

APPENDIX F: CORRESPONDENCE FROM I&APS

Comments Received After Submission of the Final Scoping Report and Prior to the Review of the Draft EIA and EMPr

1. Comments from Juristic Organs of State and State Departments

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Good day Sandy

I am not sure if I had sent these comments to you. Please ignore if I have.

Kind regards
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Attention: Ms. S. Wren

**AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 525 OF FARM NO.42
STRATHSOMERS ESTATE AND ASSOCIATED IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE ON
PORTION 523 OF FARM NO.42 STRATHSOMERS ESTATE, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY
MUNICIPALITY**

This Office acknowledges the receipt of the Final Scoping Report for the aforementioned project. The report has been evaluated for Section 21(c) and (i) water uses in terms of the National Water Act.

After evaluation of the report, the office has the following comments with regard to the development:

Chapter 4 of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 lays the basis for regulating water use under Section 21. For Section 21(c) and (i) water uses, water use authorisation is required for any development taking place:

- Within the 1:100 year floodline or the delineated riparian habitat; whichever is the greatest.
- Within 500m from a boundary of a wetland.

Page 3.6 of the report states that, the presence of the potential and existing wetlands, rivers and drainage lines will be confirmed and assessed by an aquatic specialist during the EIA phase of this development. The aquatic report will enable the Department to identify S21 (c) and (i) water uses that will be triggered by this development.

If any of the proposed activity is found to be falling within the regulated area of the watercourse/s after assessment, the developer must approach the Department to for assistance in submitting an application for S21(c) and (i) water use authorisation before such activities can be undertaken.

Please note that the current comments previously submitted for Section 21 (a) or (b) for this project are sufficient and still stand.

Please note that any use of water without an authorization is a contravention as in accordance with Section 151 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).

Yours Faithfully



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Date: 27 JUNE 2019

2. Comments from I&APs

No comments received from I&AP's