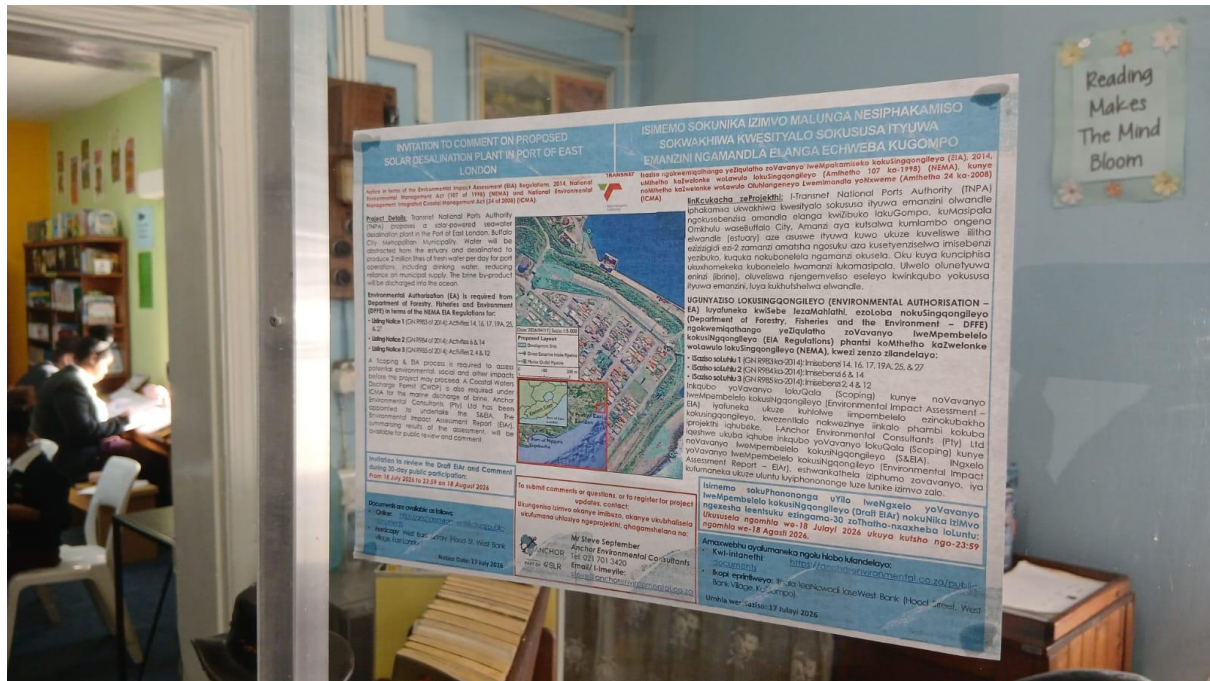
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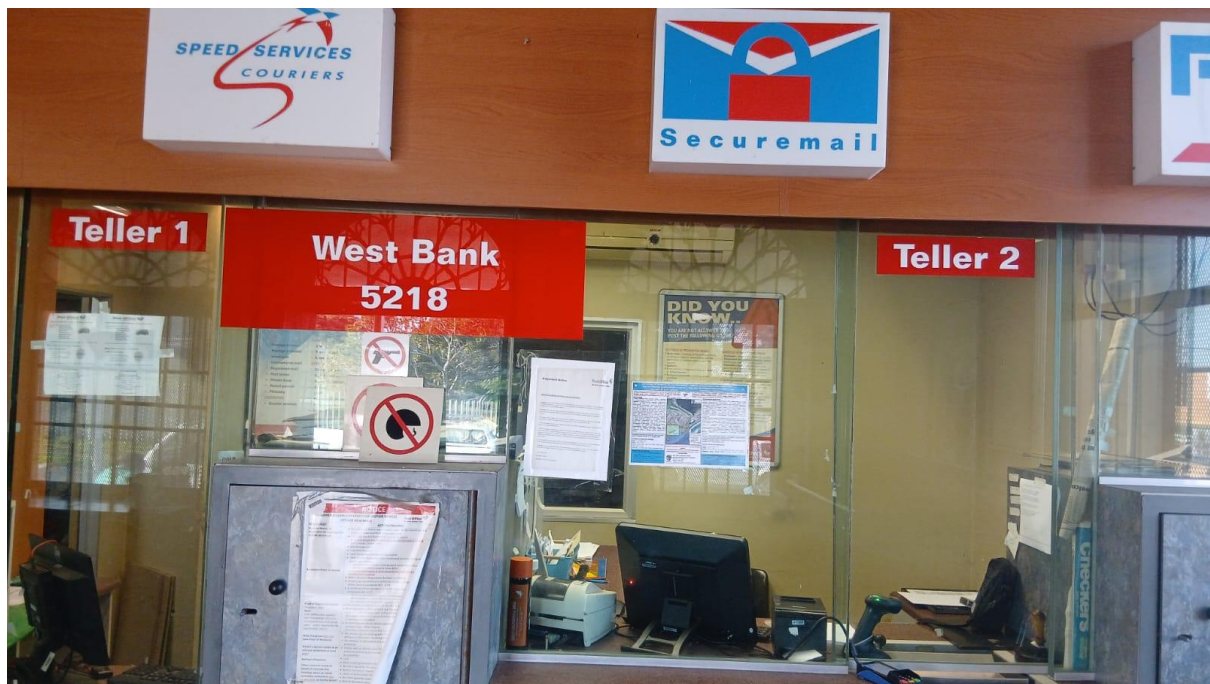
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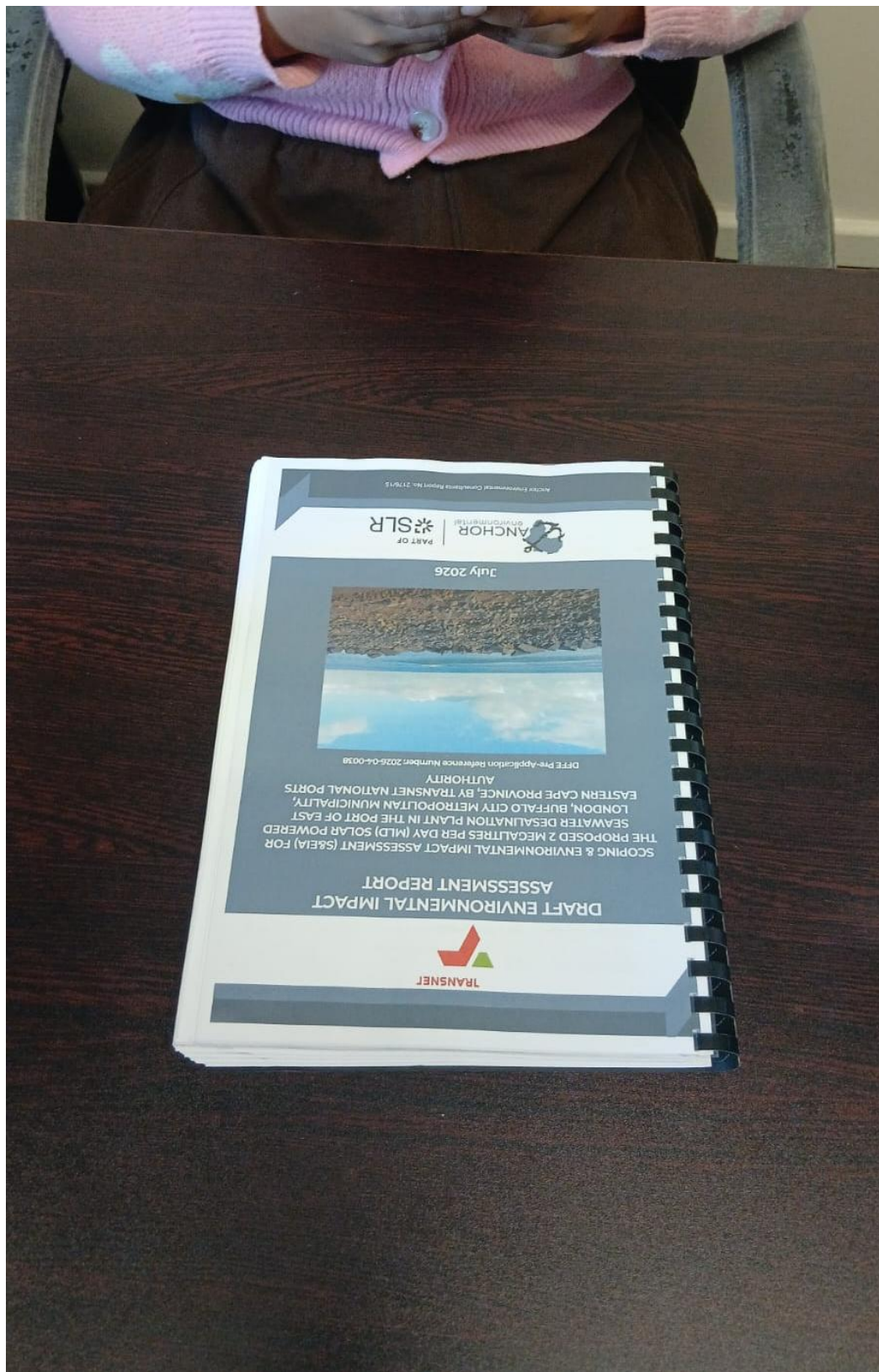
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Application Process

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Scoping Phase Public Participation Process

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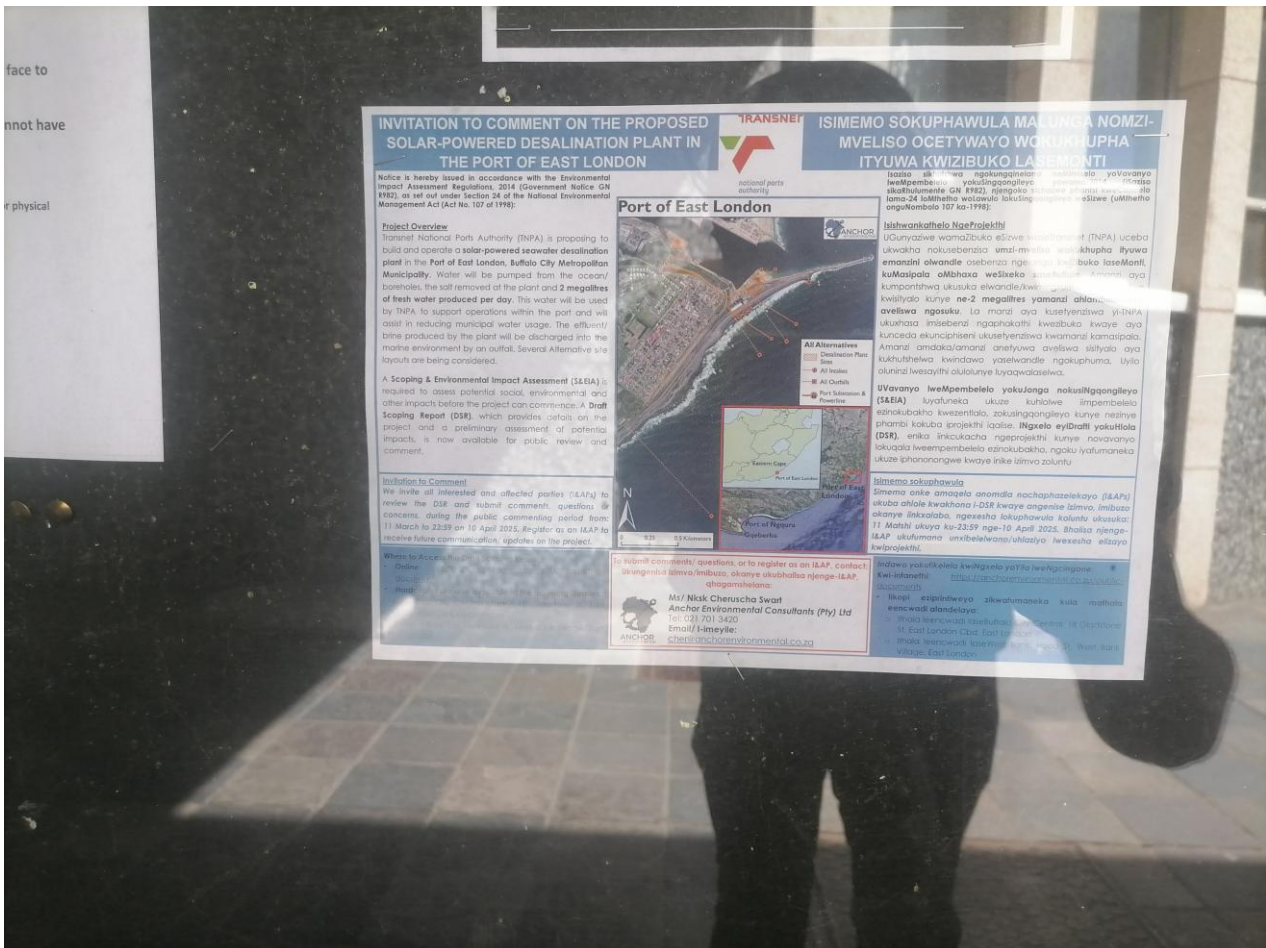


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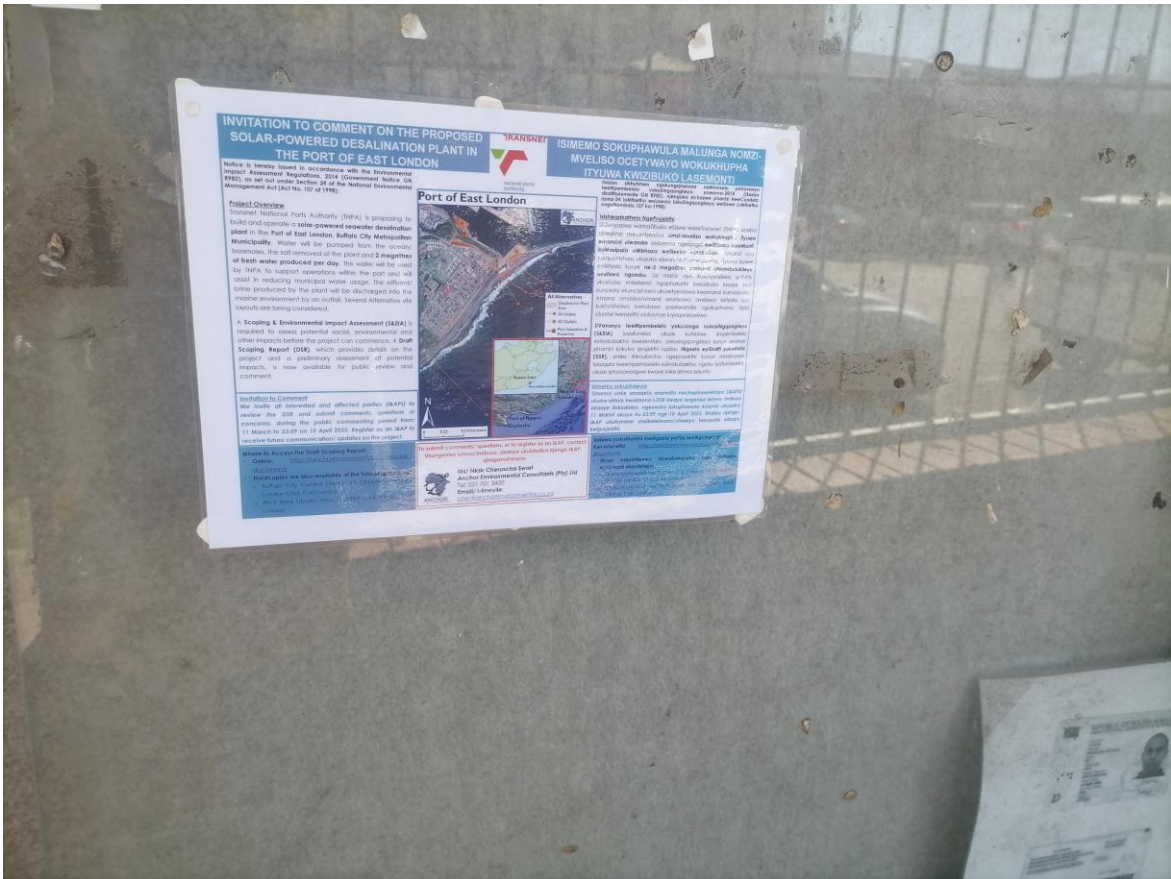
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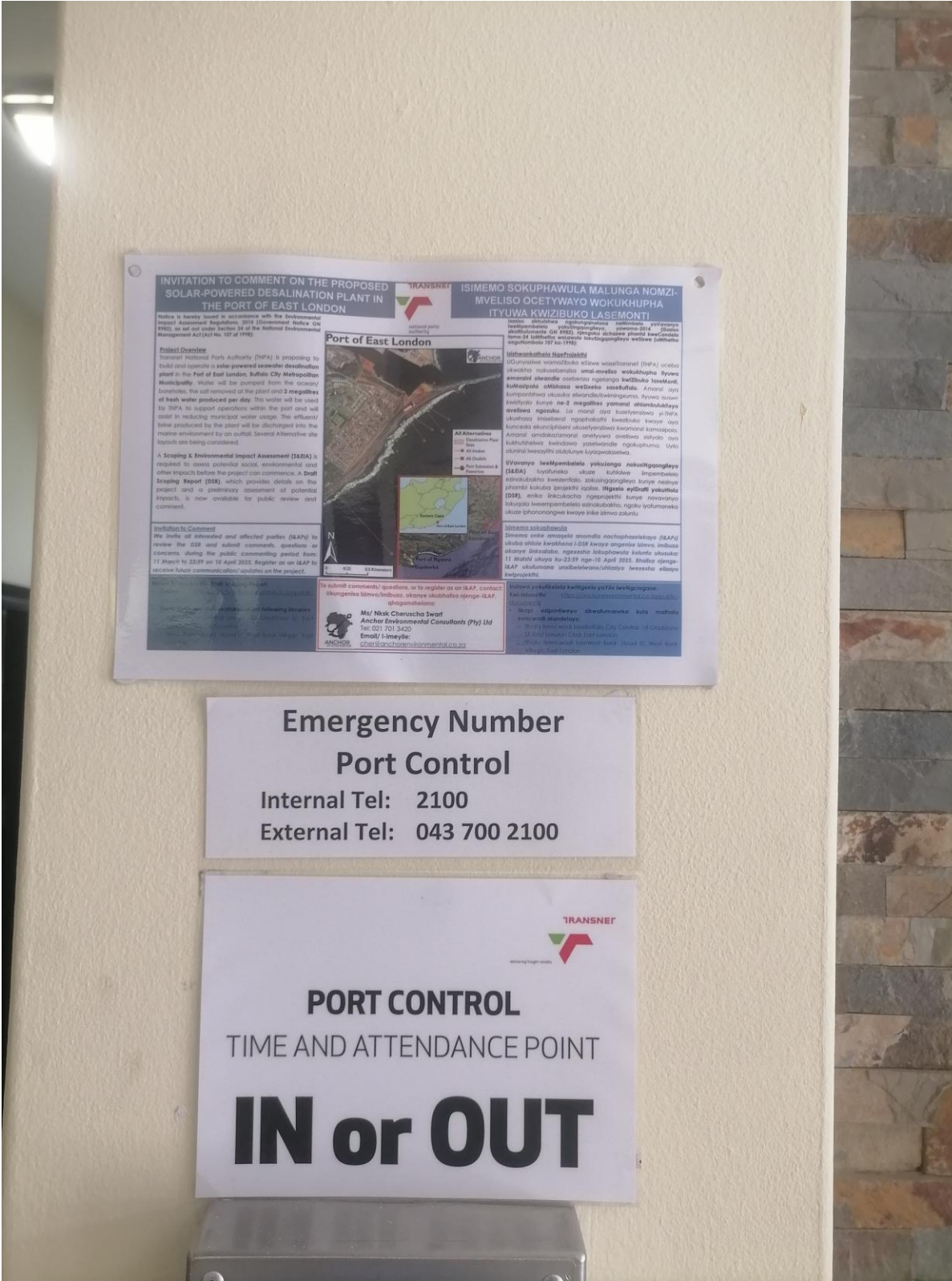
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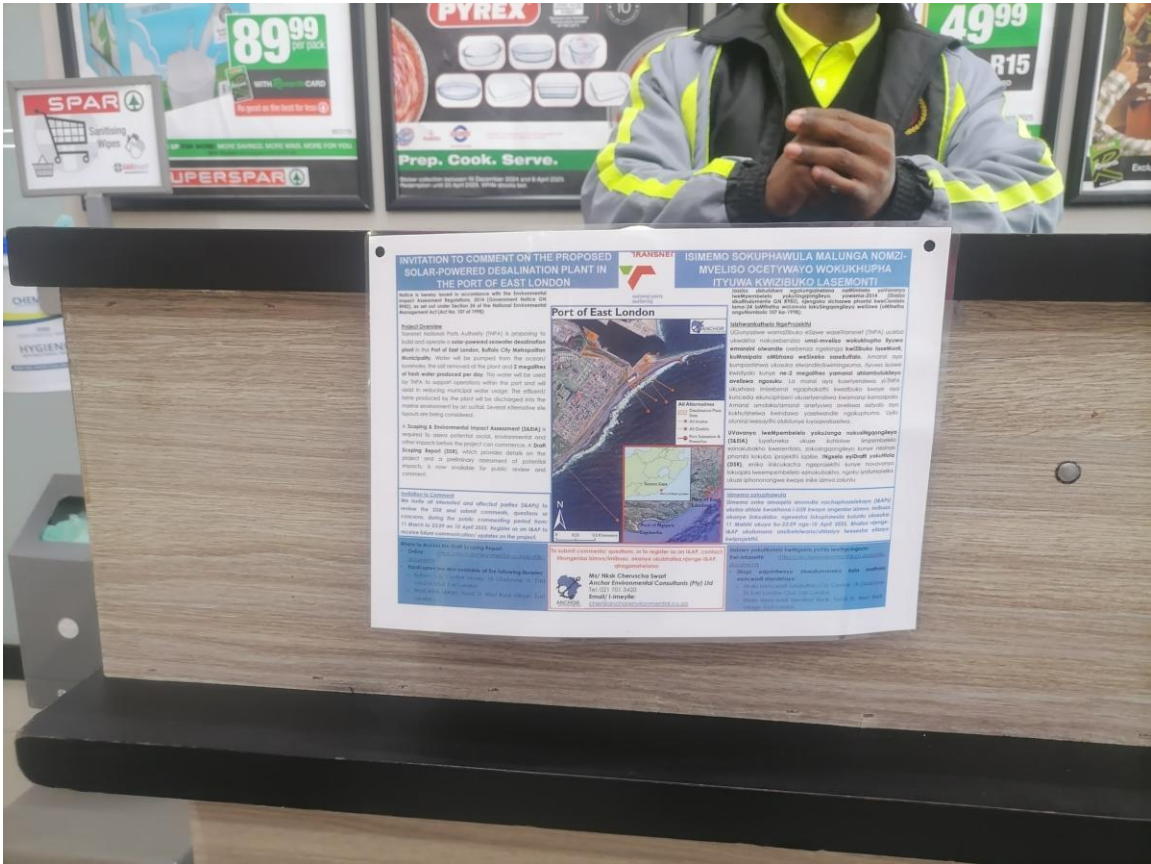
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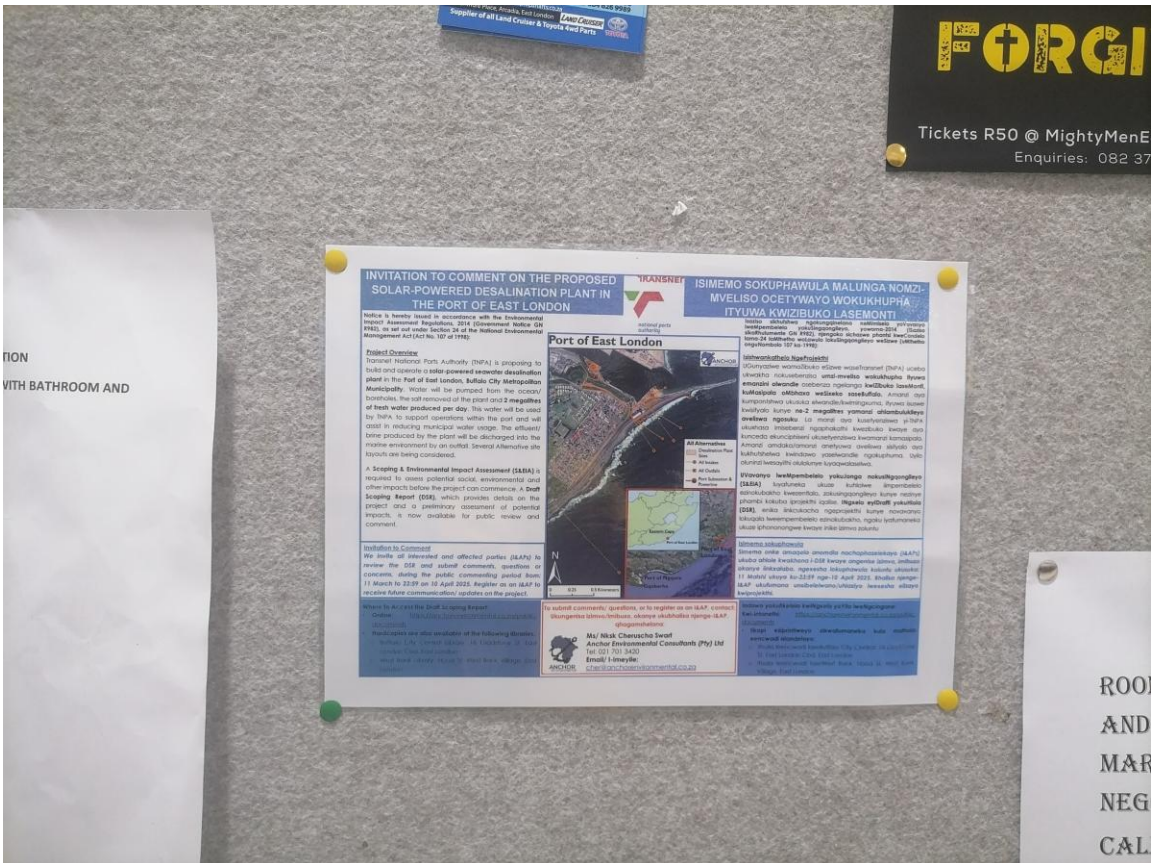
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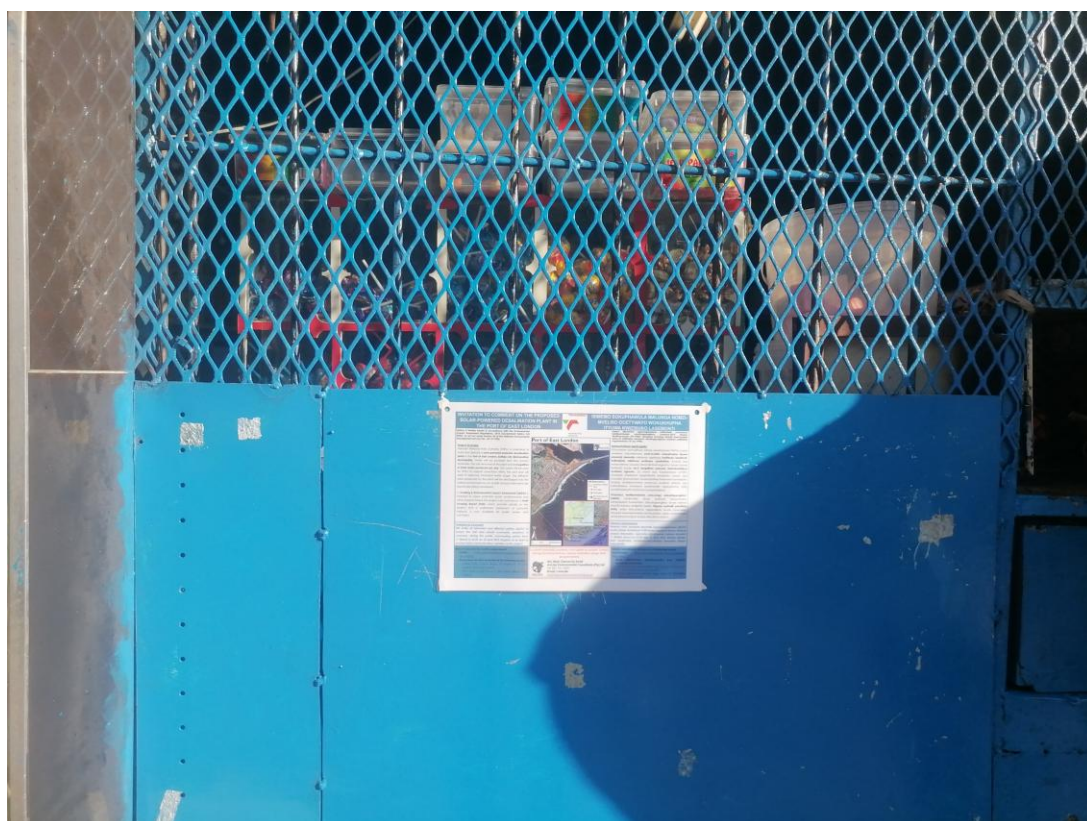
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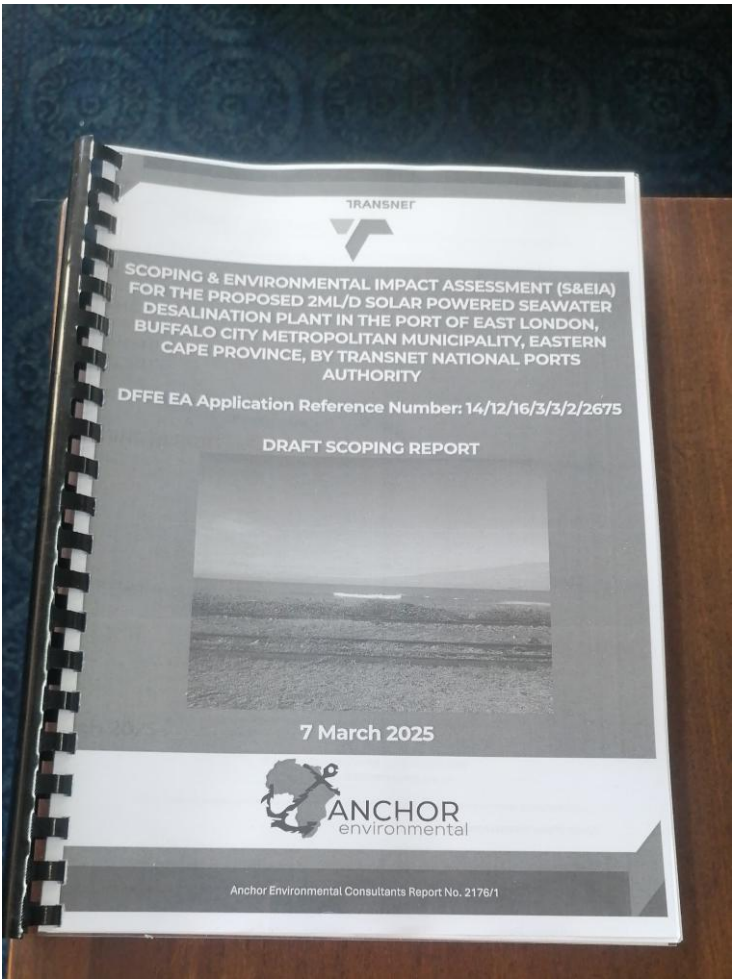


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Dear Stakeholder/ Interested and Affected Party,

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The letter of invitation is attached for your reference.

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) BY MEANS OF A SCOPING & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (S&EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED TWO (2) MEGALITRE PER DAY (MLD) SOLAR POWERED SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT IN THE PORT OF EAST LONDON, BUFFALO CITY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE, BY TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY

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Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd was subcontracted to undertake the S&EIA Process for the proposed development, prior to its construction. A S&EIA is required to assess the Listed Activities as well as the potential social, environmental and other impacts before the project may commence.

A Draft Scoping Report (DSR), which provides details on the project and a preliminary assessment of potential impacts, will be available for public review and comment:

- **Digitally on Anchor's website:** <https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/public-documents>

As Hardcopies at:

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- Listing Notice 1 (published in Government Notice (GN) R983 of 2014): Activity 14, 16, 17, 18, 19A, 25, 27 and 30
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Port of East London



Figure 1. The overall layout of the proposed solar powered RO desalination development in the Port of East London, Eastern Cape. Note this image shows the layout for all alternatives being considered in terms of the Plant Site and Intake and Outfall Infrastructure. That includes the preferred alternative and other alternatives/ layouts.

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● Another delay after defence counsel withdraws, citing a conflict of interest

Extortion accused warned to get legal representation in order

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With her extortion and corruption trial set to start, a Pretoria accountant found herself without legal representation at the specialised commercial crimes court in Gqeberha yesterday.

Claiming a conflict of interest with their client, her defence counsel unexpectedly withdrew from the matter, and Mulalo Tshitambo now has two weeks to appoint a new attorney before her matter can proceed.

The court heard that the conflict arose when Tshitambo, 50, reportedly refused to indicate to her attorney whether she planned to plead guilty or not guilty at the start

of trial proceedings.

This was the not the first time the start of the trial was delayed, prompting magistrate Khuselwa Majali to remind Tshitambo of the seriousness of the charges against her, and issuing her with a stern warning to get her legal representation in order.

On two previous court dates, in the last six months, the matter was postponed to secure the services of a Venda interpreter. The matter was postponed to yesterday and three days were set aside for the trial to commence.

However, after state advocate Wilhelm de Villiers confirmed the state's readiness to proceed, defence attorney Mongezi Mngazi indicated he

was withdrawing.

He said despite several consultations with Tshitambo, and after explaining to her the implications of her decision, she was unwilling to indicate how she wanted to plead.

"We decided it would not be in anyone's best interest if we continue with the matter," Mngazi said.

When asked by the magistrate to clarify the situation, Tshitambo said the attorneys on record "showed no interest in representing her" and had done nothing but try to convince her to plead guilty.

She then requested that the matter be postponed for her to appoint a new attorney.

Majali was not happy that three days of the court's time

had been wasted by further delays.

"This is your case. You will stand for these charges before this court.

"It is not going away and you need to plead either guilty or not guilty," Majali told Tshitambo.

Tshitambo, an accountant for the Gauteng department of employment and labour, is charged with extortion, fraud, corruption and defeating the ends of justice after she allegedly orchestrated an elaborate plan to extort close to R750,000 from a Gqeberha family man.

She allegedly conspired with a sex worker to extort money from the businessman who hoped to keep his alleged indiscretions secret, and then

reportedly tried to bribe a police officer to get her hands on the incriminating docket.

It is the state's case that the complainant paid a prostitute for her services in February 2022, and days later received calls from people claiming to be police officers telling him that he was under investigation for paying the sex worker with counterfeit money.

The complainant was allegedly told that the prostitute was arrested in Durban with fake money, which she claimed came from the complainant, and if he did not want his indiscretions to be made public he would have to pay R10,000 to have the case withdrawn.

In the months that followed, the man was repeatedly

harassed for more payments, and by November 2022 he had alleged paid a total of R745,550 to the extortionists.

He eventually approached the police and reported the matter.

An amount of R355,050 was paid via instant money transfers using cellphone numbers, while a further R390,500 was paid into an FNB account allegedly linked to Tshitambo.

It is further alleged that upon initial questioning by the police, she offered police officers R30,000 to buy the case docket, leading to further charges.

The matter was postponed to March 18 for new defence counsel to come on record.

Tshitambo is out on bail.



AVOIDING THE SPOTLIGHT: Extortion and corruption accused Mulalo Tshitambo at an earlier court appearance Picture: WERNER HILLS

connected to land



The Eastern Cape's Lukonde Mwanza, of Clarendon High School for Girls in East London, has been named the country's best public school visual artist after her entry for the 60th SA Pavilion Schools Competition took first place in Johannesburg at the weekend. The exhibition's themes touched on the nexus between the environment and sociopolitical factors such as land dispossession and displacement. Entrants were asked to consider their connection with the heritages of land and tradition in contemporary society. The competition is an extension of the Venice Biennale, an international art exhibition which includes contemporary art, architecture and performing arts. The top artworks from SA were shown at the Keyes Art Mile Gallery Atrium in Rosebank. Lukonde's mixed media creation was inspired by her brother, and celebrates the diversity of wildlife and nature, with a zebra motif throughout the piece symbolising her family's traditional totem Picture: SUPPLIED BY GOI&EXPRESS

Sea of Mandela Day blankets set to descend on NMU campus

Herald Reporter

Gqeberha is just days away from becoming home to the hugest happiness blanket in the world.

The 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day event will be taking place on Thursday March 20 and will see thousands of individual handmade blankets placed side by side at Nelson Mandela University's Second Avenue campus in Summerstrand.

The aim of the installation is to be a practical symbol of how small acts of kindness can change the world and the chosen date also marks the United Nations International Day of Happiness.

The founder of 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day, Carolyn Steyn, said what started as a simple challenge in 2013 had since grown into a global movement.

"The ethos of 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day has always been about spreading warmth and happiness. It's a privilege to bring this initiative to Nelson Mandela University, a place that embodies Madiba's values of compassion and community upliftment, under the



WOOLLEN WARMTH: Thousands of handmade blankets will be displayed at NMU's Second Avenue campus on March 20 Picture: KAREN VAN ROOYEN

perfect banner of happiness and unity."

She said a giant yellow smiley emoji would be at the heart of the 2025 installation and a sea of brightly coloured, handmade blankets would surround it — each one a labour of love from knitters and crocheters all over SA.

The blankets will subsequently be distributed to provide comfort to individuals and families in need across SA.

One out of four blankets will remain in Gqeberha and will be distributed to the Missionvale Care Centre, Umphanda Foundation for Autism and Ekuphumleni

Elderly Home.

NMU engagement office director Dr Bruce Damons explained the significance of hosting the installation at the university.

"The 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day installation is more than a vibrant display of warmth; it stands as a living testament to our commitment to serving society through initiatives that uphold human dignity and foster community solidarity," he said.

"At Nelson Mandela University, we recognise that meaningful engagement emerges at the intersection of academia, civil society, industry and government, where knowledge and compassion converge to drive transformative change.

"Hosting this initiative on the UN International Day of Happiness amplifies its significance, reminding us that true joy is deeply rooted in acts of kindness and collective care."

Steyn said blanket donations were also welcomed and could be handed over on the day or earlier by contacting an ambassador via the 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day website.

Kawa turns back on rape accused during cross-examination

Riaan Marais

Despite a whole day of testimony on Tuesday, impressing on the court that she was petrified and feared for her life, rape complainant Andy Kawa had to repeat much of her evidence during cross-examination by the defence counsel yesterday.

The 62-year-old Johannesburg businesswoman was forced to relive her harrowing night of abuse among the sand dunes along Gqeberha's beachfront when she came face to face with her alleged rapist in the city's high court on Tuesday.

Moses Gqesha, 45, pleaded not guilty to a string of charges including kidnapping, assault, robbery with aggravating circumstances, theft and multiple counts of rape at the start of the long-awaited trial.

He is accused of attacking Kawa while she took an afternoon stroll along Kings Beach during a visit to the city in December 2010.

He then allegedly forced her into the bushes next to the dunes and raped her repeatedly throughout the afternoon, night, and into the next morning.

Standing in the witness box for a second consecutive day yesterday, Kawa turned her back on the accused completely, and hardly even looked at defence attorney Xolile Bodlo during cross-examination.



RELIVING ORDEAL: Businesswoman Andy Kawa took the stand in the Gqeberha high court for a second consecutive day in the trial of Moses Gqesha, who is accused of raping her repeatedly on the city's beachfront in December 2010 Picture: WERNER HILLS

Bodlo repeated the same line of questioning several times, until state advocate Ismat Cerfontein objected and said the accused had already explained her fear of the perpetrator several times

She focused on judge Phillip Zilwa and addressed her responses directly to him.

During her earlier testimony, Kawa told the court that when she visited the beach on December 9 2010, at about 2.30pm, a section was very

crowded and she opted to take a quiet stroll in the other direction.

Shortly thereafter, Gqesha allegedly chased after her, assaulted her and threatened her with a knife.

Bodlo of Legal Aid SA asked Kawa why she did not call out to the crowds on the beach while she was being chased.

Her response was that in that moment she did not believe anyone would hear her because they were far away.

She focused instead on running as fast as possible to try to escape.

Bodlo also asked if her mouth was ever covered during the course of her ordeal and if she ever tried to scream for help.

Kawa said her attacker warned her several times that

he would stab her to death with his knife, or mutilate her privates with a broken beer bottle, should she attempt to scream or resist him.

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Zilwa also interjected on more than one occasion, asking Bodlo about the relevance of certain lines of questioning he pursued.

Gqesha, meanwhile, sat in the dock with his head hanging low, apparently showing little interest in proceedings.

For almost a decade after the attack no arrests were made, until Kawa's alleged attacker was apprehended in June 2020 on an unrelated offence.

Gqesha was arrested when a Newton Park resident suspected him of having stolen his lawnmower.

His DNA sample, taken during his arrest on the theft charge, was then positively linked to the DNA taken from Kawa when she was treated by a doctor after her ordeal.

Gqesha pleaded guilty to a charge of theft related to the lawnmower, but denied any involvement in the kidnapping, assault and rape of Kawa.

The trial continues and Gqesha remains in custody.

‘Somizi stole from me’ — businessman

Joy Mphande

Eastern Cape businessman Man B has threatened to slap Somizi Mhlongo for allegedly failing to fulfil his obligations as an MC at his birthday celebration in East London.

Man B took to Facebook recently to accuse Mhlongo of unprofessional conduct, claiming he was disrespected by the media personality who chose to go on stage just once and leave the event.

"I can't keep quiet because they will continue taking chances with us.

"When you hire someone with your money and put them on the poster, some of their followers buy tickets to support the person they see on the posters," he said.

"When you take your own money and bring it to an airport and they [then] decide to promote a different event and say he wants a V-class.

"I used to respect Somizi, I used to love Somizi.

"But what he did, I hate him from today. I will slap him when I get him. He stole from me."

Mhlongo hit back at the claims, saying Man B's team failed to provide transport for him from the airport to his hotel.

He said he had to pay for his accommodation, ground transportation, security and return flights to Johannesburg.

"You were not going to get your money back because you inconvenienced me in a whole lot of ways.

"You can call me names, I honestly don't care.

"I don't know you. I hear you are a bouncer and you hit people," he alleged.

"It is fine. I'm not afraid of you." — *TshisaLIVE*

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BAND OF BROTHERS: Gus Dreyer and Mac Richardson have returned from their second annual charity ride in aid of the McClelland Adult Centre for the Intellectually Impaired. **Pictures: SUPPLIED**

Cyclists complete epic journey from EL to Cape Town

Journey raises funds for McClelland adult centre

EMIHLE MBANGATHA

After nearly two weeks on the road, cyclists Gus Dreyer and Mac Richardson have returned from their second annual charity ride — a gruelling 1,265km journey from Buffalo City to Cape Town — to raise funds for the McClelland Adult Centre for the Intellectually Impaired.

Although they have not yet reached their R150,000 target, the duo remains determined to push forward in their mission to install a solar power system at McClelland, which faces rising electricity costs of about R130,000 per month.

This year, the pair have so far raised R100 000. The McClelland Cycle Tour, also known as the McClelland 1000, was launched in 2024 as a fundraising initiative. This year, the pair departed from East London on February 22, accompanied by members of the Rotary Club of Bonza Bay, who cycled alongside them to Stutterheim in support.

Their route took them through Komani, Nxuba (Cradock), Graaff-Reinet, Aberdeen, Willowmore, Calitzdorp, Barrydale, Robertson and Franschhoek, reaching Gordon's Bay on March 6.

The duo, both avid cyclists and Rotarians, first came up with the idea over a cup of coffee in Cape Town.

"I was looking for a way to raise funds for McClelland, and Mac had done extreme charity rides before, so we thought this would be a good way to do something different," Dreyer, who is also the operations manager of the centre, said. McClelland, a nonprofit residential facility in



Amalinda, provides a protected environment for 83 adults with intellectual impairments. The centre offers therapeutic and educational activities, including singing, baking, carpentry, reading and sports, to help residents develop skills.

With only 35% of its funding covered by government subsidies, McClelland relies heavily on fundraising efforts. "Even if we don't reach the full R1.5m for the solar system, every cent helps," Dreyer said. "If we can install the system, we could cut our electricity costs in half, if not more."

The 2024 ride raised R100,000, which went toward repainting the facility. "We're still busy with this because we're doing the labour ourselves, and our maintenance team has done a fantastic job transforming the place," Dreyer said.

Both men put in months of training for the ride.

Richardson, a seasoned cyclist, described the journey as both physically and mentally demanding. "We were cycling 100km a day in the sun, climbing some monster hills — but knowing it was for such an important cause kept us going."

Despite facing mechanical issues and challenging road conditions, the duo remains committed to their mission. "The feeling of finishing and saying, 'Wow, we actually did this,' is incredible," Dreyer said. "But it's all for our residents. That makes every kilometre worth it."

Donations for the McClelland Cycle Tour are still open, and every contribution brings the centre closer to its goal.

For more information on how to donate, visit the McClelland Adult Centre or contact the Rotary Club of Bonza Bay on Facebook.

Reproductive health awareness remains of importance all year

FAITH MTWANA

February was Reproductive Health Awareness Month and while it has come to an end, the importance of educating and empowering women about their reproductive health remains as vital as ever. It is important to continue raising awareness, providing education, and advocating for women's health year-round.

SA women are faced with a range of reproductive health issues such as HIV/Aids, STDs, cervical cancer, infertility, female genital mutilation as a result of gender-based violence, PCOS, unsafe abortions and unmet need for family planning.

While awareness around reproductive health has grown, there is still a lack of knowledge around many of these topics.

Dr Nontembeko Somlota, a specialist obstetrician and gynecologist, says reproductive health is not just about pregnancy and family planning but about maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

"Healthy weight management is imperative as this assists in a healthy pregnancy, resulting in better outcomes for both mother and baby," Somlota said.

She also highlighted the importance of folic acid, which should ideally be taken at least three months before conception to aid in fetal development and reduce the risk of early pregnancy loss.

Regular gynecological check-ups are essential in maintaining reproductive health, but the frequency of these visits depends on a woman's medical history.

"Low-risk individuals should visit their gynecologist every two years, but annual check-ups are advised for women in the premenopausal phase. These include a breast exam, pap



WOMEN'S HEALTH: Specialist gynaecologist Dr Nontembeko Somlota shares some of her expertise for Reproductive Health Awareness Month. **Picture: SUPPLIED**

smear, and gynecological ultrasound. For peri- and postmenopausal women, additional screenings such as mammograms, bone density scans, and transvaginal ultrasounds become crucial in monitoring changes influenced by hormone replacement therapy and other factors," she said.

Fertility awareness is another critical aspect of reproductive health, particularly in understanding the best time for pregnancy. After 35, the natural depletion of eggs accelerates, increasing the risk of complications such as miscarriages, diabetes, and hypertension.

According to Somlota, the ideal age to plan pregnancy is before 35, as the quality of eggs is better and increases the chances of a successful pregnancy.

For women dealing with hormonal imbalances caused by conditions like polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) or endometriosis, Somlota stresses the importance of seeking medical advice for proper diagnosis and management, maintaining that follow-ups are critical to assess the patient's progress and determine if treatment needs to be adjusted.

Despite the importance of reproductive health, many women still struggle with access to adequate healthcare.

Somlota encourages women to seek information from credible sources like the World Health Organisation to avoid misinformation.

Somlota has a website that has information on various conditions that affect women's reproductive health.

Visit www.drsomlotaobsgynae.co.za.



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Invitation to Comment

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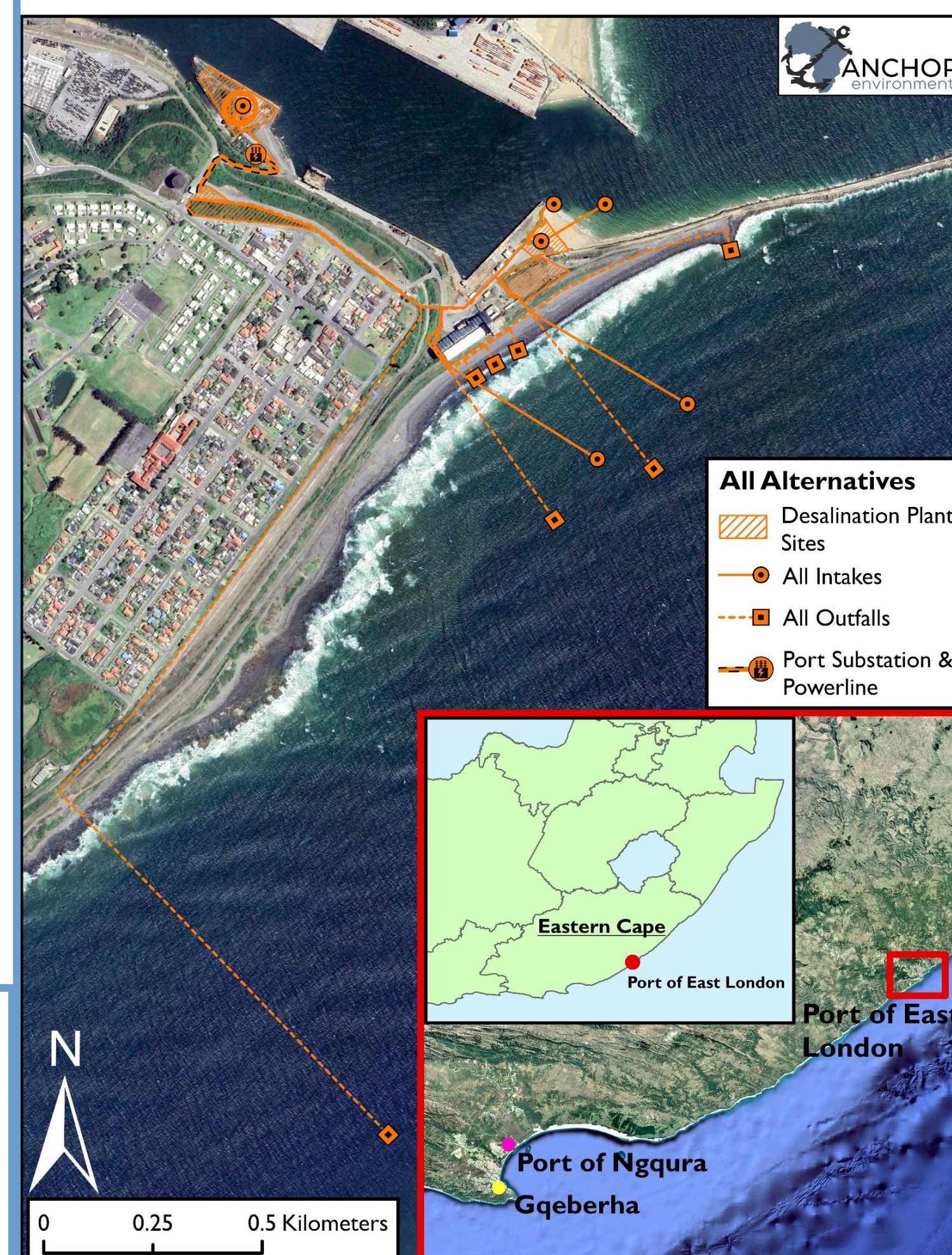
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Proof of the First Submission Draft EIA Public Participation Process (October 2025)

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

SCOPING & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (S&EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED 2 MEGALITRES PER DAY (MLD) SOLAR POWERED SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT IN THE PORT OF EAST LONDON, BUFFALO CITY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE, BY TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY

DFFE EA Application Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2845

25 September 2025

Dear Stakeholder/ Interested and Affected Party,

RE: INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED 2MLD SOLAR POWERED SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT AND BRINE DISCHARGE IN THE PORT OF EAST LONDON, BUFFALO CITY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE, BY TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY

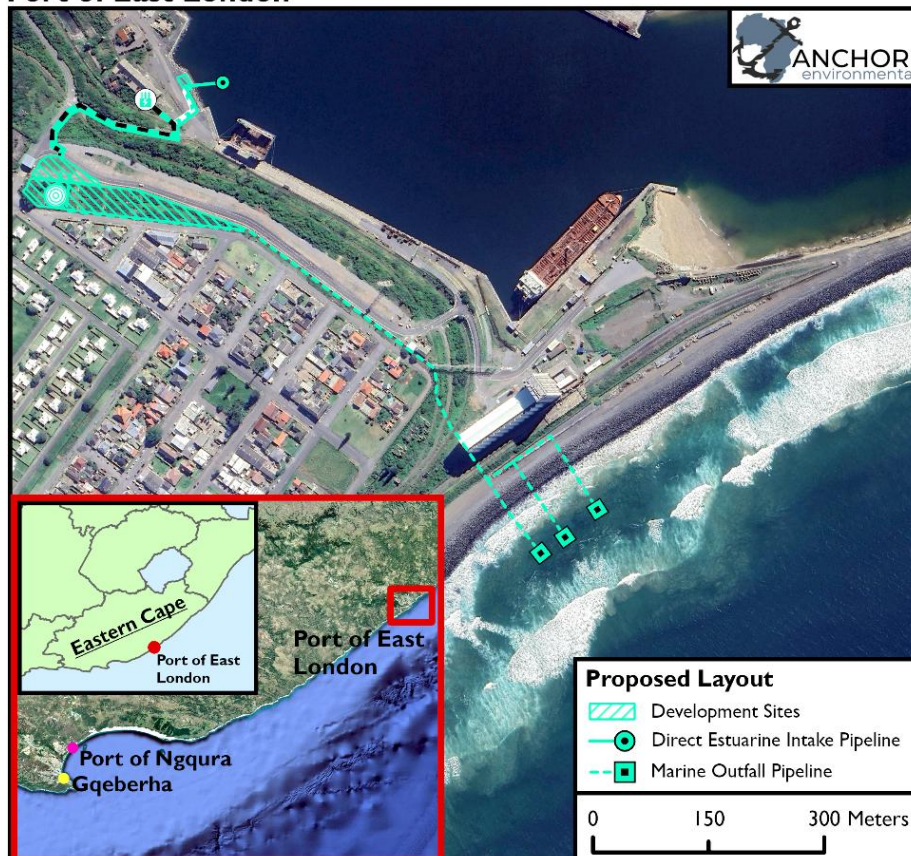
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Notice is hereby given of the public participation process being conducted for both the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) and the Coastal Waters Discharge Permit (CWDP) application, in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998; NEMA) and the CWDP Regulations, 2019 (under the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, Act 24 of 2008; ICMA).

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Transnet SOC Limited, through its division, Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA), proposes to construct and operate a reverse osmosis (RO) desalination plant, powered by a hybrid energy system using both solar power and backup electricity from the municipal grid. The development will be located within the Port of East London, Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, Eastern Cape.

Port of East London



Saline water will be abstracted daily from the Buffalo River Estuary, via a submerged intake pipeline, and desalinated at the RO plant to produce up to two megalitres (MLD) of freshwater per day. This water supply is needed to provide TNPA with a secure source of clean, high-quality water, which will be used for port operations (including as drinking water), while reducing reliance on municipal water supply. The desalination process will produce a byproduct called brine (highly saline water), which will be released into the ocean through a marine outfall pipeline, where it will rapidly mix and dilute with the ocean water.

Since the project triggers Listed Activities under Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3 (GN R983, GN R984 and GN R985 of 2014) of the EIA Regulations, an Environmental Authorisation (EA) is required from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). This EA must be applied for by means of a S&EIA, which evaluates potential social, environmental, heritage, and economic impacts before construction and operation may proceed.

The findings of the S&EIA are presented in an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR), which will be available for public review and comment as outlined below. As the facility will discharge brine (effluent) into the marine environment, a CWDP is also required. Information on this permit is included in the EIR. TNPA appointed Sunwater East London Joint Venture (Pty) Ltd. as the engineering and construction contractor, with Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd responsible for the S&EIA process and CWDP application.

Invitation to comment on the proposed project and attend in-person meeting:

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Good day

14/12/16/3/3/2/2675

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 2ML/D SOLAR-POWERED SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT IN THE PORT OF EAST LONDON, BUFFALO CITY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the abovementioned project on 01 October 2025. You have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998(Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

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Cc: Chantelle Smith
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Date: Thursday, 02 October 2025, 16:36:36
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Hi again Ayanda

Just to confirm that I've loaded the HIA and PIA onto Case 24725, as well as the EIA report, all of its appendices, and proof of payment of the R1500 application fee.

All the best

John

John Gribble
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On 02 Oct 2025, at 15:21, Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama <ayanda.mncwabe-mama@ecsrac.gov.za> wrote:

Sure thanks for the update.

Best Regards,

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Many thanks Ayanda

The PP comment period on the EIA for the Port of East London Desalination Plant opens today and I'm going to load the HIA (plus the other EIA documents) onto the open SAHRIS case for this project this afternoon. As soon as I've made the payment.

I'll let you know by email when the documents have been loaded.

All the best

John

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On 02 Oct 2025, at 11:26, Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama <ayanda.mncwabe-mama@ecsrac.gov.za> wrote:

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Subject: ECPHRA fees for an HIA?

Morning Ayanda

Just wanted to check what the ECPHRA application fee is for a HIA? I haven't been able to find any information on the website, other than the NID fee.

All the best

John

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Subject: FW: INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIR AND CWDP DFFE EA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2675
Date: Thursday, 25 September 2025 19:17:00
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[kmathebula@dfpe.gov.za;](#) [lmlilo@dfpe.gov.za;](#) [Mthetheleli.Gengele@dalrrd.gov.za;](#)
[siviwe.shwababa@dalrrd.gov.za](#)
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Subject: FW: INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIR AND CWDP DFPE EA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2675
Date: Friday, 26 September 2025 08:58:00
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Sender		Action Required
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Dear Sir/Madam

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation on the 25th of September 2025 to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms

Nompumelelo Lekalakala (Copied on this email).

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dfre.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.

Best Regards, 
Nompumelelo Lekalakala

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The project falls within Ward 19, which if I'm correct, falls within your jurisdiction.

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INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SOLAR-POWERED DESALINATION PLANT IN THE PORT OF EAST LONDON

ISIMEMO SOKUPHAWULA MALUNGA NOMZI- MVELISO OCETYWAYO WOKUKHUPHA ITYUWA KWIZIBUKO LASEMONTI

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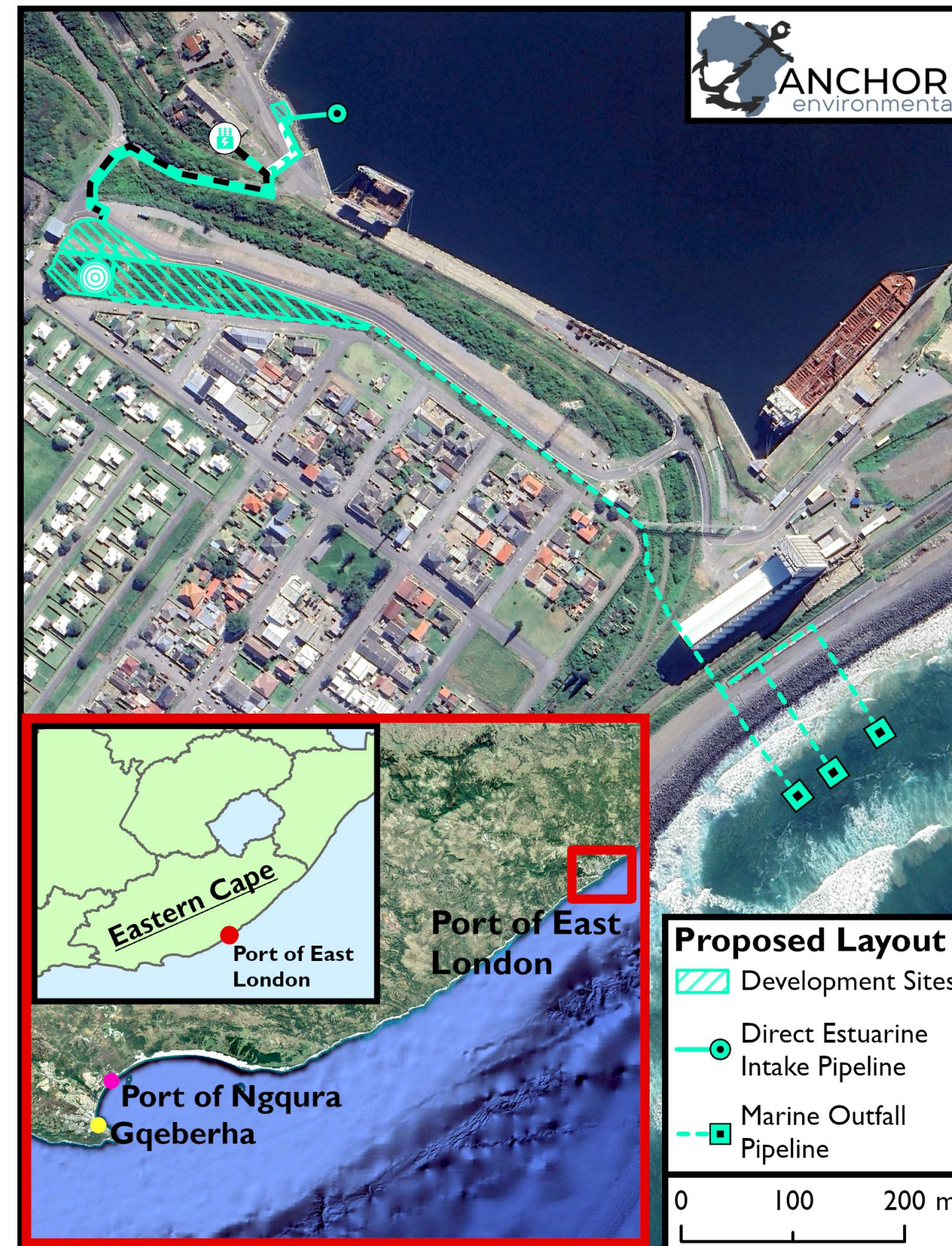


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Project Details

Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) is applying for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to build and operate a solar-powered seawater desalination plant in the Port of East London, Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality. Water will be pumped from the estuary to the plant, where salt will be removed to produce 2 million litres of fresh water per day. This water will be used by TNPA for port operations (including as drinking water), helping to reduce reliance on municipal water supply. The brine (salty byproduct of the process) will be released into the ocean through an outfall pipeline. To apply for EA, a Scoping & EIA process is needed to assess potential impacts of this project on the environment, community and other resources, before the project may start. A CWDP is also needed due to the release of brine into the ocean. The process and results are summarised in an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR), which will be available for public review and comment during a 30-day public participation period.

Port of East London



Isishwankathelo NgeProjekthi

INational Ports Authority yaseTransnet (TNPA) ifake isicelo se Mvume yeNdalo (Environmental Authorisation - EA) ukuze yakhe kwaye iqhube umzi-mveliso wokususa ityuwa emanzini olwandle esisebenza ngamandla elanga kwiZibuko lase East London, kwiSixeko saseBuffalo City Metropolitan Municipality. Amanzi aya kumpompozwa esuka emlonyeni womlambo, esiya kumzi-mveliso wokususa ityuwa, apho iza kususwa khona ukuvelisa iilitha ezizigidi ezimbini zamanzi acocekileyo ngosuku. La manzi aza kusetyenziswa yiTNPA kwiimisebenzi yezibuko (ukuquka namanzi okusela), nto leyo eya kunceda ukunciphisa ukuxhomekeka ekusetyenzisweni kwamanzi kamasipala.

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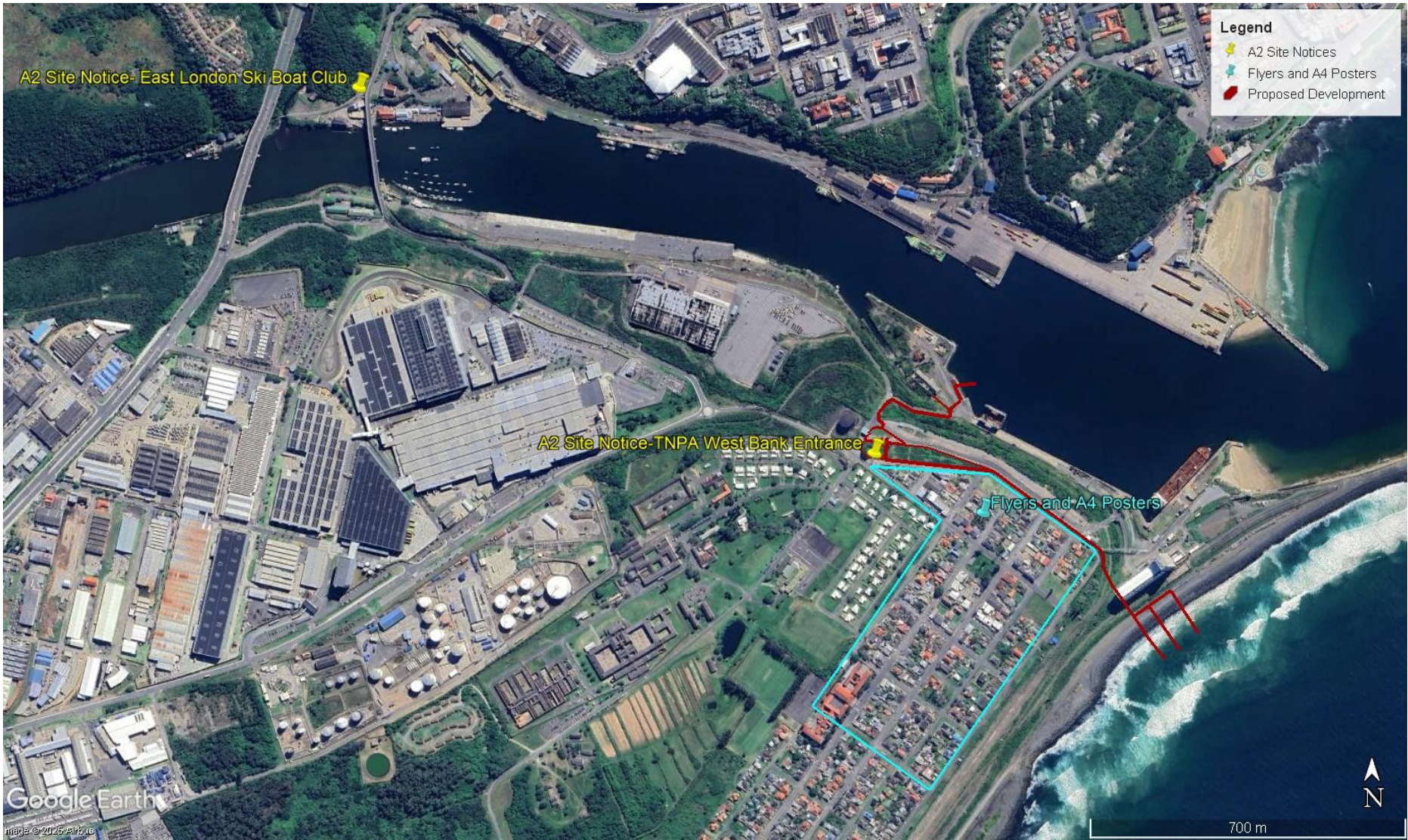
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Budding writer proves her voice is her superpower

Pupil from small Eastern Cape town publishes first book at the age of 14

SIKHO NTSHOBANE

A 14-year-old from Libode has published her first book, aimed at teaching children how to recognise danger and speak out against abuse and violence.

Umtata High School grade 10 pupil Aminathi Phandle recently launched *My Voice is My Superpower* in Libode.

The book encourages young people to use their voices as a means of protection and to seek help when they feel unsafe.

Aminathi, from Makhubeni village in the Nyandeni local municipality, said her love of books began at an early age.

She could already read as a three-year-old, and sometimes asked her older sister, Simamkele, to read to her.

Her mother, an isiXhosa teacher, kept a collection of books at home, which sparked her interest in stories.

By the age of 10, Aminathi was writing her own fictional short stories, using her imagination to create characters and plots.

Publishing a book, she said, felt like a natural step.

"I have been reading for so long and I was inspired to just continue with the book.

"I started writing it last year and completed it in February 2025," she said.

"Anyone can read my book, though my main target is young people.

"I am hoping they can get inspired to stand up and use



MAKING HERSELF HEARD: Fourteen-year-old Aminathi Phandle has published her first book called 'My Voice is My Superpower', which she hopes will inspire young people to speak out against violence and abuse. Picture: SUPPLIED

their voices to make a positive impact in their communities."

Aminathi, who also does modelling, said her involvement in community projects encouraged her to focus on social issues.

Young people in her area often struggled with drug and alcohol abuse, which motivated her to write a book that promoted positive choices.

Reading had helped her expand her vocabulary, improve her problem-solving skills and

strengthen her imagination.

"It helped me to think outside the box," she said.

She kept the book a secret from her mother, Akhona, until it was complete.

"I would spend hours locked inside my bedroom pretending to be doing homework. I did not tell her because I wanted it to be a surprise," she said.

Only her father suspected she was working on a bigger project. Even her closest friends only found out once the book was

finished.

Her favourite author is American writer Katie Kirby, whose work she collects.

At the launch, Aminathi admitted to being nervous but said she was encouraged by the support of her family and friends.

Her book, which sells for R140, has drawn strong interest.

"Honestly, I did not expect so many people to be buying the book," she said.

Simamkele, who works in Pretoria, helped arrange for the book to be published and manages Aminathi's social media accounts.

She said she was proud of her younger sister.

"How many children her age can claim to have written and published a book?"

Aminathi hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

"I want to become a gynaecologist because many young girls and women from where I come from do not have access to health care," she said.

Aminathi's circle of friends includes young people known for their achievements, among them Avile Nkita, who was featured in the Dispatch in 2023 for helping secure a library for her school, and the Yolwa twins, who were recently profiled on national television for their academic performance.

Through her book, Aminathi said, she wanted children to learn to speak out against abuse and violence, particularly in the OR Tambo district, where crime statistics involving children remained high.

Gospel singer rewarded for his craft with song of the year recognition

AMKELWA LUTHULI

When Ezile Jikijela wrote *Ndombathe Moya*, it was a personal prayer.

The song was recently named Song of the Year at the Independent National Gospel Music Awards (Ingoma).

"*Ndombathe Moya* [I wear the spirit] is a prayerful song that came to me during a time when I needed God's comfort and covering the most," Jikijela said.

"It's a cry for God's presence to surround us when life becomes overwhelming. I wanted it to minister to everyone going through challenges."

The 30-year-old gospel artist grew up in the village of Tsilithwa in Qumbu, where church choirs and regular gatherings shaped his musical path.

"I grew up surrounded by



EZILE JIKIJELA

"The strong bond among villagers, the endless church gatherings and encouragement from elders convinced me I had a gift to heal people through gospel music.

"My roots gave me strength and continue to inspire my music."

Winning Song of the Year, he said, was both surreal and emotional.

"The award does not only belong to me but to everyone who believed in me, from my family to my supporters.

"I felt like it was God's way of affirming my journey."

The song was released in February 2025 and crowned Song of the Year in August. Jikijela admitted he had not expected the response it received.

"Though I knew I had a special song, I was surprised at how

people received it," he said.

Like many independent gospel artists, he faces challenges, including limited funding to record music and a lack of marketing and distribution opportunities without the support of a major label.

Still, he plans to keep writing and performing.

"Songwriting allows me to pour my heart out while spreading a positive message of hope," Jikijela said.

For aspiring musicians, his advice is rooted in faith and persistence.

"Believe in your gift, no matter where you come from. Start with what you have, stay consistent and never let your background limit your dreams.

"Surround yourself with supportive people and trust God's timing."

Writing and singing gospel songs allows me to share hope with others

Positions currently available at Amatola Water Board

Amatola Water is a State-owned, water services enterprise established in terms of the Water Services Act. As a public utility, its prime function is to provide water services to municipalities, industry and other communities. Amatola Water's service area includes Buffalo City, the Amatole District and portions of adjoining districts in the central Eastern Cape.

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Amatola Water seeks to appoint the services of experienced employees in the following positions

No	Post
1.	Civil Design Engineer: Planning and Development Division Total Guaranteed Package: R 1,171,585.03
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Please note Employment Equity targets will apply. To view the detailed advert and submit your application, please visit our website at Current vacancies - Career opportunities - About us - Amatola Water. Closing date: 08 October 2025.

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CHRIS HANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
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EXTERNAL ADVERT

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM SUITABLY QUALIFIED PERSONS FOR THE BELOW-MENTIONED POSTS. CHRIS HANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY SUBSCRIBES TO THE PRINCIPLES OF EMPLOYMENT EQUITY AS ESPOUSED IN THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER (HEAD OFFICE)
[Task Grade 15: Salary Scale R660 546.00 – R857 444.00 per annum]
Total remuneration package – R1, 144, 685.88 per annum subject to certain conditions

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Matric,
- National Diploma in Business Management/Bachelor's degree in Management or Economics or relevant qualification majoring in Business Management
- At least 5 – 7 years' relevant experience of which three (3) years must be at managerial or supervisory level
- Hands-on experience in strategic consulting and/or business development is an added advantage
- Valid Driver's License

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES (INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

- Tracking global industry and technology trends to formulate appropriate industry promotion and marketing strategies for Chris Hani District Programs.
- Identify and promote companies to make Chris Hani District Programs a part of their regional & global activities.
- Knowledge and experience in preparation of feasibility and viability studies.
- Work with local authorities at each Local Municipality to help build and understand capabilities to enable desired activities.
- Working with CEOs, senior management and decision-makers in both the private and public sectors to attract investments towards Chris Hani District Programs as well as facilitate project implementation.
- Work with Chris Hani District Municipality companies to help them access business opportunities created by Investment Companies and government.
- Prepare analytic report on sustainable investments and liaise with financial institutions.

WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN X2 (KOMANI HEAD OFFICE)
[Task Grade 12: Salary Scale: R451, 968.00 – R586, 680.00] per annum plus benefits

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Matric
- National Diploma / BSc Analytical Chemistry/ Microbiology/ Biotechnology/ Chemical Engineering /Environmental Management majoring in Chemistry or relevant qualification equivalent to NQF level 5/6
- Total of 3-5 years' relevant experience in Water Quality Management
- Valid Driver's Licence
- Computer literacy
- Class 3 process controller certificate issued by the Department of Water Affairs or laboratory experience processes will be an added advantage.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Understanding of operations quality control systems and the nature of water and wastewater treatment works
- Knowledge of legislation pertaining to local government and water services sector Understands the Blue and Green Drop requirement for the management of drinking water quality and final effluent standards
- Good interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: (INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO)

- Manage the drinking water quality of the entire municipality from source to end user (tap)
- Advise on the optimization of treatment plants and water treatment chemicals
- Ensure compliance with the specific water and wastewater treatment works minimum standards as issued by DWA.
- Ensure that the quality of drinking water quality meets the minimum SANS 241 requirements
- Ensure that the wastewater discharge effluent meets the SANS 241 requirements
- Ensure water quality reports are submitted to the relevant units and DWA on monthly basis
- Liaise with all CHDM internal and external stakeholders in the event of water quality failures
- Responsible for compiling and implementing Water Safety Plan
- Responsible for compiling and the implementation of the Wastewater Risk Abatement Plans.
- Interact with community members on water and sanitation issues and take measures to address problem.
- Coordinates and controls activities associated with controlling personnel performance, productivity and discipline.
- Performs administrative and reporting requirements on, maintenance and servicing of windmills, boreholes, and engines.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TECHNICIAN X2: PMU x2 (KOMANI HEAD OFFICE)
[Task Grade 12: Salary Scale: R451, 968.00 – R586, 680.00] per annum plus benefits

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Matric/Grade 12
- National Diploma in Civil Engineering or Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering or an equivalent qualification at NQF Level 6
- Valid Professional Registration with ECSA, WISA and Natural Scientist
- 3-5 years' relevant experience in project Management
- Valid Driver's License
- Vaid registration with professional engineering council of SA (ECSA)

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES (INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

- Interacting with the communities and identifying the needs for project planning.
- Monitor inspections to establish projects statuses and inspect work progress against agreed standards.
- Report on completed projects and facilitate the hand-over.
- Coordinates and controls activities associated with controlling personnel performance, productivity and discipline.
- Monitor contract performance standards and execute specific corrective measures to address deviations.

TECHNICIAN ELECTROMECHANICAL (KOMANI HEAD OFFICE)
[Task Grade 12: Salary Scale: R451, 968.00 – R586, 680.00] per annum plus benefits

Minimum Requirements:

- Matric/Grade 12
- National Diploma in Electrical Engineering plus
- Trade Certificate: Electrical/Mechanical Millwright/Fitting & Turning
- At least 3 - 5 years relevant experience as technician – Operations & Maintenance.
- Valid driver's Licence

Key Responsibilities (include but not limited to):

- Interprets and coordinates specific pre-work and site requirements with regards to repairs and, planned and predictive maintenance and installation sequences.
- Assess functionality, perform repairs and diagnose fault causes on boreholes, pumps and panels by checking the status of electrical and mechanical components.
- Coordinates activities and sequences associated with maintaining the functionality of pumps and Panels.
- Servicing and maintenance of water distribution infrastructure in areas of metering, reticulation, refurbishment, upgrades and rehabilitation replacement.
- Install pumps, either after refurbishment or new, and ensure functionality of the equipment once installation is complete.
- Coordinates activities associated with trouble shooting/ fault finding and repairing mechanical and electrical breakdowns.
- Completes internal transactional documentation.

NB: APPLICATIONS FOR VACANT POSTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON AN OFFICIAL CHRIS HANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY APPLICATION FORM OBTAINABLE FROM CHRIS HANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY WEBSITE AND CHRIS HANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICES.

www.chrishanidm.gov.za

Fringe Benefits: Medical Aid Scheme, Housing Subsidy, Pension Scheme, Group Life, 13th Cheque and car scheme [where applicable].

Enquiries may be directed to the Human Resource Office for the attention of Mr. S. Kati at 045 808 4634/4669 and 4620

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Preference will be given to suitable qualified people in line with the employment equity act and approved employment equity plan of the district municipality.
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3. No faxed CV's or e-mail applications will be accepted. It will be expected of candidates to be available for selection interviews on a date and time as determined by the Municipality. If the candidate / applicant is found canvassing any of the panelists, he / she automatically disqualify him/herself.
4. Appointment will be subjected to compulsory pre-employment screening in the form of determining the validity of qualifications, current and previous employment reference checks, criminal checks.
5. Due to the large number of applications we envisage to receive, applications will not be acknowledged. Should you not be contacted 30 days after the closing date of the advertisement, please consider your application unsuccessful.
6. Closing date of the advertisement is the **08th October 2025**

Applications must be forwarded to:

The Chris Hani District Municipality, Human Resources Section. Private Bag X 7121, Queenstown, 5320 or hand deliver to 15 Bells Road, Komani.

G MASHIYI MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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Mammograms matter! How Sam Ramsey turned pain into purpose

ZENAKHE GXASHE

Just like that, Sam Ramsey's life changed when she felt that lump in her left breast.

It was December 2020, she was 45 and in fabulous health. She had been on a personal wellness quest and had shed 20kg. Her life felt on track. Then came the diagnosis: stage three breast cancer, later even stage four. "It was right before Christmas. Everything came to a standstill. I thought I was doing everything right. That diagnosis was a huge shock," she told Go! Tripling down was the blow of Covid-19 and lockdown. Hospital treatment trips were endured in isolation. Her family's income was severely strained. "It was an incredibly lonely time. That's when I realised, if I was feeling this way, so many others must be too." The pain of loneliness had sparked her mind to try find hope. She started connecting with others, and from that moment her struggles became a collective movement of women. At first it was six women swapping stories in the chemo ward, which went to become The Cancer Connection, a network of more than 100 people across the city. This is where women suffering from cancer share their experiences and find emotional support. They are practically guiding each other as they take one day at a time. Sam said: "Cancer changes everything. But together, we remind each other that no one has to face this fight alone." Sam is now a vocal advocate for early detection.

She stresses the lifesaving importance of mammograms: "At stage one, patients have a good chance of being okay. At stage three, the spread means harsher treatment and a different outlook. That's why mammograms matter so much." The Cancer Connection has spearheaded projects that restore dignity and bring real change, she says. Every six weeks, her team runs the East London branch of Project Flamingo, preparing women at Cecilia Makiwane Hospital for mastectomies. Volunteers visit patients, explain what lies ahead, and offer recovery packs, small gestures that ease an overwhelming process. Another beloved initiative is the "Foobies Project," which provides hand-knitted prosthetic breasts, or "knitted knockers," to women after mastectomies. Made possible through a partnership with Saprotext wool mill, these lightweight, soft prosthetics bring comfort and confidence. "They may seem like small gestures, but they give women back something cancer tried to take away," she said. Sam's anchors are her husband, Reg, and daughter, Annie. "They've been incredible," she said. "This journey is not just yours; it affects the whole family." Their unwavering love has allowed her to focus on helping others, even as she continues her own treatments. But Sam's story is personal and political. It



CANCER CRUSADE: Sam Ramsey's life changed when she felt that lump in her left breast. **Picture: SUPPLIED**

GO! PEOPLE

shines a stark light on SA's healthcare system. "Cancer doesn't even feature in the country's top 10 causes of death because the statistics aren't properly recorded. That means less care, chemo running out, broken radiation machines, and too few oncologists.

"I can't even get treatment in East London, I have to travel to Gqeberha," she said. For Sam, awareness campaigns need to go further. "We can walk in pink T-shirts every October, but unless we fix prevention, treatment, and aftercare, we're not tackling the real issues." One of the women touched by The Cancer Connection is Grace Ann Gates. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in June 2024. "The week after my first chemo, Sam invited me to a wellness day. It was my first experience of being with women walking the same path, and it was such a support." Inspired by Sam's generosity, Grace became a volunteer. She even taught herself to knit foobies using YouTube tutorials. "After some trial and error, I'm now a fully-fledged foobie knitter," she said. She reaches out to other women saying: "It will be a tough ride, but it's doable. Nourish your body, lean on others, and know that you can fight this fight."

The hardest part is saying goodbye, when group members pass on. Yet she calls the work a privilege. "It's about walking alongside people through their fears, showing them it's doable, and making sure they never feel alone." In a world where cancer so often brings despair, Sam Ramsey is proving that courage, compassion, and connection can turn even the darkest journey into one of light and purpose. *Illoveboobies.co.za* invites local women to a secret swim at 8am on October 11. The income from the R200 per ticket bought on the website goes directly to paying for women to get mammograms. Sam will give the participant women a brief talk at the secret beach, a picture of their naked or not-naked backs will be taken, and they have a splash in the sea. Call Gail on 084-549-0224 or Amy on 072-244-2241. Visit <https://www.iloveboobies.co.za/products/secret-swim-2025-choose-your-location>

SPRING CLEANED BEACH



This hearty crew of Gonubie lovers were up at dawn recently cleaning the river and beach. The effort was organised by the Gonubie Estuary and Marine (Gem) community, whose director Mandy Uys said: "Thanks all of you fabulous folks who came to help this morning. Over 35 bags were collected, at least six of which were filled with bottles. We are going to work out how to recycle those. Appreciate all of you! Lovely to have some new faces!" **Picture: SUPPLIED**

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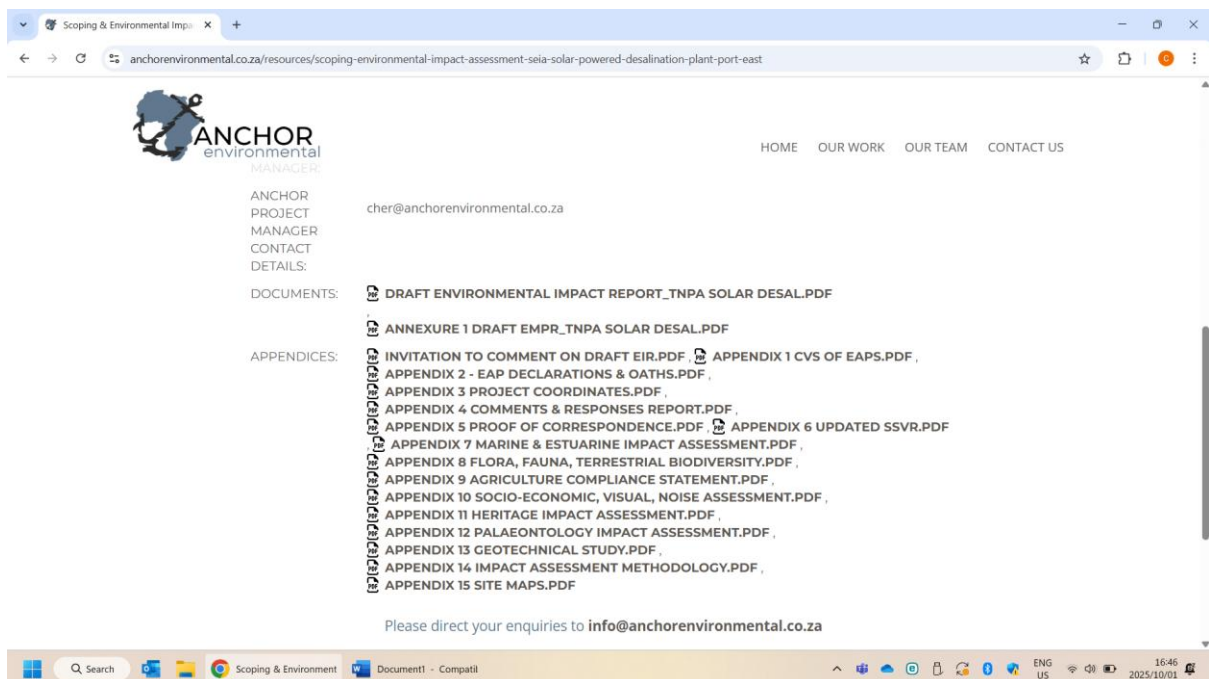
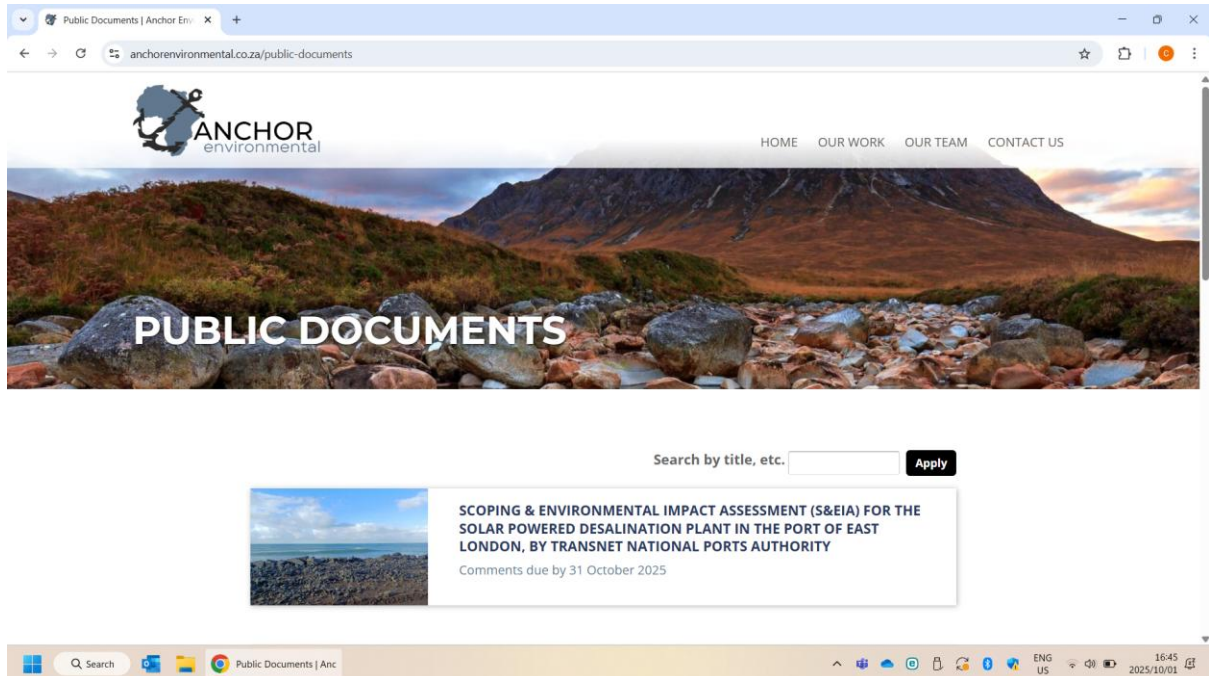
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Standard

Link this submission to an existing case on SAHRIS

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Comments/Notes about your additional submission

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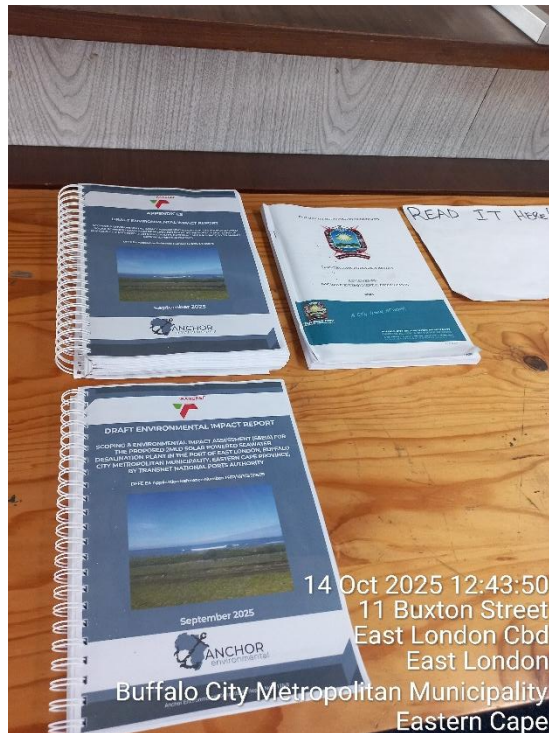
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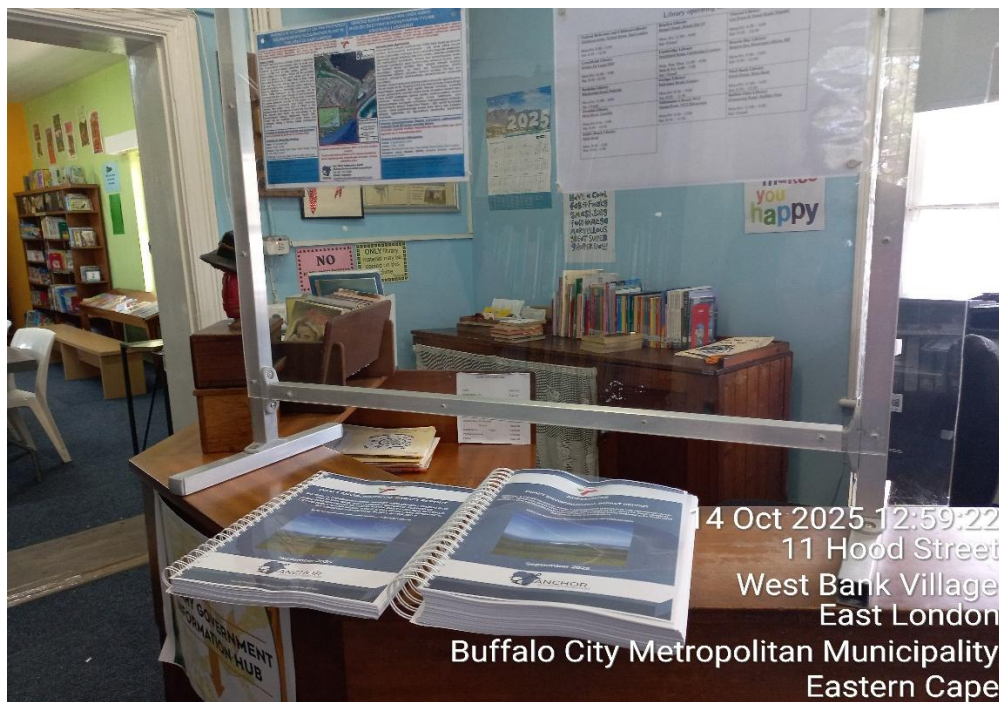
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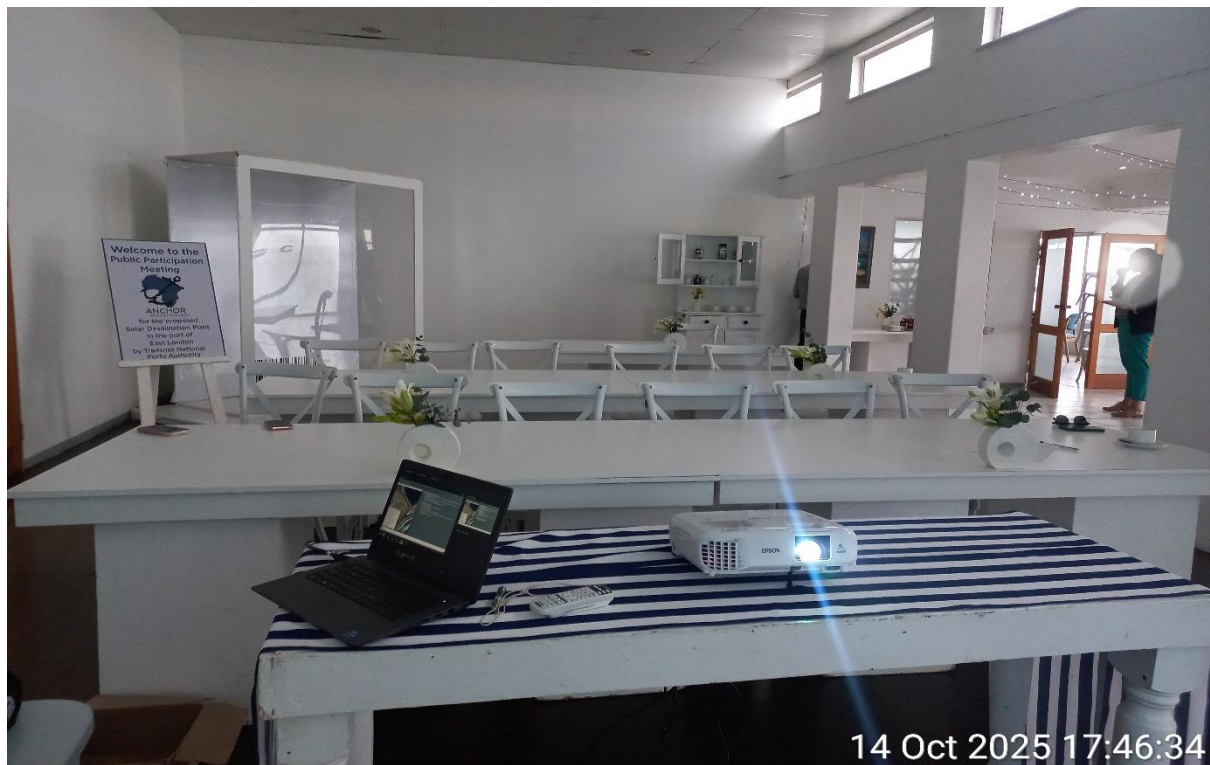
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Public Participation Process Meeting





SCOPING & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (S&EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED 2MLD SOLAR POWERED SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT IN THE PORT OF EAST LONDON, BUFFALO CITY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE, BY TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY

Public Participation Meeting

14 October 2024 — 17:30 – 19:30

West Bank Golf Club: West Street, Race Track, East London

By Completing the form below, I:

- consent to my name and contact details being used as part of the public participation process, in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations and the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), including sharing this information with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE); and
- confirm that I wish to receive updates on the project.

NAME	AFFILIATION e.g., Interested member • NGO Conservation • Government • Other (please indicate)	COMPANY/ DEPARTMENT NAME	EMAIL/ TEL NUMBER Fill in the contact details where we must send updates
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**PROPOSED SOLAR-POWERED
DESALINATION PLANT IN THE
PORT OF EAST LONDON BY
TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS
AUTHORITY (TNPA)**

Public Participation Meeting
14 October 2025

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Applicant/ Developer Planning to construct a Solar-Powered Desalination Plant in the Port of East London	Contractors Appointed to conduct feasibility, construction, and first four years of operation	Environmental Consultants Appointed as the Environmental Consultants to conduct the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA)
TRANSNET	SUNWATER EAST LONDON JV	ANCHOR environmental
TNPA Representatives Nontobeko Funde — Environmental Manager	Sunwater Representatives Mr Rudolph Retief — Assistant Project Manager	Anchor Representatives - Ms Cheruscha Swart — Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) - Mr Michael Armitage — Candidate EAP

MEETING AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING
3. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND
4. DEVELOPMENT PHASES AND LIFE SPAN
5. PURPOSE, NEED AND DESIRABILITY OF PROJECT
6. PROJECT COMPONENTS AND DESCRIPTION
7. ASSESSMENT OF ALTERNATIVES & FINAL FOOTPRINT
8. PERMITS & AUTHORISATIONS FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT
9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
10. SPECIALIST STUDIES & FINDINGS
11. CONCLUSIONS
12. DISCUSSION AND Q&A SESSION

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

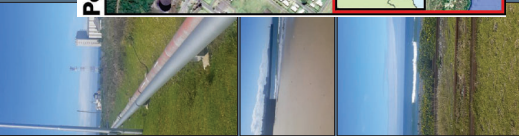
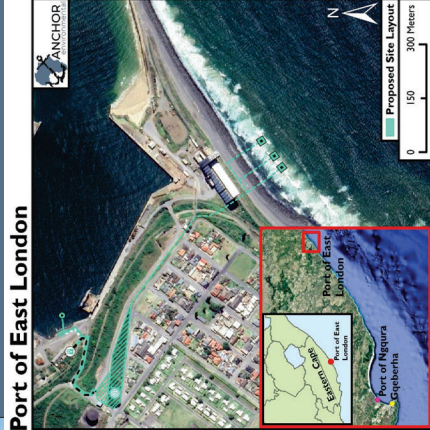
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PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND

Port of East London, Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, East London

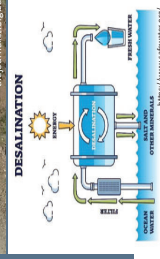
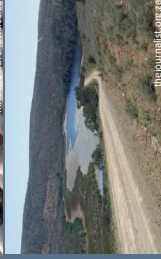
- 5.5 Megalitres of salt/ saline water abstracted daily from Buffalo River Estuary via intake pipeline (5.5 Megalitres per day (MLD)); Initial abstraction will be 1.365 MLD
- Desalinated at plant → produce up to 2 MLD (two million litres) of potable water (freshwater); Initial production will be 0.5MLD
 - Meet South African National Standards (SANS) 241
 - Some stored in 1 Megalitre reservoir
 - Desalination process will be done using Reverse Osmosis (RO)
- Desalination plant powered by hybrid system of solar energy + municipal grid electricity
 - Solar = Photovoltaic (PV)
 - Initial 0.5 MLD will be fully solar-powered, with the remaining capacity requiring supplemental municipal power
 - Batteries may be used in future
- Desalination produces byproduct → brine (highly saline water)
 - Released into the ocean through outfall pipeline
 - Will rapidly mix and dilute with the ocean water
 - Early stages of project → freshwater produced = 0.5 MLD
 - brine discharge → 0.815 MLD
 - Will gradually increase to 2 MLD as project advances
 - brine discharge → 3.26 MLD

1 Million litres = 1 Megalitres = 1000 Cubic Meters (m³)
MLD = Megalitres per day



PURPOSE, NEED AND DESIRABILITY OF PROJECT

- South Africa is a water-scarce country and climate change is making this worse.
- East London has experienced severe droughts, leading to water shortages and restrictions.
- The Port needs a reliable supply of clean, high-quality water to keep operations running and support local jobs and trade
 - Drinking water
- Desalination creates freshwater from seawater without adding pressure on rivers and dams.
- Using solar power makes the plant more reliable, lowers carbon emissions, and supports sustainability goals.
- Will reduce reliance on municipal water supply



DEVELOPMENT PHASES AND LIFE SPAN

Construction

- Completed within approximately 12–18 months

Operational phase

- Continue indefinitely, no decommissioning planned in the foreseeable future
- Because of long-term need for a reliable, independent water supply to support the Port of East London
- Environmental monitoring undertaken
 - Ensure brine discharge complies with conditions of the Coastal Waters Discharge Permit (CWDP) + meets South African Water Quality Guidelines for Coastal Marine Waters
 - Any associated environmental impacts are detected and managed effectively

PROJECT COMPONENTS AND DESCRIPTION



- **Water Intake Sited Infrastructure:**
 - Sited along the direct intake and pipeline for water abstraction from the Buffalo River Estuary
 - Adjacent land with associated structures/ building, including a pumphouse, raw water holding tank and parking area.
 - Intake site footprint is approximately 250 m² in size
- **RO Desalination Plant Site:**
 - RO plant and associated systems and structures.
 - Brine holding/storage tank.
 - Chemical storage room.
 - Control room with main electrical switchboard.
 - Storage areas, restrooms, parking, site camp, and battery storage containers (only potentially required)
 - Site approximately 1 800m² in size.
- **Solar Plant Site:**
 - 1 MLC freshwater reservoir and booster pumps.
 - Photovoltaic (PV) solar panels and foundations.
 - Site approximately 7 800 m² in size
- **Marine Outfall Sited Infrastructure:**
 - Brine discharge pipeline branching into multiple outfall points, laid south of the grain silo.
 - Brine discharge:
 - Footprint approximately 175 m².
- **Municipal Grid Connection:**
 - Low voltage cable line from substation to intake pumps.
 - Overhead electrical transmission lines from the substation to the RO plant.



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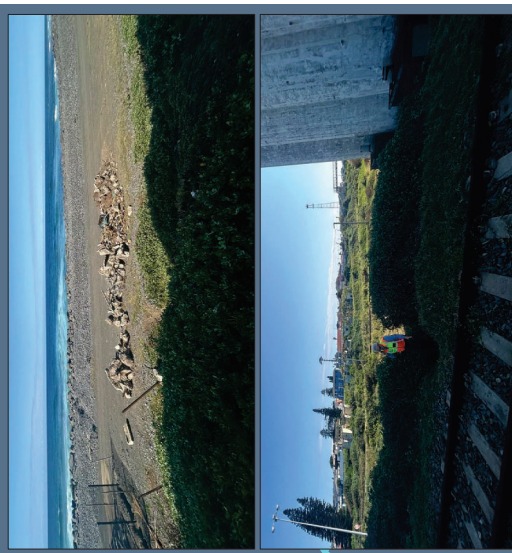
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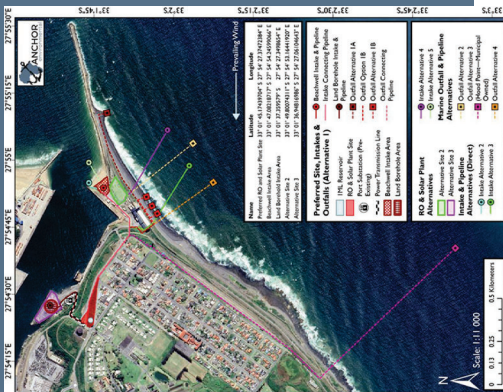


Outfall Infrastructure

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- Brine discharge:
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ASSESSMENT OF ALTERNATIVES & FINAL FOOTPRINT



- Different sites and layouts for the plant, intake, and outfall were assessed.
- Detailed studies (engineering, water quality, environmental) helped narrow down options.
- Beach wells tested but not suitable, so estuarine intake selected.
- Reverse Osmosis chosen over thermal desalination for efficiency and water quality.
- Solar PV selected as power source; monocrystalline panels chosen for efficiency.

PERMITS & AUTHORISATIONS FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT

Coastal Waters Discharge Permit (CWDP) - DFFE

- Required under the Integrated Coastal Management Act (ICMA, Act 24 of 2008)
- Facility will discharge brine into the marine environment
- Sets conditions of brine and discharge, monitoring requirements, impacts, etc.
- Application supported by Marine Specialist Impact Assessment
- Software programme used to predict how the brine will disperse and dilute
- Predict environmental impacts
- All info addressed in this EIR



PERMITS & AUTHORISATIONS FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT

Environmental Authorisation

- Due to project conducting specific types of activities which may have environmental, social, economic, or heritage impacts → "Listed Activities" (detailed list available at end of presentation or in EIR)

- From National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) before project may start

- **Authorisation applied for through Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process**

- Undertaken by environmental consultants → Environmental Assessment Practitioner

- S&EIA process required by law in terms

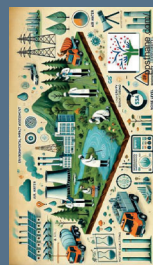
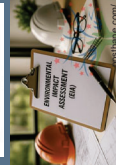
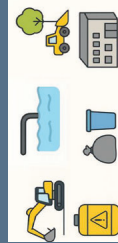
- National Environmental Management Act (NEMA; Act 107 of 1998)
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014

→ Detailed assessment of potential impacts on the environmental, social, economic, and heritage conditions of area

→ Identification of actions or measures to avoid or minimise impacts

→ Results presented in Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR)

→ Results also used to develop Environmental Management Programme (EMP) → sets out actions to prevent/minimise negative impacts & enhance positive outcomes throughout project's life cycle



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

- As part of S&EIA, required to involve stakeholders, community and other interested and/ or Affected Parties (I&APs)

- Draft EIR and draft EMP circulated to the public/ I&APs for comment

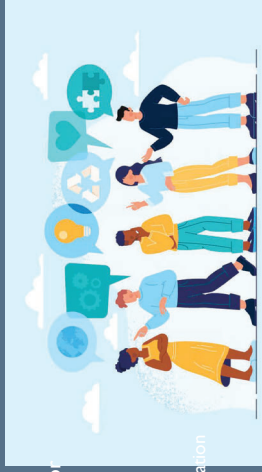
- Comments considered and used to determine:

- Anything missed, including impacts
- Whether approach to the project, S&EIA process, managing impacts, EMP, discharge of brine into ocean/ CWDP application needs to be updated

- Reports are updated and submitted to the DFFE for consideration in the granting of Environmental Authorisation

- Final EIR due for submission by 6 January 2026
- CWDP Application lodged shortly after the public participation process

Brings us back to purpose of today's meeting



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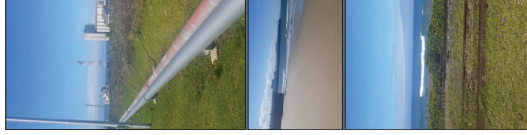


SPECIALIST STUDIES & FINDINGS

SE&EIA process relies on various specialists and studies for the information required to accurately assess impacts and identify measures to minimise impacts.

Specialist Studies:

- Describe the environment,
 - Assess potential environmental, social, economic, and heritage impacts
 - Identify ways to avoid or minimise negative effects (mitigation measures)
1. Marine and Estuarine (Aquatic) Ecology → Included Brine Dispersion Model
 2. Terrestrial Animal Species, Plant Species, and Biodiversity
 3. Archaeology, Cultural Heritage, and Palaeontology
 4. Socio-Economic, Visual and Noise
 5. Geotechnical Assessment
 6. Hydrological



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Invitation to Comment on the Proposed Project

Invited to review draft EIR & EMPr and submit comments, questions, or concerns, including the proposed brine discharge and associated CWDP.

Comment Period:

2 October – 31 October 2025 (closing 23:59) – Monday 3 November 2025 at 23:59

Where to Access the draft EIR and dEMPr:

Digitally: <https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/public-documents>

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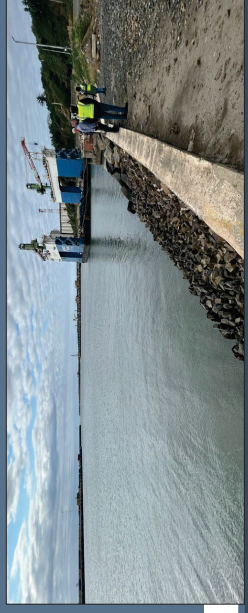
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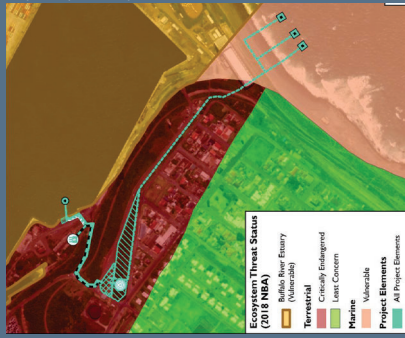
Buffalo River Estuary Environment

- Lower 2 km (Port area): natural intertidal habitats (mudflats, sandflats, salt marshes) largely absent due to infrastructure and dredging.
- Provides important nursery and shelter habitat for juvenile fish and estuarine species.
- Present Ecological State (PES): Classification = "D" or "Heavily Modified"
- **Vulnerable** due to habitat loss, hydrological alteration, upstream pollution, and nutrient inputs.
- Benthic animals (worms, crabs, snails, prawns): moderately to highly disturbed.
- Estuarine plants: largely absent in lower system.
- Birds: limited to species able to use modified margins.

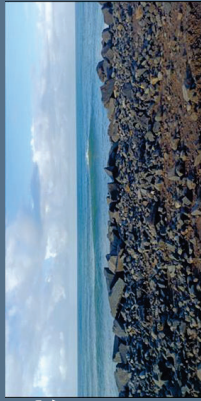
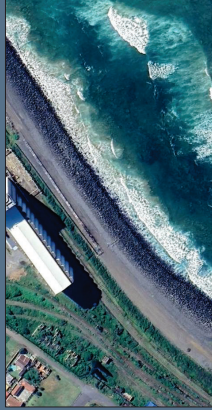


SPECIALIST STUDIES & FINDINGS

Marine Environment



- Nearshore marine: rocky shores, subtidal reefs, sandy patches.
- Supports mussels, oysters, seaweeds, abalone, rock lobsters, finfish, dolphins, Cape fur seals.
- Classified as **Vulnerable** due to risk of ecological degradation from human activities.
- Outfall pipeline located along southern Port breakwater already an artificial and modified habitat ("rocky beach").
- Construction and outfall presence expected to have low additional impact on marine environment.



SPECIALIST STUDIES & FINDINGS

Marine and Estuary Environment

Potential impacts from Operation of the facility

Potential Impacts

- Seawater intake may trap or kill small marine organisms
- Brine discharge may change water quality (increased salinity, altered pH and oxygen levels, and release of chemicals or pollutants), which can affect the physiology, distribution, and productivity of marine life, and in some cases cause injury or death

Impact significance

- Expected to be minimal and, with management measures, kept very low or negligible.

Mitigation measures

- Dilute brine and neutralise chemicals before discharge
- Careful intake design and placement to ensure effective dilution and dispersion in the ocean
- Use low intake velocities and position intakes away from sensitive habitats
- Monitor effluent to ensure compliance with CWDP requirements and to track potential impacts



SPECIALIST STUDIES & FINDINGS

Marine and Estuary Environment

Potential impacts from Construction

Potential Impacts

- Disturbance to habitats and species
- Mortality of small marine and aquatic organisms (e.g., mussels, barnacles, sea snails, algae)
- Litter, hazardous substance spills and pollution
- Short-term changes in water quality due to sediment disturbance and pollution

However

- Fish and other mobile species are expected to move away and return once work ends
- Seabirds will not be affected as no sensitive colonies are nearby
- Work in the estuary will occur in already altered areas, with no removal of natural vegetation expected
- The outfall pipeline will be built on the southern breakwater, an artificial rocky structure, so little additional impact is expected
- The development footprint is confined to already disturbed areas

Impact significance

- Small in spatial extent, temporary, reversible, with no permanent habitat loss.
- Expected to be minimal and, with management measures, kept very low or negligible.

Mitigation measures

- Stay within the approved construction footprint
- Handle materials carefully and manage waste responsibly
- Rehabilitate disturbed areas after construction
- Prevent or respond quickly to spills



- Utiliza Forest Thicket (Critically Endangered) but site is historically transformed and degraded with limited ecological function.

- Ecological Importance: Very Low for most of the site; Low for small areas with remnant vegetation.

- Plants: Only 9 indigenous plant species recorded; no Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) or protected species; >80% alien invasive cover.

- Animals: No threatened amphibians, reptiles, mammals, or invertebrate SCC expected.

- Birds are the main sensitive receptors: Several bird SCC potentially occur in area. Most are waterbirds linked to estuarine/coastal habitats, not land-based areas. Unlikely to use site regularly.

- Only 3 species directly observed: Cape Cormorant (Endangered), Caspian Tern (Vulnerable), African Darter (Near Threatened).

- Port environment is already highly modified and subject to disturbance; bird species present are adapted.

- Existing rooftop solar in the port shows similar activities cause no additional disturbance.



DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT & SPECIALIST STUDY FINDINGS

Terrestrial Biodiversity, Plants and Animals

Potential impacts from Construction and Operation

- No significant ecological sensitivity within the area and the proposed development is not expected to result in significant impacts.

Mitigation measures

- Conduct a search and rescue prior to clearing to ensure that nests, small reptiles and mammals are moved out of the area.
- Rehabilitate/re-vegetate construction areas with indigenous plant species where possible/feasible.
- During construction and for 6 months post-construction, monitor and eradicate AIPs from the construction site.



SPECIALIST STUDIES & FINDINGS

Socio-economic, Visual and Noise Receptors

Potential impacts from Operation of the facility

Negative

Visual and noise impacts to surrounding communities

- Minimal impacts, as the port is already an industrial and noisy environment.
- Equipment is designed to be low-noise.

Fisheries and recreation

- Brine discharge will disperse quickly in the ocean, so fishing and recreation are not expected to be affected.

Mitigation Measure

- Use non-reflective (matt) solar panels and paint buildings in neutral colours (dark green/grey) to reduce glare, minimise disturbance, and maintain the area's character.

Positive impacts

- Provides a secure and reliable water supply to support port operations and efficiency.
- While only a few direct jobs will be created, the improved functioning of the port could benefit the local economy. Benefits can be increased if more local employment and suppliers are prioritised.

Overall

- Operational impacts are expected to be very small and well managed, while positive contributions to the port and local economy are more lasting.



SPECIALIST STUDIES & FINDINGS

Socio-economic, Visual and Noise Receptors

East London is a key administrative and trade hub; the port plays a central role in jobs and economic activity. Recreational opportunities include surfing, kayaking, diving, sailing, birdwatching and fishing (commercial, traditional, small-scale, recreational). The port lies right next to the community, meaning construction could cause temporary disturbances such as dust, noise, and visual changes.

Potential impacts from Construction

Negative impacts

- Construction may cause some temporary disturbance (visual changes, noise, dust, emissions, and health and safety risks to workers).
- Minor potential effects on fisheries, but these are expected to be negligible in the already disturbed port setting.
- With the right management measures, impacts are expected to be small, temporary, and well controlled.

Mitigation measures

- Dust suppression and careful control of stockpiles.
- Safe handling of materials to prevent spills or pollution.
- Noise managed in line with municipal by-laws.
- Strong health and safety measures, including worker training, protective gear, and first aid provision.

Positive impacts

- The project will create local jobs during construction and help stimulate the local economy.
- Benefits can be increased further if workers and suppliers are sourced locally.



SPECIALIST STUDIES & FINDINGS

Archaeology, Cultural Heritage and Palaeontology



Terrestrial Archaeology

- Few finds; mostly scattered. Overall sensitivity: low to moderate
- Scoped out of assessment as find and impacts not expected

Submerged Prehistory

- Seabed mostly rocky with little sediment; survival of archaeological deposits is unlikely
- Area heavily modified by dredging and construction
- Scoped out of assessment as find and impacts not expected, or will be damaged

Palaeontology

- Site lies on formations flagged as sensitive, but fossils here are rare and weathered.
- Impact significance: very low
- Mitigation: monitor construction, report finds to SAHRA, engage specialists if needed, preserve finds
→ Positive outcome in terms of heritage resources, research

Maritime Archaeology

- Records suggest ~90 wrecks near site, but actual presence is unlikely
- Any remain's nearshore likely buried or already disturbed
- Impact significance: very low
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SPECIALIST STUDIES & FINDINGS

Geotechnical Assessment

- Identified suitable locations, foundations, and construction methods to avoid unstable or sensitive areas.
- Development is feasible; following the engineer's recommendations ensures safe construction and avoids unnecessary impacts.

Hydrology Assessment

- Investigated the suitability of boreholes and beach wells for water intake.
- Boreholes were found unviable due to low yield and poor water quality, so a direct intake from the estuary was chosen.
- No further hydrology assessment was needed for the direct intake or above-ground infrastructure.



CONCLUSIONS

Impacts Summary

Negative:

- Temporary disturbance, habitat alteration, pollution, noise/visual impacts, worker health & safety. Can be minimized with proper management.

Positive:

- Reliable water supply, improved port operations, short-term construction jobs, local economic benefits, potential heritage discoveries.

No-Go Option:

- Avoids minor negative impacts but loses jobs, economic benefits, and water security.

EAP Opinion and Recommendation

- With all mitigation and management measures implemented, the development is environmentally acceptable.
- Should be authorised, subject to compliance with the EMP and a valid CWDP.



CONCLUSIONS

Project Overview

- TNPA is proposing a solar-powered desalination plant at the Port of East London.
- A full Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment considered effects on the environment, heritage, port operations, and the local economy.

Findings

Marine and Estuarine Environment

- Area includes natural and heavily modified habitats.
- Most of the area where construction will occur is already disturbed or artificial
- Construction may cause small, temporary disturbances (noise, sediment, spills), but impacts can be minimized with careful management.
- During operation, intake and brine discharge may affect water quality, but proper design and monitoring keep impacts minimal.

Socio-Economic Context

- Port is central to East London's economy, providing jobs and supporting trade.
- Construction can cause temporary disturbances (noise, dust, visual changes), but these can be managed effectively.
- Recreational activities (fishing, boating, diving) occur nearby but will be minimally affected.
- Construction creates local job opportunities
- Operation ensures reliable water supply to the port, supporting efficiency and broader economic benefits.

Terrestrial Biodiversity

- The site is highly degraded with mostly alien plant species; no threatened plants or animals were recorded.
- Few waterbirds are present, adapted to the port environment, and unlikely to be affected.
- No significant impacts on terrestrial biodiversity expected.

Heritage and Archaeology

- Limited potential for fossils or shipwrecks. Impacts on these expected to be minimal and can become positive if these finds are properly managed
- Terrestrial and submerged prehistoric sites are not expected.
- Monitoring during construction and engagement of specialists ensures any discoveries are preserved and documented.



DISCUSSION AND Q&A SESSION



MEETING CLOSURE

Thank you

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LISTING NOTICE 2 ACTIVITIES (GNR 984 of 2014)

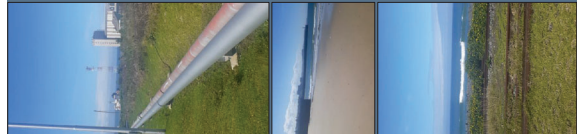
Activity No.	Description	Applicable Project Component
6	The development of facilities or infrastructure for any process or activity which requires a permit or license or an amended permit or license in terms of national or provincial legislation governing the generation or release of emissions, pollution or effluent with a daily throughput of >2000 m ³ .	The project will require a CWDP for the daily discharge of brine into the marine environment under the ICMA.
14	The development and related operation of and anchored platform, or any other structure or infrastructure, on, below, or along the sea bed.	Both the marine outfall pipelines and the direct intake pipelines will involve the construction of structures on the seabed. While the intake pipelines extend into the estuarine environment, it is considered part of the seabed due to being a marine-dominated area.



NEMA LISTED ACTIVITIES

LISTING NOTICE 1 ACTIVITIES (GNR 983 of 2014)

Activity No.	Description	Applicable Project Component
14	Development and operation of structures for the handling/ storage, etc. of dangerous goods with a volume of 80-500 m ³	The project will involve on-site storage of desalination chemicals considered dangerous goods in a storage room with a capacity exceeding the 80 cubic metres threshold. Should batteries be used, these will also be stored on site.
16	Development of a Desalination plant producing a volume of >100 m ³ of water per day	The RO desalination plant will produce 2,000 cubic metres of freshwater per day, exceeding the 100 cubic metres threshold.
17	Development in the sea, estuary, littoral active zone, in front of a development setback line—or 100 m inland from high water mark if no setback exists—in respect of Infrastructure with an area of >50 m ² .	The marine outfall pipelines will extend into the ocean and the littoral active zone, outside the urban edge.
19A	Infilling/depositing/ removing of any material with a volume >5 m ³ from the seashore, littoral active zone or the sea.	The direct intake and marine outfall pipelines will require the removal, movement, or deposition of more than 5 cubic metres of material within the sea, seashore, and estuary.
25	Development and operation of facilities for the treatment of effluent, wastewater or sewage with a daily treatment volume of between 2000–15 000 m ³ .	The desalination plant will produce and treat approximately 2 260 cubic metres of brine effluent per day, exceeding the 2,000 cubic metre threshold.
27	Clearance of Indigenous Vegetation with an area between 1–20 ha.	Approximately 1 hectare of indigenous vegetation will be removed to accommodate the proposed infrastructure.
30	Any process or activity identified in Section 33(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEMA).	This activity is triggered by activities or processes, as listed under Section 53 of NEMA, that threaten ecosystems classified as threatened. The site overlaps with a Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) 1, so certain development activities could potentially apply. However, as no list of threatening activities has yet been published by the Minister, the applicability remains uncertain.



LISTING NOTICE 3 ACTIVITIES (GNR 985 of 2014)

Activity No.	Description	Applicable Project Component
2	Development of reservoirs with a capacity of >250 m ³ . Eastern Cape In a NEHPAA protected area Inside Urban areas: areas zoned as public open space, areas designated for conservation use in an SDF/ zoned for conservation use, areas seawards of a development setback line or within urban protected area.	The proposed reservoir will have a capacity of 1 ML, exceeding the 250 m ³ threshold, and falls within a CBA 1 and critically endangered Umiza Forest: Thicket vegetation type, designated for conservation use in the Buffalo City Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF).
12	Clearance of indigenous vegetation with an area exceeding 300 m ² . Eastern Cape Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem, within Critical Biodiversity Areas, within the littoral active zone or within 100 m inland of the high water mark of the sea (unless it occurs behind a development setback line in urban areas), and on land zoned open space or conservation when this notice came into effect.	More than 300 square metres of indigenous vegetation within a CBA 1 will be removed.

