

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION – BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE  
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY  
ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

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**Please note: Information contained within this document is subject to the POPI act.**

# 1. INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES REGISTER

## 1.1. Pre-Application I&AP List

State Departments			
Stakeholder Organisation	Contact Person	Email Adress	Tel
Directorate: Integrated Environmental Management (Region 1)	Bernadette Osborne	Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za DEADPEIAadmin@westerncape.gov.za	
BOCMA	Fabion Smith Vhengani Ligudu	info@bocma.co.za; Fsmith@bocma.co.za vligudu@bocma.co.za;	023 346 8000
Western Cape Department of Agriculture	Cor van der Walt	CorvdW@elsenburg.com	021 808 5099
Overberg District Municipality	Rulien Volschenk	rvolshenk@odm.org.za	028 425 1157
Theewaterskloof Local Municipality	Johan Viljoen	johanvi@twk.org.za	082 499 5724
Cape Nature	Rhett Smart	rsmart@capenature.co.za	087 087 8017 / 072 835 8741
Department of Transport and Public Works	Mr Schalk Carstens Venessa Stoffels	Schalk.carstens@westerncape.gov.za Vanessa.Stoffels@westerncape.gov.za	021 483 2203
DEADP Directorate: Waste Management	Mr Lance McBain-Charles	Lance.McBain-Charles@westerncape.gov.za	021 483 2705 / 021 483 8378
DEADP Directorate: Pollution and Chemical Management	Arabel McClelland	Arabel.McClelland@westerncape.gov.za	021 483 2660
Provincial Dept Agriculture: Veterinary Services	Dr Gininda Msiza Dr Christi Kloppers	Gininda.Msiza@westerncape.gov.za Hilda.Combrinck@westerncape.gov.za Christi.Kloppers@westerncape.gov.za	021 808 5111 / 083 642 0606
Heritage Western Cape	Notified via NID	Ceoheritage@westerncape.gov.za	021 483 9543
Ward Counsellor	Pien Stander	Pietstnader68@gmail.com	068 184 1507

Neighbours & Identified I&APs			
Please note: In accordance with POPI, the contact details of the adjacent landowners and private IAPs are not included below.			
Stakeholder Organisation	Contact Person	Email Adress	Tel
Farm 226, Grootvlei	Ross Philip	rossphilip@mweb.co.za	
Portion 5 of Farm 225, Grootvlei	Ross Philip	rossphilip@mweb.co.za	
Farm 918	Henk Meijering		
Farm 224, Kwartelfontain Uitspanning	Abrie de Wet		
Farm 752	Jan-Willem du Plessis		
Portion 1 of Farm 216, Annex Goedemoed	George de Kock		
Christie Craig	Endangered Wildlife Trust	ChristieC@ewt.org.za & bradleyg@ewt.org.za	

## 1.2. In Process I&AP List

State Departments			
Stakeholder Organisation	Contact Person	Email Adress	Tel
Directorate: Integrated Environmental Management (Region 1)	Bernadette Osborne	Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za DEADPEIAadmin@westerncape.gov.za Melanese.Schippers@westerncape.gov.za	
BOCMA	Vhengani Ligudu	info@bocma.co.za; vligudu@bocma.co.za;	023 346 8000
Western Cape Department of Agriculture	Cor van der Walt	Cor.VanderWalt@westerncape.gov.za landuse.elsenburg@elsenburg.com Brandon.Layman@westerncape.gov.za	021 808 5099
Overberg District Municipality	Rulien Volschenk	rvolshenk@odm.org.za	028 425 1157
Theewaterskloof Local Municipality	Johan Viljoen	johanvi@twk.org.za	082 499 5724
Cape Nature	Rhett Smart	rsmart@capenature.co.za vhudson@capenature.co.za	087 087 8017 / 072 835 8741
Department of Transport and Public Works	Venessa Stoffels	Vanessa.Stoffels@westerncape.gov.za	021 483 2203
DEADP Directorate: Waste Management	Mr Lance McBain-Charles	Lance.McBain-Charles@westerncape.gov.za Helena.Bouwer@westerncape.gov.za	021 483 2705 / 021 483 8378
DEADP Directorate: Pollution and Chemical Management	Gunther Franz Rabia Reynolds	Gunther.Frantz@westerncape.gov.za Rabia.Reynolds@westerncape.gov.za	021 483 2660
DEADP Directorate: Air Quality Management	Ettiene Roux Mzolisi Benxa	Ettiene.Roux@westerncape.gov.za Mzolisi.Benxa@westerncape.gov.za;	021 483 2388
Provincial Dept Agriculture: Veterinary Services	Dr Gininda Msiza Dr Christi Kloppers	Gininda.Msiza@westerncape.gov.za Hilda.Combrinck@westerncape.gov.za Christi.Kloppers@westerncape.gov.za	021 808 5111 / 083 642 0606
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Farm 224, Kwartelfontain Uitspanning	Abrie de Wet		
Farm 752	Jan-Willem du Plessis		
Portion 1 of Farm 216, Annex Goedemoed	George de Kock		
Christie Craig	Endangered Wildlife Trust	ChristieC@ewt.org.za & bradleyg@ewt.org.za	
Ester Swart	IAP		
Jaco Swart	Springfontein Plaas		

Chris Fourie	Neighbouring Landowner		
Jan Visagie	Future Plan – Town and Regional Planning representing the owners of Farm 752 (Môreson)		
Thomas W L du Plessis	Farm 752 Môreson		
Herman de Kock	Neighbour (Driefontein and Leliefontein)		

### 1.3. Final I&AP List

State Departments			
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Directorate: Integrated Environmental Management (Region 1)	Bernadette Osborne	Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za DEADPEIAadmin@westerncape.gov.za Melanese.Schippers@westerncape.gov.za	
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Ester Swart	Ester Swart		
Springfontein Plaas	Jaco Swart		
Chris Fourie	Chris Fourie		
Jan Visagie	Future Plan – Town and Regional Planning representing the owners of Farm 752 (Môreson)		
Farm 752 Môreson	Thomas W L du Plessis		
Neighbour (Driefontein and Liefontein)	Herman de Kock		

## 2. ADVERTISEMENTS AND SITE NOTICES

### 2.1. Advertisement published in the Hermanus Times

#### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS - COMMENTING PERIOD 16 APRIL - 21 MAY 2025**

**DEA&DP Ref No.** 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations as promulgated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998 NEMA), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations 2014, as amended.

#### **Listed NEMA Activities Applied for:**

##### **Listing Notice 1 (R327):**

Activity 5: The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the concentration of –

(i) more than 1 000 poultry per facility situated within an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20 days;

**(ii) more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20 days;**

(iii) more than 5 000 chicks younger than 20 days per facility situated within an urban area; or

(iv) more than 25 000 chicks younger than 20 days per facility situated outside an urban area.

The procedures for a Basic Assessment Report are being followed for this application.

**Applicant:** Bapchix (Pty) Ltd

**Location:** Remainder of Farm 225 Grootvlei, Caledon

**Proposal:** Establishment of a poultry rearing facility.

**Availability of report and opportunity to participate:** A Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR), EMPr and technical documentation will be available on our website [www.phsconsulting.co.za](http://www.phsconsulting.co.za) for 30 days from **16 April 2025 up to and inclusive of 21 May 2025**. Interested and/or affected parties are welcome to register and lodge comments, queries or issues to PHS CONSULTING on or before 21 May 2025 via the contact details provided below.

#### **EAP Contact Information:**

PHS CONSULTING

PO Box 1752, Hermanus, 7200

Tel: 028 312 1734

e-mail: [olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)



**Registration / comment period:** Wednesday 16 April 2025 up to and inclusive of Wednesday 21 May 2025.

## 2.2. Proof of advertisement placement in the Hermanus Times on 16 April 2025

16 April 2025

**GET added VALUE** All vacancies advertised in our weekly newspapers are uploaded onto our website, every Friday. [bolandmedia.biz](http://bolandmedia.biz)

**THEEWATERSKLOOF MUNISIPALITEIT**  
AANSOEK OM VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK EN AFWYKING: GEDEELTE 11 VAN DIE PLAAS ARIESKRAAL DIE PLAAS NR. 456, CALEDON DISTRIK.

**Aansoeker:** D Loots, WP Planning CC, (Kontakbesonderheid: 082 255 8349).  
**Eienaar:** Elgin Erfenis Pty Ltd FA 456/11 (App. ID: 4403).  
**Grond Beskrywing:** Gedekte 11 van die Plaas Arieskraal Nr. 456, Caledon distrik.  
**Fisiese Adres:** Viljoenshoop pad, Elginvallei.  
**Kennisgewning:** KOR/7/2025

**Volledige beskrywing van aansoek:** Aansoek om Vergunning om gebruik te maak van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruik en Departementale Land Use Planning, 2022, vir die opritging van 'n 54 meter hoë rooster type vrystaande basis telekommunikasie staasie op gedekte 11 van die Plaas Arieskraal no. 456, Caledon distrik.

**Aansoek om Permanente Afwyking** ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(b) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruik en Departementale Land Use Planning, 2022, om die voorgestelde boulyn te verslaap van 30 na 0m vir die opritging van 'n 54 meter hoë rooster type vrystaande basis telekommunikasie staasie op die genoemde perseel.

Kennis word hiermee gegee ingevolge die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruik en Departementale Land Use Planning, 2022, dat die bovenoemde aansoek ontvanger is en beskikbaar is vir inspeksie vanaf 16 April 2025 tot 21 Mei 2025 gedurende kantoorure by die **Grabouw** **Dorpskantoor** & **Departementale Stadsplanning en Bouwbeplanning** by 6 Plein straat, Caledon, 7230. Enige skriflike beware of kommentaar teen die voorstel kan ingevolge Artikel 50 van die genoemde wetgewing aan die voorstel kan word. Geen enige persoon wat nie kan lees nie, kan die Municipale Konsolidasiebediening nie 'n municipale amptenaar of belthouer wees nie en die kommentaar of inligting skrifteel te dokumenteer.

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**Aansoek om PERMANENTE AFWYKING** ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(b) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruik en Departementale Land Use Planning, 2022, of Restant Erf 653, Caledon, into two (2) portions, namely: Portion A (±16m²), and the Remainder (±3700m²).

**Rezoning** in terms of Section 15(2)(a) of the Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Land Use Planning, 2022, of Restant Erf 1, Caledon, from Utility Zone to Subdivisional Area Overlay Zone.

**Subdivision**, in terms of Section 15(2)(d) of the Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Land Use Planning, 2022, of Restant Erf 1, Caledon, into two (2) portions, namely: Portion B (±269m²) to be zoned Single Residential Zone 1, and the Remainder to be zoned Utility Zone.

**A closure of a public place**, in terms of Section 15(5)(i) of the Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Land Use Planning, 2022, to close a portion of the public street of proposed Portion B.

**Consolidation**, in terms of Section 15(2)(e) of the Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Land Use Planning, 2022, of proposed Portion A, proposed Portion B and Erf4048 (±1779m²).

**Subdivision**, in terms of Section 15(2)(d) of the Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Land Use Planning, 2022, of the consolidated erf into five (5) portions, namely:

- Portion A: 277m²
- Portion B: 267m²
- Portion C: 262m²
- Portion D: 274m²
- Remainder: 699m²

Kennis word hiermee gegee ingevolge die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Land Use Planning, 2022, dat die bovenoemde aansoek ontvanger is en beskikbaar is vir inspeksie gedurende kantoorure vanaf 16 April 2025 tot 26 May 2025 during office hours of the **Town Planning and Building Control Department** at P.O. Box 24, Caledon, 7230. Enige skriflike beware of kommentaar teen die voorstel kan ingevolge Artikel 50 van die genoemde wetgewing aan die voorstel kan word. Geen enige persoon wat nie kan lees nie, kan die Municipale Konsolidasiebediening nie 'n municipale amptenaar of belthouer wees nie en die kommentaar of inligting skrifteel te dokumenteer.

**Aansoek om PERMANENTE AFWYKING** ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(b) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruik en Departementale Land Use Planning, 2022, na die publikasie van hierdie kennisgeving, met vermelding van jou naam, adres of kontakbesonderheid, belang in die aangevraagde terrein, en die aanleiding vir die aanvraag. Belang: Moolman: Administrateur/Stadsplanning by 028 214 3300. Die Munisipaliteit kan weier om enige kommentaar te aanvaar wat na die sluiting van die ontvanger word. Persone wat nie kan lees nie, kan die Municipale Konsolidasiebediening aanvraag om die relevante kommentaar te dokumenteer.

**Aansoek om PERMANENTE AFWYKING** ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(b) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruik en Departementale Land Use Planning, 2022, na die publikasie van hierdie kennisgeving, met vermelding van jou naam, adres of kontakbesonderheid, belang in die aangevraagde terrein, en die aanleiding vir die aanvraag. Belang: Moolman: Administrateur/Town Planning on 028 214 3300. The Municipality may refuse to accept comment received after the closing date. Any person who cannot write will be assisted by a Municipal official by transcribing their comments.

**SAKE BUSINESS Hermanus Times 11**

**HERMANUS Times Vacancies Betrekings**

The **OVERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY** has the following vacancy in the Directorate: Community Services, Department Roads Services to be filled permanently as soon as possible

**SENIOR ARTISAN: MECHANIC (2X BREDASDORP)**

**T-Grade** **Salary scale**  
T-11 R344 224 – R433 836 per annum

Please visit our website at [www.odm.org.za](http://www.odm.org.za) for the detailed advertisements and information regarding the application process.

**Closing date:** 30 April 2025.

**ADAMS, SCHOUW & CAIN - Chartered Accountants (South Africa) -**

**ESTATE NOTICE**

In the Estate of the Late **MARIUS KILIAN**, Identity Number 490820 005 08 5, who resided at 80 Kusweg, Sandbaai, Hermanus and who died on 25th February 2025.

**Master's Reference No.** 6582/2025, Cape Town

Creditors and debtors are hereby called upon to submit their claims and to pay their debts within 30 (Thirty) days as from the date of this advertisement.

**REVOR RICHARD SCHOUW,**  
Co-Executive, Adams Schouw & Cain 2 Inc,  
9 Mitchell Street,  
Hermanus, 7200.

**LOST OR DESTROYED DEED**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 68(1) of the Deeds Registration Act, 1937, of the intention to apply for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer Number **T59454/2002**

passed by **Municipality of Caledon**

in favour of **ELLIS SWARTLAND**  
Identity number 380120 0062 01 6  
and **CATHERINE JOHANNA SWARTLAND**  
Identity number 380120 0062 01 1  
Married in **Community of Property to each other** in respect of  
ERF 174 CALDON,  
318 TITLES IN THE THEEWATERSKLOOF  
MUNICIPALITY,  
DIVISION CALEDON,  
PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

IN EXTENT 317 (THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN) SQUARE METRES

HELD BY DEED OF TRANSFER T19303/1990

which has been lost or destroyed.

All interested persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds: Floor 4, Info Desk, 2 Riebeek Street, Foreshore, Cape Town, within two weeks from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated at CALDON on 25 March 2025

**Bosman Smit Pretorius Ing**  
1 Church Street  
Caledon  
7230  
Tel: (028) 212 1108

**BOSMAN SMIT PRETORIUS ING**  
Reg no. 2009/018672/21  
BTW no. 4930254943

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS - COMMENTING PERIOD 16 APRIL - 21 MAY 2025**

**DEA&DP Ref No.** 16/3/6/3/7/1/E4/5/1513/24

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations as promulgated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998 NEMA), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations 2014, as amended.

**Listed NEMA Activities Applied for:**  
**Listing Notice 1 (R327):**  
**Activity 5:** The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the concentration of –  
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The procedures for a Basic Assessment Report are being followed for this application.

**Applicant:** Bapchix (Pty) Ltd

**Location:** Remainder of Farm 225 Grootvlei, Caledon

**Proposal:** Establishment of a poultry rearing facility.

**Availability of report and opportunity to participate:** A Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR), EMPr and technical documentation will be available on our website [www.phsconsulting.co.za](http://www.phsconsulting.co.za) for 30 days from **16 April 2025 up to and inclusive of 21 May 2025**. Interested and/or affected parties are welcome to register and lodge comments, queries or issues to PHS CONSULTING on or before 21 May 2025 via the contact details provided below.

**EAP Contact Information:**  
PHS CONSULTING  
PO Box 1752, Hermanus, 7200  
Tel: 028 312 1734  
e-mail: olivia@phsconsulting.co.za

**Registration / comment period:** Wednesday 16 April 2025 up to and inclusive of Wednesday 21 May 2025.

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## 2.3. Site notice placed at the boundary of the remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon

### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

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**Registration / comment period:** Wednesday 16 April 2025 up to and inclusive of Wednesday 21 May 2025.

## 2.4. Proof of placement of the site notice at the boundary of the remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon



Photo 1: Pin location of site notice



Photo 2: Close-up of site notice placed



**Photo 3: Location of site notice placed.**



**Photo 4: Location of site notice placed.**



**Photo 5: Location of site notice placed.**

### 3. Pre-application PPP

#### 3.1. Proof that the pre-application Draft BAR and supporting documentation was available for download from the PHS website

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CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY CONTACT

Paul Slabbert  
Apr 16 2025

# BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON

Pre-Application Draft BAR: Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon

DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24

Closing date for comment: **21 May 2025**

Please select below which document you wish to download:

- [Draft BAR - RE225 Grootvlei Caledon - 16 April 2025](#)
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- [Appendix B1- SDP](#)
- [Appendix B2 - Environmental Sensitivities](#)

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-  [Appendix D Biodiversity Overlays](#)
-  [Appendix E1 - Final comment from HWC](#)
-  [Appendix E16 - Confirmation of Service Provision](#)
-  [Appendix E21 - Theewaterskloof SDP](#)
-  [Appendix G1 - Heritage Screener](#)
-  [Appendix G2 - Aquatic Biodiversity Compliance Statement and Risk Assessment](#)
-  [Appendix H1 - CEMPr - Grootvlei Poultry Rearing Facility](#)
-  [Appendix H2 - OEMPr - Grootvlei Poultry Rearing Facility](#)
-  [Appendix I1 - Screening Report](#)
-  [Appendix I2 - Site Sensitivity Verification Report](#)
-  [Appendix J - Impact and Risk Assessment](#)
-  [Appendix K - Need and Desirability](#)
-  [Appendix L - Water Use Registrations for Zonderend Valley Farm \(Pty\)](#)

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3.2. Proof that the Pre-Application draft BAR on a USB was delivered to the Department of Agriculture on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

**PROOF OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT USB FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI  
NO. 225, CALEDON**  
DEA&DP Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24

Applicant: Bapchix (Pty) Lt

Application for authorization to competent authorities to undertake the following activities:

NEMA Listed Activities Applied for (to DEA&DP: Development Management):

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**Commenting period:** The Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report is available for comment from 16 April 2025 up to and inclusive of 21 May 2025.

Department of Agriculture Provincial Government of the Western Cape Confirmation of Receipt on 16 April 2025:

Name:  
Signature:

*Magda Langerfeld*  
*16.04.2025* *ML*

Consultant Contact Information:



**PHS CONSULTING** (Attention: Olivia Brunings)  
Address: PO Box 1752, Hermanus, 7200  
Tel: 028 312 1734;  
Email: [olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)

### 3.3. Written Notice Provided to I&APs dated 16 April 2025



#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

**DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24**

16 April 2025

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations as promulgated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998 NEMA), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations 2014, as amended.

**Project Name:** Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility RE Grootvlei No.225, Caledon.

**Nature and Location of Activity:** The proposed development entails the development of an additional poultry rearing facility on the remainder of farm Grootvlei No.225, Caledon. The proposed development property is approximately 317ha in extent and is located approximately 15 kilometres northeast of Caledon and approximately 3 kilometres north of the N2 with access via a dirt road. The development is proposed in the northeastern portion of the property and will be approximately 5,5ha in extent.

##### **Listed NEMA Activities Applied for:**

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A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be submitted to Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) to carry out the following:

**Activity:** Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility

**Location:** Remainder of Farm 225, Grootvlei, Caledon

**Name of Proponent:** Bapchix (Pty) Ltd

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**PAUL SLABBERT | Managing Member | B Art Et Scien; (IAIA & AHAP)**  
**Fynbosland 323 CC t/a PHS Consulting Reg 2005/081216/23**

**Consultant for more information:**

PHS CONSULTING

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A Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be available on our website [www.phsconsulting.co.za](http://www.phsconsulting.co.za) for a period of 30 days.

Interested and/or affected parties are welcome to register and lodge comments, queries or issues to **PHS CONSULTING** from 16 April 2025 up to and including 21 May 2025 via the above-mentioned contact details.

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*The Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) requires that we protect your information and that we obtain your consent to communicate with you in the future.*

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### 3.3.1. Proof of Communication to State Departments on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

**From:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 April 2025 11:26  
**To:** 'DEADPEIAadmin@westerncape.gov.za'; 'Bernadette Osborne'; 'info@bocma.co.za'; 'Fabion Smith'; 'Vhengani Ligudu'; 'cordw@elsenburg.com'; 'rvolschenk@odm.org.za'; 'Johan Viljoen'; 'Rhett Smart'; 'schalk.carstens@westerncape.gov.za'; 'Vanessa.Stoffels@westerncape.gov.za'; 'Lance McBain-Charles'; 'Arabel.McClelland@westerncape.gov.za'; 'Gininda.Msiza@westerncape.gov.za'; 'HildaC@elsenburg.com'; 'Christi.Kloppers@westerncape.gov.za'; 'Ceoheritage@westerncape.gov.za'; 'pietstander68@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** 'Paul Slabbert'  
**Subject:** Notice of Public Participation - Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon  
**Attachments:** IAP Written Notice Grootvlei 16 April 2025.pdf

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information.

Should you not wish to comment please indicate by return email.

Regards  
**Olivia Brunings**  
BSc Conservation Ecology  
Candidate Natural Scientist (154065)

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### 3.3.2. Proof of Communication to IAPs & Adjacent Landowners on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

Notice of Public Participation - Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon

**O** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za

To 'DEADPEIAadmin@westerncape.gov.za'; 'Bernadette Osborne'; 'info@bocma.co.za'; 'Fabion Smith'; 'Vhengani Ligudu'; 'corvdw@elsenburg.com'; 'rvolschenk@odm.org.za'; 'Johan Viljoen'; 'Rhett Smart'; **+9 others**

Cc 'Paul Slabbert'

Bcc [redacted]

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Regards  
**Olivia Brunings**  
BSc Conservation Ecology  
Candidate Natural Scientist (154065)

### 3.3.3. Proof of Communication to DEADP on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

**From:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 April 2025 11:25  
**To:** 'Bernadette Osborne'  
**Cc:** 'Paul Slabbert'  
**Subject:** Notice of Public Participation - Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon

Good day Bernadette,

I trust you are well.

The above project refers - DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24

The pre-application BAR 30-day period starts on 16 April 2025 and runs up to and inclusive of 21 May 2025

Below is the dropbox link to download the documentation.

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You will also be copied in to communication sent to I&APs.

Please confirm once you have downloaded the documents successfully.

Regards

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### 3.4. Pre-Application IAP Registrations

Pre-App IAP Registrations			
Contact Person	Stakeholder Organisation	Date of Comment	Email Address
Bernadette Osborne	DEADP Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	6 May 2025	Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za DEADPEIAadmin@westerncape.gov.za
Christie Craig	Endangered Wildlife Trust	17 April 2025	ChristieC@ewt.org bradleyg@ewt.org
George De Kok	Adjacent Landowner - Portion 1 of Farm 216, Annex Goedemoed	17 April 2025	
Vanessa Stoffels	Western Cape Roads	22 April 2025	applications@westerncaperoadsinfrastructure.org.za Vanessa.Stoffels@westerncape.gov.za
Rulien Volschenk	Overberg District Municipality	15 May 2025	rvolshenk@odm.org.za
Ester Swart	IAP	16 May 2025	
Jaco Swart	Springfontein Plaas	16 May 2025 & 21 May 2025	
Chris Fourie	Neighbouring Landowner	19 May 2025	
Jan Visagie	Future Plan – Town and Regional Planning representing the owners and employees of Farm 752 (Môreson)	19 May 2025	
Berando Amsterdam, Hendrik Botha and, Werneth de Wee (represented by Jan Visagie)	Permanent residence and employees on Moreson farm 752	19 May 2025	
Thomas W L du Plessis	Farm 752 Môreson	20 May 2025	
Jan-Willem du Plessis	Farm 752 Môreson	20 May 2025	
Herman de Kock	Neighbour (Driefontein and Leliefontein)	21 May 2025	
Melanese Schippers	Directorate: Development Management (Region 1)	21 May 2025	Melanese.Schippers@westerncape.gov.za
Vhengani Ligudu	BOCMA	21 May 2025	vligudu@bocma.co.za
Rhett Smart	CapeNature	22 May 2025	rsmart@capenature.co.za vhudson@capenature.co.za
Arabel McClelland	DEADP Directorate: Pollution and	22 May 2025	Arabel.McClelland@westerncape.gov.za Gunther.Frantz@westerncape.gov.za

	Chemicals Management		Rabia.Reynolds@westerncape.gov.za
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### 3.5. Comments Received during the Pre-Application PPP Phase (16 April 2025 – 21 May 2025)

#### 3.5.1. Letter received from DEADP via email on 6 May 2025



**Western Cape  
Government**

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
**Bernadette Osborne**  
Directorate: Development Management, Region 1  
Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za | Tel: 021 483 3679

**REFERENCE:** 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24

**DATE:** 6 May 2025

The Board of Directors  
Bapchix (Pty) Ltd.  
PO Box 599  
**CALEDON**  
7280

**Attention: Mr. Ross Philip**

Cell: 083 273 8376  
E-mail: rossphilip@mweb.co.za

Dear Sir

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT ("BAR") IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CHICKEN HOUSES ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON.**

1. The electronic copy of the pre-application Draft BAR received by the Department's Directorate: Development Management Region 1 ("this Directorate") on 16 April 2025, refers.
2. This letter serves as acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned document.
3. Please note that this Directorate will consider the pre-application Draft BAR and issue a comment within the prescribed 30-day commenting period which ends on 21 May 2025.
4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
5. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Directorate.
6. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw initial comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

**pp HEAD OF COMPONENT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT SERVICES: REGION 1**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Cc: (1) Mr Paul Slabbert (PHS Consulting)  
(2) Ms Olivia Brunings (PHS Consulting)  
(3) Mr Johan Viljoen (Theewaterskloof Municipality)

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E-mail: olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
E-mail: johanvi@twk.org.za

### 3.5.2. Email received from EWT on 17 April 2025

**From:** Christie Craig <ChristieC@ewt.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 April 2025 09:40  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Cc:** Bradley Gibbons <bradleyg@ewt.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Notice of Public Participation - Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon

Hi Olivia

Please find attached comments pertaining to Blue Cranes near the facility. Will any new powerlines we constructed at the site?

Kind regards



**Dr. Christie Craig**  
**Conservation Scientist**  
**Leiden Conservation Fellow**  
**C +27 66 289 5988**  
**E [christiec@ewt.org.za](mailto:christiec@ewt.org.za)**  
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Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment – BBBEE Level 4 Certificate & 95% Civil Society Organisation PBO number: 930 001 777 NPO number: 015-502 NPO IT number: IT 6247

Physical Address: 27 and 28 Austin Road, Glen Austin AH, Midrand, 1685, Gauteng, South Africa

Postal Address: Postnet Suite # 027, Postnet Suite 002, Private Bag X08, Wierda Park 0149, Gauteng, South Africa

### 3.5.3. Letter received from EWT via email on 17 April 2025

**Blue Cranes at Groote Valley 225 farm, Theewaterskloof Local Municipality**

Following a site visit to Môreson 752 farm, we documented three Blue Crane *Anthropoides paradiseus* breeding sites as seen in Figure 1 below. Blue Cranes utilise the breeding territories for at least five months a year during the breeding season (from September to April) and can move throughout the day within the breeding territory. A flock of Blue Cranes is also known to be present on the farm throughout the winter.

Blue Cranes are sensitive to disturbance during breeding, disturbance can cause them to abandon their nests temporarily (leaving them vulnerable to predation) or permanently.

**Figure 1.** Location of the three Blue Crane breeding sites and the proposed site for the infrastructure that will be built for chicken farming

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Gauteng, South Africa

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The Endangered Wildlife Trust is a non-profit, public benefit organisation dedicated to conserving species and ecosystems in southern Africa to the benefit of all people.

**NPO Number:** 015-502, **PBO number:** 930 001 777, **Member of IUCN** - The International Union for Conservation of Nature



The African Crane Conservation Programme of the Endangered Wildlife Trust would like to recommend that another site is selected further away from the current proposed site. This is due to possible disturbance during the breeding season and the close proximity to breeding territories. Barring this, disturbance to breeding cranes should be minimised during construction and operation of the facility.

Blue Cranes are globally *Vulnerable* according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (iucnredlist.org). Current research has shown that Blue Crane population numbers are declining in the Overberg region of the Western Cape, which is a stronghold for the species, it is vital to conserve this population.

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Gauteng, South Africa

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Gauteng, South Africa

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The Endangered Wildlife Trust is a non-profit, public benefit organisation dedicated to conserving species and ecosystems in southern Africa to the benefit of all people.

**NPO Number:** 015-502, **PBO number:** 930 001 777, **Member of IUCN** - The International Union for Conservation of Nature

### 3.5.4. Email received from George de Kock on 17 April 2025

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 April 2025 12:02  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Subject:** Grootvlei impact assessment

Dear Olivia

I am responding to your invitation to comment on the impact Grootvlei's Chicken (Broiler) farming activities already has on the environment.

I am absolutely apposed to further expansion of the enterprise for the following reasons.

- 1) Already places a strain on underwater reserves ( using borehole water for irrigation, cleaning of houses etc.)
- 2) No adequate housing for current labour force,
- 3) Visual impact from Klein Swartberg Conservancy
- 4) Impact of additional heavy vehicle traffic on N2- Greyton dirt road ( 34 ton feed delivery trucks)
- 5) Noise impact of moving chickens to slaughter (usually between midnight and 4 am) on same road.

I would be more than willing to entertain you or someone from your company to elaborate on above claims. I am eagerly awaiting your response.

Kind regards  
George



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### 3.5.5. Email received from Western Cape Roads on 22 April 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

**From:** Application Manager <applications@westerncaperoadsinfrastructure.org.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 April 2025 13:09  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Subject:** Application for the submission of a property environmental study for comment - App No: 2025-04-0084

Dear PHS Consulting

The message below refers to your application for the submission of a property environmental study for comment (Application No - 2025-04-0084) submitted to the Western Cape Government on 2025/04/15:

**Properties related to the application :**

- Portion 0 of Farm GROOT VALLEY 225, CALEDON

**Supporting documents submitted with the application :**

- Basic Assessment Report - (Draft-BAR-RE225-Grootvlei-Caledon-16-April-2025-1.pdf)
- Site Layout Plan - (Appendix-A1-Locality-and-Topocadastral-Maps.pdf)
- Site Development Plan - (Appendix-E21-Theewaterskloof-SDP-1.pdf)
- Site Development Plan - (Appendix-B1-SDP.pdf)
- Power of Attorney Letter - (Landowner Consent.pdf)
- Title Deed - (Title Deed RE Farm Grootvlei number 225 Caledon.pdf)

The matter is receiving attention, and further communication will be addressed to you as soon as circumstances permit.

Best Regards,  
Western Cape Government



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### 3.5.6. Letter received via email from Western Cape Roads on 12 May 2025



Western Cape  
Government

Department of Infrastructure

**Vanessa Stoffels**

Chief Directorate: Road Planning

Vanessa.Stoffels@westerncape.gov.za | Tel: 021 483 4669

**Ref:** DOI/CFS/RN/LU/REZ/SUB-28/263 (Application No: 2025-04-0084)

PHS Consulting

PO Box 1752

**HERMANUS**

7200

Attention: Ms O Brunings

Dear Madam

#### **REMAINDER OF FARM GROOT VALLEY NO.225, CALEDON: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY COMMENTS ON DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT**

1. Your e-mail to this Branch dated 16 April 2025 refers.
2. The subject property is located 17km south of Greyton and takes access off Minor Road 4123.
3. This Branch offers no objection to the issuing of Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998.
4. This Branch will comment on the access upon receipt of the land use application.

Yours Sincerely

**DD FORTUIN**

**For DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE BRANCH**

**DATE: 8 MAY 2025**

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### 3.5.7. Email received from Western Cape Roads on 12 May 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

**From:** Application Manager <applications@westerncaperoadsinfrastructure.org.za>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 May 2025 12:59  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Subject:** Application for the submission of a property environmental study for comment - App No: 2025-04-0084  
**Attachments:** APP\_2025-04-0084 Letter.pdf

Dear PHS Consulting,

The message below refers to your application for the submission of a property environmental study for comment (Application No - 2025-04-0084) submitted to the Western Cape Government on 2025/04/16.

Property related to the application

- Portion 0 of Farm GROOT VALLEY 225, CALEDON

Attached find this Branch's response to your application.

Best Regards,  
Western Cape Government



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14 May 2025

PHS CONSULTING

P.O. Box 1752  
HERMANUS  
7200

For attention: Olivia Bruning

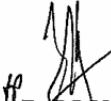
**RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON.**

**DEA&DP REF: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E45/1513/24**

The Overberg District Municipality's department of Environmental Management Services takes cognisance of the draft Basic Assessment Report for the proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on the remainder of farm 225, Grootvlei.

The ODM has no objection towards the application as the proposed activity aligns with the current zoning of the property and the development footprint is situated within a low sensitive area in terms of botanical and freshwater impact.

Yours faithfully,



R. BOSMAN  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

### 3.5.9. Email received from Ester Swart on 16 May 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

**From:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 May 2025 12:24  
**To:** 'Ester Swart'  
**Subject:** RE: Comment op public participation

Goeie middag Ester,

Dit is reg ja. Vir die Grootvlei aansoek kan jy enige kommentaar aan my stuur per e-pos.

Groete  
**Olivia Brunings**  
BSc Conservation Ecology  
Candidate Natural Scientist (154065)

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, 16 May 2025 12:20  
**To:** [olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)  
**Subject:** Re: Comment op public participation

Ek verstaan. So ek stuur dit net per e-pos.

Die grootvlei, caledon saak.

On Fri, 16 May 2025, 12:16 , <[olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)> wrote:

Goeie middag Ester,

Dankie vir die navraag.

Is daar 'n spesifieke aansoek waarop jy graag kommentaar wil lewer? As jy vir my die naam van die aansoek kan gee, sal ek vir jou die e-posadres van die betrokke PHS konsultant kan deurstuur. Enige kommentaar kan dan direk aan daardie konsultant gestuur word.

Groete  
**Olivia Brunings**  
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**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, 16 May 2025 11:57

**To:** [olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)

**Subject:** Comment op public participation

Goeie more Olivia.

Ek is op julle webwerf en wil graag comment op een van die dokumente/sake daar gelys. Sal jy dalk vir my kan help om te verduidelik hoe lewer ek komentaar op website/dokument/saak?

Vriendelike groete

Ester

### 3.5.10. Email received from Jaco & Ester Swart on 16 & 21 May 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

**From:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 May 2025 08:24  
**To:** 'Springfontein Boerdery'  
**Subject:** RE: DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24 Komentaar

More Jaco,

Ja, ons het julle e-pos met die verdere kommentaar ontvang en dit sal ingesluit word.

Baie dankie.

Groete  
**Olivia Brunings**  
BSc Conservation Ecology  
Candidate Natural Scientist (154065)

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**From:** Springfontein Boerdery [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 May 2025 20:21  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Subject:** Re: DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24 Komentaar

Naand Olivia

Ons wil net seker maak julle het ons email ontvang?

On Wed, May 21, 2025 at 7:47 AM Springfontein Boerdery [REDACTED]

Hi Olivia.

Sien ook verdere kommentaar op die dokument aangeheg. Ja, dit is reg oor die belanghebbende party.

On Mon, May 19, 2025 at 5:25 PM <[olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)> wrote:

Goeie middag Jaco,

Dankie vir die kommentaar ontvang. Ons regstreer julle as 'n belanghebbende party.

Groete

**Olivia Brunings**

BSc Conservation Ecology

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**From:** Springfontein Boerdery

**Sent:** Friday, 16 May 2025 12:33

**To:** [olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)

**Subject:** DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24 Komentaar

Goeie dag Olivia.

Hiermee wil ons net die volgende kommentare maak op die Grootvlei, Caledon aansoek. Sien Ref No. bo.

1. Kwaliteit van kwartelrivier se water- Daar is 'n kloof van die hoenderhokke wat gaan tot in die kwartelrivier. Die hoenders se afval kan loop tot in die kwartelrivier en die kwaliteit beïnvloed.

2. Veiligheid op grond paaie- Hoe meer hoenderhokke daar is hoe meer beweging is daar op die paaie. Wat die algehele veiligheid beïnvloed.

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**Vriendelike groete**

**Springfontein Plaas**

**Jaco Swart**

### 3.5.11. Letter received via email from Jaco Swart on 21 May 2025

Springfontein, Farm 217.

7250

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam/Me

#### **COMMENTING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF GROOTVLEI NO. 225 CALEDON AS AN AFFECTED PARTY.**

##### **1. Introduction**

The owners of Springfontein (217) have a long-standing generational heritage in Caledon, and this proposed development threatens not only the sustainability of their springfontein but also the broader rural character and ecological balance of the Overberg region.

We at Springfontein 217 would like to register as an affected party of the development at Grootvlei 225 Caledon. We have some concerns that influence us directly. Headings: Smell, Traffic, Erosion, safety and security, waste management issues and water use (contamination risks) for irrigation.

##### **2. Springfonteins-Identified Concerns for Objections**

The following Table indicates the impact of the proposed new activity as being advertised.

<b>Impact</b>	<b>Reasons for Objection</b>
<b>Smell –</b> Orientation Relative to Prevailing Wind: The positioning of the chicken houses was aligned with the prevailing wind direction to promote effective natural ventilation and facilitate the formation of natural visual and odour barriers.	All the main wind directions will carry the stench to the neighbouring farms and the homesteads.  The wind from the south impacts Môreson and Springfontein.  Also, when the farmers and their respective workers go past the proposed development to work on neighbouring fields.
<b>Safety and Security -</b>	Apart from the obvious traffic risks, there is a significant crime risk.  The safety of the farming community is of the utmost importance for those living in rural areas.

	<p>With the development of this new site comes much more unnoticed traffic, and the farmers would not know if those travelling on the road leading to the new facility are for purposes of the chicken farming operation, or any other reason.</p> <p>Môreson and Springfontein are well-hidden farms, which contributes to the safety of the residents as there is very little unnoticed traffic or people passing through.</p> <p>The new development is situated on a hilltop overlooking the residents of Enon, Môreson, Springfontein, and other neighbouring farms. Thus, the farming community will lose their safety advantage, as many staff and their guests, trucks, builders, etc., will have unlimited visual access to all residents.</p> <p>This will also lead to more safety expenses.</p>
<p><b>Waste Management Issues</b></p>	<p>Poultry farms generate large amounts of waste, which can lead to:</p> <p>Water pollution from runoff containing nutrients and pathogens. This runoff can contaminate local water bodies, leading to eutrophication, which depletes oxygen in the water and harms aquatic life.</p> <p>Soil degradation due to excessive manure application can alter soil-ph and lead to nutrient imbalances.</p> <p>This is a substantial potential risk to the farming community adjacent to the existing chicken facilities and the proposed facility, as the wastewater may find its way into the natural stream and the water sources on which the surrounding farms depend. Underground reservoirs may be impacted, highlighting the potential severity of such a risk.</p> <p>Irrigation out of the kwartelrivier is also a big concern for farms that use the water, eg Springfontein.</p>

#### 4.2 MAJOR CONCERN:

##### Water Use and Contamination Risks

- The Kwartel River, used by surrounding farms for irrigation and livestock, runs downslope from the proposed development. Runoff during heavy rains risks water pollution (e.g., *Salmonella*, *E. coli*) and eutrophication.
- Increased groundwater abstraction will deplete shared borehole sources

Statement by Environmental Specialist	Comments
<i>Water – The verified registered water use is sufficient for the proposed development activities.</i>	<p>All runoff water from the proposed site flows into the Kwartel River.</p> <p>Neighbouring farms use this water as drinking water for sheep, as well as for irrigation and residential use. Water from the new development would negatively impact the water quality. (<i>Salmonella</i> risk)</p> <p>This will primarily occur with heavy rain, as has happened before.</p> <p>The facility's layout directs runoff from both sides of the proposed development to the middle of the development, which was clearly done to deal with the accumulated runoff water. This is in contrast to the statement that the development was designed to deal with the stench and mitigate that with the prevailing winds.</p>

##### Conclusion

While poultry farming is an important industry, addressing its environmental impacts through sustainable practices and responsible management is crucial. The concerns mentioned in this document is of big concern for Springfontein and the effect on us worrying..

Jaco Swart

Springfontein, 217

20/05/2025



### 3.5.12. Email received from Chris Fourie on 19 May 2025

[olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 May 2025 07:43  
**To:** [REDACTED] olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Concerns and Registration as Affected Party – Proposed Poultry Facility on Grootvlei Farm (No. 225), Caledon

**To Whom It May Concern,**

My name is Christoffel Hendrik Fourie, [REDACTED]. I am a trustee of Goedemoed Plaas [REDACTED] (Farm No. 750) and a director of the operating company. I am writing as a neighbouring landowner in reference to the proposed development of a poultry rearing facility on Grootvlei Farm (Farm No. 225), Caledon, in the Western Cape.

While I recognise the right of landowners to pursue agricultural development, it is equally important that neighbouring farmers have an opportunity to raise practical concerns during the planning process. I kindly request to be registered as an affected party and included in all future communication and consultation processes related to this proposed development.

I would like to submit the following key concerns and considerations:

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**1. Security, Road Access, and Local Movement**

The proposed facility is located near Road 4123, which, while not our main access road, falls within the road network we intend to enclose along with our primary road for security purposes. Our current access road is frequently used by the public, creating ongoing challenges in monitoring movement across our operations.

With the potential introduction of external contractors and workers, we are increasingly concerned about rural crime and stock theft. We are actively working to secure our premises and ask that these concerns be considered in your planning.

It is also my understanding that other possible sites for the rearing facility have been identified and should be seriously considered instead of the preferred site along Road 4123, as those alternatives may pose fewer risks and concerns for neighbouring landowners.

We further believe that individuals accessing the site should be properly vetted to help maintain safety and trust in the local farming community.

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**2. Environmental and Water Considerations**

The Kwartelrivier, which runs through our farm, is our primary source of water for livestock. While it is not used for domestic purposes, the potential for contamination due to runoff or mismanagement of poultry waste is a serious concern, with implications for livestock health, land productivity, and the environment.

In addition, the river provides a natural habitat for several species, including the Blue Crane, South Africa's national bird, which is classified as a vulnerable and endangered species. The preservation of this natural ecosystem is vital.

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**3. Farming Operations and Compatibility**

The introduction of a poultry facility nearby may affect the compatibility of certain farming practices. As part of our commitment to regenerative and sustainable agriculture, we are planning to use chicken manure sourced from various facilities as a natural fertiliser in our grain operations. However, it is currently u

nclear whether this practice will still be permitted under any new biosecurity or regulatory requirements associated with the proposed poultry development.

Our farm also carries out seasonal pest control activities, which include both chemical and mechanical methods. These are standard practices for responsible crop management, and we would not want them to conflict with or be restricted due to the poultry facility's operational protocols.

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Please confirm receipt of this correspondence and my registration as an affected party. I am available for any further information or engagement required.

Kind regards,  
**Chris Fourie**  
Trustee – Goedemoed Plaas (Farm No. 750)  
Director  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

### 3.5.13. Email received from Jan Visagie on 19 May 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

**From:** Jan Visagie  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 May 2025 16:21  
**To:** DEADP EIA Admin; DEADP-EIAAdmin George; Paul Slabbert; olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Cc:** jan-willem du plessis  
**Subject:** BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON- 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24  
**Attachments:** OBJECTIONS BAR THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON.pdf; Staff Objection.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find our client's objections attached to this email in terms of the application with reference number - 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24 BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON.

Kind regards,

**Jan Visagie**



### 3.5.14. Letter received via email from Jan Visagie on 19 May 2025



**FUTURE PLAN**  
TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

**TO:** Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
Western Cape Government  
Private Bag X9086  
Cape Town  
8000  
Email: [DEADP.EIA@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:DEADP.EIA@westerncape.gov.za)

Date: 19 May 2025  
Our Reference: FA 225 CAM  
Your Reference:  
16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24

Dear Sir/Madam/Me

#### **OFFICIAL OBJECTIONS AGAINST: BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

##### **1. Introduction**

We act on behalf of the owners of Farm 752 (Môreson), located 30 metres north of the proposed expansion of a poultry rearing facility on Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon. This document constitutes a formal objection against the Basic Assessment Report submitted by the applicant, Bapchix (Pty) Ltd. The owners of Môreson have a long-standing generational heritage in Caledon, and this proposed development threatens not only the sustainability of their farm but also the broader rural character and ecological balance of the Overberg region.

##### **2. Brief**

Our Brief was to scrutinise the EIA documents provided on the Environmental Practitioners' website, consider our client's concerns, and comment on or object to the proposed activities as advertised.

##### **3. Background in terms of the application**

The following descriptions for the proposed activities on the property (Remainder Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon)

The proposed development/expansion will be located in an area predominantly used for grain, wheat, and sheep farming. For these activities to succeed and ensure sustainability, the farmers heavily depend on the environment to provide the required safeguarding measures and influences. Concerning the above, it should be noted that bird life, bee movement, and the ability to pollinate specific cultivars are extremely important to farming operations. Farmers have little influence over these processes, except to keep the environment pristine and ensure that no negative impact would result from their and other farming operations within the area. Because of this, most farmers moved away from harmful chemicals when spraying their respective crops to get rid of pests.

The activities and background for the proposal are listed below as per the statement—

*The proponent of Bapchix (Pty) Ltd plans to expand the existing chicken farm on Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon, by constructing an additional poultry rearing facility.*

*The proposed development property is approximately 317ha in extent and is located approximately 15 kilometres northeast of Caledon and approximately 3 kilometres north of the N2. It is accessible via a dirt road.*

*The proposed development area is approximately 5.5 ha in extent and located in the northeastern portion of the property.*

*The following development is proposed:*

- 1) Ten new chicken houses with free-range grazing between houses;
- 2) Staff housing and ablution facilities with a septic tank system;
- 3) An office;
- 4) A loading bay;
- 5) A shaving shed;
- 6) A water treatment facility;
- 7) A generator room;
- 8) Internal access routes <8m wide; and
- 9) A biosecurity access control point.

*The new chicken houses will accommodate a maximum of 16,500 chickens per house, and each house will be approximately 1000m<sup>2</sup> in extent, with free-range pasture located between the houses. The chicken pens will be fenced off from the surrounding area for biosecurity purposes. The preferred alternative's location and layout have been developed based on existing access routes, service availability, prevailing wind directions, environmental sensitivities, and biosecurity requirements, and they have attempted to avoid environmental impacts as far as possible.*

#### **4. Grounds of Objection**

##### **4.1 Client-Identified Concerns for Objections**

The following Table indicates the impact of the proposed new activity as being advertised.

<b>Impact</b>	<b>Reasons for Objection</b>
<b>Smell –</b>  Orientation Relative to Prevailing Wind: The positioning of the chicken houses was aligned with the prevailing wind direction to promote effective natural ventilation and facilitate the formation of natural visual and odour barriers.	All the main wind directions will carry the stench to the neighbouring farms and the homesteads.  The wind directions from the southeast will impact the farm Enon, the south impacts Môreson and Springfontein, and the northwest impacts the Fourie farm.  Also, when the farmers and their respective workers go past the proposed development to work on neighbouring fields.  The District Road (DR01294) traverses the property, and both facilities are only 1km away from the tourist road leading to Greyton.  District Road DR01279 will also be negatively impacted, and the reason is that fewer tourists make use of these roads to reduce the impact of the smell.
<b>Noise</b>  The land use of the property and surrounding area is primarily agricultural in nature. The proposed development structures will be visually identical to the authorised structures	The proposed new structure's location high up on the hill, with the wind directions taken into consideration, will not limit the noise levels.

<p>on farm no. 226 which borders the proposed development site (farm no. 225) to the south. The authorised chicken houses on farm no. 226 are located immediately south of the development site's southern boundary. The proposed development is unlikely to be visually intrusive within the agricultural landscape.</p> <p>Noise from inside the units will be largely contained as the units are completely enclosed. Noise from agricultural activities on site is deemed acceptable in the current setting. The proposed land use is agricultural and is compatible with the surrounding rural/agricultural area.</p> <p>Due to the scale and nature of the development, all potential impacts on people's health and well-being are anticipated to be low to negligible. Please refer to Appendix J for a detailed Impact and Risk Assessment.</p>	<p>Due to the lack of trees, high scrubs, and plants around the structures, the noise levels will be carried far from this location, especially when the grain/wheat has been harvested.</p>
<p><b>Traffic</b></p> <p>Setback from roads and property boundaries: The preferred development site has been positioned in accordance with legislative requirements, ensuring appropriate setbacks from both roads and property boundaries.</p>	<p>Trucks and staff will regularly travel on the access road past the new development (road 4123), which is our client's primary and, in wintertime, only access to their residence.</p> <p>The road is so narrow that a truck will block the whole road.</p> <p>This makes for a hazardous situation.</p> <p>Not only will the trucks block the road, but the road has a steep hill just before the site from the Môreson Farm, with no line of sight until crossing the hilltop.</p> <p>Heading north on the road, you cannot see the oncoming traffic due to the steep hill, and with the oncoming trucks blocking the road (especially while heading in the opposite direction), it will create a hazardous situation.</p> <p>The movement of heavy vehicles for the use of existing grain farming operations will therefore be hindered and impact on the traffic flow during the</p>

	<p>night, especially when it is harvesting time and the lorries must get to the silos.</p> <p>Like other neighbouring farms, all residents and school children from Môreson Farm use the road daily.</p> <p>Feed trucks (delivering feed to existing poultry sites) regularly get stuck and block the roads.</p> <p>As the farm owners (chicken farm owners) do not always have the necessary machinery, the neighbours are requested to assist in such circumstances.</p> <p>Trucks will turn in and out of the site and block the road access.</p> <p>This makes for a hazardous situation, as there have already been accidents on this specific stretch of road.</p>
<b>Negative Impact on Economy &amp; Tourism</b>	<p>This purpose-built new site will be situated on a hilltop.</p> <p>It will block and destroy the beautiful views of Klein Swartberg Mountain that all residents of the neighbouring farms, as well as tourists travelling by the off-beaten tracks to and from Greyton, have enjoyed.</p> <p>The new development is also situated right next to the entrance (20/30 m) of Môreson Farm, which will surely degrade the farm entrance.</p> <p>Môreson and the surrounding farms have the potential for tourism income due to their beautiful views of the mountains.</p> <p>This potential income will not be possible if the new development occurs right before the mountain views.</p> <p>Job creation for the locals will not necessarily occur, as migrants are often used as labour on such farms. Proof of South African citizenship must be a prerequisite for approving such endeavours.</p>

<p><b>Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment –</b></p> <p>The land use of the property and surrounding area is primarily Agricultural in nature.</p> <p>The proposed structures will closely resemble the authorised structures on farm no. 226 which borders the proposed development site (farm no. 225) to the south.</p> <p>The authorised chicken houses on farm no. 226 are located immediately south of the development site's southern boundary.</p> <p>The proposed development on farm no. 225 is unlikely to be visually intrusive. The primary view corridor is from the gravel road that runs immediately adjacent to the proposed site.</p> <p>The proposed development will be clearly visible from this internal access road, however, given that this road is a secondary access route to the neighbouring farm, the visual impact will be limited.</p> <p>Given the topography of the landscape, the proposed development site is not visible from any primary or secondary external roads. No Landscape/ Visual Impact Assessment will be required.</p>	<p>We submit that the Overberg vernacular architecture style cannot be duplicated to serve the purpose of the farm buildings adjacent to Farm 225, Caledon, except when this statement is in relation to the existing chicken farm on Farm 226.</p> <p>Those structures (those on Farm 226) should never have been allowed, as they already provided the precedent this application is now trying to ride for approval of no-visual impact.</p> <p>This will substantially negatively impact the area's visual landscape, especially because the proposed activity is located on the higher end of the hill.</p> <p>A site visit from the Department of Environmental Affairs officials will underline the statement made on behalf of our client.</p>
<p><b>Fauna and Flora-</b></p> <p>Setback from Sensitive Environmental Features: A channelled valley bottom wetland was delineated to the southeast of the proposed development site. The layout was adjusted to ensure that the development remains as far as reasonably possible from this freshwater feature, in line with environmental best practice.</p> <p>Biosecurity and Grazing Requirements: Adequate spacing between chicken houses was maintained to meet biosecurity standards and grazing requirements, without compromising the compact nature of the design.</p>	<p>It is noted that Blue Cranes nest annually close to the proposed new development.</p> <p>This poses a significant risk for the Blue Crane population that lives and nests in this area.</p> <p>High-density farming can lead to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increased disease transmission among birds, necessitating more antibiotics and chemicals.</li> <li>○ Greater reliance on chemical treatments, which can harm the environment by contaminating soil and water.</li> </ul> <p>With this new facility, the risks of bird flu will increase by more than 30%, negatively impacting the area's birdlife.</p>
<p><b>Erosion</b></p>	<p>The access road has lost gravel, and the steep hill will create more problems. Lack of maintenance, combined with the additional heavy traffic on the road, will lead to even more erosion.</p>

	<p>The proposed site is on a hilltop and will contribute to more erosion due to its location. Water will accumulate due to the hard surface and pick up speed from this high site.</p>
<b>Safety and Security -</b>	<p>Apart from the obvious traffic risks, there is a significant crime risk.</p> <p>The safety of the farming community is of the utmost importance for those living in rural areas.</p> <p>With the development of this new site comes much more unnoticed traffic, and the farmers would not know if those travelling on the road leading to the new facility are for purposes of the chicken farming operation, or for any other reason.</p> <p>Môreson and Springfontein are well-hidden farms, contributing to the residents' safety as there is very little unnoticed traffic or people passing through.</p> <p>The new development is situated on a hilltop overlooking the residents of Enon, Môreson, Springfontein, and other neighbouring farms. Thus, the farming community will lose their safety advantage, as many staff and their guests, trucks, builders, etc., will have unlimited visual access to all residents.</p> <p>This will also lead to more safety expenses.</p>
<b>Pest Controls</b>	<p>If the facility is approved, pest control will be limited for the area's existing wheat and grain farmers.</p> <p>Crop spraying via aeroplane (curtail) will be limited as the drift and noise will harm the poultry in the new development, just 30m from the field's border. This will lead to yield losses of high-potential agricultural land on the neighbouring farm (Môreson).</p> <p>Harvesting and other farm activities create dust, which might harm poultry in the new development.</p>

<b>Waste Management Issues</b>	<p>Poultry farms generate large amounts of waste, which can lead to:</p> <p>Water pollution from runoff containing nutrients and pathogens. This runoff can contaminate local water bodies, leading to eutrophication, which depletes oxygen in the water and harms aquatic life.</p> <p>Soil degradation due to excessive manure can alter soil pH and lead to nutrient imbalances.</p> <p>This is a substantial potential risk to the farming community adjacent to the existing chicken facilities and the proposed facility, as the wastewater may find its way into the natural stream and the water sources on which the surrounding farms depend. Underground reservoirs may be impacted, highlighting the potential severity of such a risk.</p>
<b>Greenhouse Gas Emissions</b>	<p>Poultry farming contributes to greenhouse gas emissions through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Methane and nitrous oxide are released from manure, potent greenhouse gases contributing to climate change.</li> <li>○ Carbon dioxide from energy used in farming operations, including heating, ventilation, and transportation.</li> </ul> <p>While the adjacent farmers use the dried manure as part of their compost on their fields, it is questionable if they could import additional manure that may have an adverse reaction to what they have already used in the past. This would mean a monopoly that the chicken farmer would then create artificially.</p>
<b>Water Usage</b>	<p>Poultry farming requires significant water resources, which can lead to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Depletion of local water supplies, affecting both human and ecological needs.</li> <li>○ Increased competition for water among agricultural and urban needs, potentially leading to conflicts over water resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Antibiotic Resistance</b>	The use of antibiotics in poultry can contribute to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which can spread to humans and other animals, posing significant public health risks.</li> <li>○ Potential health risks to humans through the food chain, as antibiotic residues can remain in meat products.</li> </ul>
<b>Job Creation</b>	<p>As already stated, it is unclear whether this new facility will provide only job opportunities for local people.</p> <p>It is further unclear if any other new opportunities within the region will be created as such, and if this will only increase the potential income for the farm owner.</p>

#### 4.2 Comments on the Summarised Impacts of the Proposed Development by Environmental Specialists

Statement by Environmental Specialist	Comments
<p><i>An existing poultry rearing facility is located approximately 2km southwest of the new proposed development site on the same property (RE/225, Grootvlei, Caledon). The existing facility was developed between 2005 and 2011, without prior authorization. A voluntary S24G process has been initiated and is nearing finalisation.</i></p>	<p>The Impact assessment is done only in terms of one facility.</p> <p>The combined impact of 3 (three) such facilities should be considered, not as stand-alone facilities.</p> <p>Advertisements are not displayed for the proposed or the Section 24G application sites.</p>
<p><b>Access –</b></p> <p><i>Access to the property is existing. Existing internal dirt roads provide access to the proposed development site. Additional internal dirt roads (&lt;8m wide) will however be required for access between the chicken houses.</i></p>	<p>The report does not mention maintenance of the existing gravel road or comments from the Department of Provincial Roads regarding the District Road, which is seen as a scenic road within the Theewaterskloof Municipal Area.</p> <p>Access to Môreson Farm has been established along the access road to the proposed site for more than 30 years. Under South African Law, their right to use the access road has been vested.</p> <p>However, the impact of their traffic concerns and fears has not been appropriately addressed.</p>

<p><i>Electricity –</i>  <i>Electricity supply to the proposed development will be established via extension of existing electrical infrastructure. Eskom has confirmed sufficient capacity (Refer Appendix E16).</i></p> <p><i>A step-up and step-down underground cable from an existing Eskom transformer will be run to the proposed development site.</i></p> <p><i>Electricity supply will likely be supplemented via generators.</i></p>	<p>The extension of existing lines to include the provision of electricity to the proposed location will have further determinantal visual impact on the development.</p> <p>With the additional provision of generators to be installed, the noise levels will further increase, disturbing the natural environment and the peace of those nearby.</p> <p>It is understood that the electrical line will have to be extended either over the road from one end of the farm or from Farm 226, which would require further approval in terms of NEMA.</p>
<p><i>Sewage—A septic tank system will be installed at the proposed development site, as no wastewater treatment works are nearby.</i></p>	<p>If not run correctly, a septic tank system will pollute the underground over time, and no guarantee can be provided.</p> <p>Only a conservancy tank system would be acceptable for the level of wastewater that will be generated. A wastewater treatment plant can already be feasible if the combined facilities of Farms 225 and 226 are considered.</p>
<p><i>Mortality—Non-infectious mortalities will be disposed of via the registered on-site composting facility.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicant confirmed sufficient composting capacity to accommodate the expected mortalities.</i></p>	<p>This is a further alarm for the adjacent farmers, in the sense that it may, over time, negatively influence the underground water.</p> <p>There is a regional disposal site at Karweiderskraal, and all mortalities should be transported off-site to this facility.</p>
<p><i>Manure will be managed by directing a portion to the registered on-site composting facility.</i></p> <p><i>The remainder will be used directly in the agricultural industry.</i></p> <p><i>Manure will be dry-swept and cleaned out of the chicken houses, and then high-pressure wash water will be used to clean the pens with any residual water lost through evaporation.</i></p>	<p>This will increase the stench of manure for those passing by and living within the immediate area.</p> <p>It is not ideal, as already stated in this objection, and therefore, no additional facility should be unabridged within the vicinity of the existing two facilities.</p>
<p><i>Water – The verified registered water use is sufficient for the proposed development activities.</i></p>	<p>All runoff water from the proposed site flows into the Kwartel River.</p>

	<p>Neighbouring farms use this water as drinking water for sheep, as well as for irrigation and residential use. Water from the new development would negatively impact the water quality. (Salmonella risk)</p> <p>This will primarily occur with heavy rain, as has happened before.</p> <p>The facility's layout directs runoff from both sides of the proposed development to the middle of the development, which was done to deal with the accumulated runoff water. This contrasts with the statement that the development was designed to deal with and mitigate the stench with the prevailing winds.</p>
<p><i>Domestic waste –</i></p> <p><i>Biodegradable materials will be composted within the onsite composting facility, plastic containers will be recycled, and the remainder will be buried in a demarcated camped off area as per the current operation.</i></p> <p><i>Given the size of the area in use (&lt;50m<sup>2</sup>), the estimated volume of waste to be disposed of (&lt;500kg/month) and the location of the disposal site, this activity does not trigger the NEMA or NEM: WA.</i></p>	<p>The onsite composting site is not monitored regularly.</p> <p>All waste should be transported to the regional waste facility at Karweiderskraal for the existing facilities on Farms 225 and 226, as this current situation already concerns our clients with the sustainability of the under- and surface water they all use.</p>

## 5. Summary of Objections

### 5.1. Environmental and Biodiversity Concerns

- The proposed development site lies in an area vital to pollination networks and bird species, particularly the Blue Crane (*Anthropoides paradiseus*), which nests nearby. Disturbances could lead to population decline and ecosystem imbalance.
- The use of antibiotics and increased poultry density will likely result in soil and water contamination, undermining adjacent organic and sustainable farming practices.

#### Relevant Case:

In Case No. 14/2/4/1-A5/14-2011 (Bot River Poultry Farm Objection), environmental approval was delayed after objections raised concerns about wetland proximity, birdlife, and unassessed

cumulative impact. The project was required to commission a complete avian impact study before further consideration.

## 5.2. Pollution – Odour, Noise, and Visual Degradation

- Odour from chicken manure and ventilation is a persistent nuisance. Despite orientation claims, prevailing wind directions (SE and NW) will channel odours directly to Môreson and surrounding farms.
- The visual impact on the scenic Greyton tourism corridor is substantial. The new structures are proposed on elevated land, permanently altering views of the Klein Swartberg.

### Relevant Case:

The *Elgin Poultry Development Appeal (2019)* faced sustained opposition due to tourism-related visual intrusion and was ultimately required to relocate out of a view-sensitive zone.

## 5.3. Water Use and Contamination Risks

- The Kwartel River, used by surrounding farms for irrigation and livestock, runs downslope from the proposed development. Runoff during heavy rains risks water pollution (e.g., *Salmonella*, *E. coli*) and eutrophication.
- Increased groundwater abstraction will deplete shared borehole sources.

### Relevant

### Case:

In *Kleinmond Poultry Project EIA (2017)*, water rights and cumulative impacts on aquifers led to the mandated full EIA instead of a Basic Assessment due to potential public health risks.

## 5.4. Road Safety and Traffic Hazards

- Road 4123 is the only winter access to Môreson. Its narrow width and steep incline before the site create a blind spot where truck blockages have already caused near accidents.
- Current traffic volumes during harvest season are already high. Additional feed and delivery trucks pose a safety threat to farm workers and school children.

## 5.5. Safety and Security Risks

- Remote farms like Môreson rely on limited access as a security measure. Increased movement from non-local staff, construction crews, and delivery vehicles introduces vulnerability to crime and trespass.
- The elevated site position directs line-of-sight into private farmyards, undermining privacy and security.

## 5.6. Negative Economic and Tourism Impact

- The Overberg region, including Caledon and Greyton, heavily relies on agri-tourism. Farm 752 and others have development potential for hospitality-based ventures that depend on open landscapes and fresh air.
- The visual, olfactory, and audible degradation caused by this facility will dissuade tourists and investors.

**Relevant****Case:**

In the *Stanford Broiler Farm Objection (2020)*, community and tourism objections led to the cancellation of a proposed broiler facility near agri-tourism routes. Planners cited the incompatibility with local economic development strategies.

**5.7. Lack of Meaningful Public Participation and Cumulative Impact Assessment**

- The application fails to assess the combined impact of three poultry facilities on the same farm, contrary to integrated planning principles under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA).
- Section 24G processes and concurrent development raise concerns about piecemeal applications to avoid complete EIA requirements.

**6. Relief Sought**

We hereby request:

- 6.1 That the current application be rejected or paused, pending a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) that:
  - Includes cumulative impacts of all poultry developments on Farm 225.
  - Considers ecological, social, and economic impacts comprehensively.
- 6.2 An Avifaunal Impact Assessment should be mandated, emphasising Blue Crane and migratory species.
- 6.3 Due to insufficient community engagement, the public participation process will be re-run by NEMA Regulation 41.
- 6.4 The input from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and CapeNature regarding ecological sensitivity should be obtained.
- 6.5 That any development approval be contingent upon:
- 6.6 Road upgrades at the cost of the proponent.
- 6.7 Guarantee of local employment, with proof of South African citizenship.
- 6.8 Independent monitoring of water quality and runoff controls.

### **Conclusion**

While poultry farming is an important industry, addressing its environmental impacts through sustainable practices and responsible management is crucial. Implementing strategies such as integrated pest management, reducing antibiotic use, and improving waste management can help minimise these adverse effects.

The expansion of poultry farming on Farm 225 threatens the long-term viability of neighbouring farms, compromises safety, undermines rural heritage, and violates key principles of environmental justice and sustainability. We urge the competent authorities to act under Section 2 of NEMA and protect the Overberg from inappropriate, high-impact development.

We remain available for public hearings or site inspections to support the concerns outlined.

Yours faithfully,



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Ian A. Visagie (Pr. Planner A/1080/1999)

3.5.15. Letter received via email from residents and employees on Moreson Farm 752 on 19 May 2025

We as permanent residence and employees on Môreson farm 752 are very opposed and against the development of new poultry rearing facility on farm no.225 Caledon

This development will cause regular blockings of our primary road in and out of Môreson farm and we are concerned about our children's safety using this road as there will be a lot of heavy traffic and unknown (to us) people using the road.

The road is steep and narrow and the additional heavy traffic that this proposed development brings will make it much more dangerous to use.

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H. Botha

Hendrik Botha | [REDACTED]

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Werneth de Wee | [REDACTED]

### 3.5.16. Letter received via email from Thomas W L du Plessis on 20 May 2025

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
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8000  
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Dear Sir/Madam/Me

#### **OFFICIAL OBJECTIONS AGAINST: BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

##### **1. Introduction**

I a co owner of Farm 752 (Môreson), located 30 metres north of the proposed expansion of a poultry rearing facility on Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon. This document constitutes a formal objection against the Basic Assessment Report submitted by the applicant, Bapchix (Pty) Ltd.

##### **My Objections:**

**1.The proposed development of a poultry rearing facility next to the main entrance of Farm no. 752 (Moreson), Caledon and 30 meter from our border is unheard of.**

Imagine you put such a development next to any farm entrance in South Africa, the environmental impact would be tremendous.

##### **2. Safety and Security Risks**

Remote farms like Môreson rely on limited access as a security measure. Increased movement from non-local staff, construction crews, and delivery vehicles introduces vulnerability to crime and trespass.

The elevated position of the site gives direct line-of-sight into private farmyards, undermining privacy and security.

##### **3.Road Safety and Traffic Hazards**

Road 4123 is the only winter access to Môreson. Its narrow width and steep incline before the site create a blind spot where truck blockages have already caused near accidents.

In winter the trucks loaded with chickens may get stuck on the steep incline causing a blockage.

This will be disruptive for school children and farm operations.

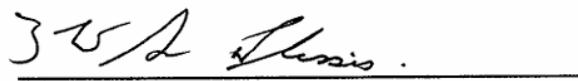
##### **4 Water Use and Contamination Risks**

Runoff during heavy rains risks water pollution of the downstream Kwartel River.

We pump this river water to all the fields on the farm to provide drinking water for our sheep.

Contamination is a big concern for us.

Yours sincerely,



**Thomas W. L. du Plessis**  
**Co owner of Farm 752 (Môreson)**

### 3.5.17. Email received from Jan-Willem du Plessis on 20 May 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

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**From:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 May 2025 17:20  
**To:** 'jan-willem du plessis'  
**Subject:** RE: objection against proposed poultry rearing facility on farm 225 Grootvle

Good day Jan-Willem,

We will register all below mentioned as interested and affected parties.

Regards  
**Olivia Brunings**  
BSc Conservation Ecology  
Candidate Natural Scientist (154065)

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**From:** jan-willem du plessis  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 May 2025 17:13  
**To:** [olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)  
**Subject:** objection against proposed poultry rearing facility on farm 225 Grootvle

Good day

You have received our complaint from Jan Visagie (Futureplan) acting on our behalf. Tommy du Plessis (Director and owner of Môreson farm) has also sent another letter to add to our complaint.

I am Jan-Willem du Plessis (co-owner and Director of Môreson farm), please register us both as affected parties. I am sure you noted it in Jan's email.  
thank you

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**Best Regards / Groete**

**Jan-Willem du Plessis**

3.5.18. Email received from Herman de Kock on 21 May 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 May 2025 09:34  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Subject:** Grootvlei farm Caledon

To who it consurns

It is brought to my attention that Grootvlei farm Caledon is planning to expand the chicken farming operation.

I own and live on the farm Driefontein and Leliefontein adjacent to the farm Grootvlei

These are my consurns regarding the expansion of the chicken farm at Grootvlei

1 The road connecting the N2 with Grootvlei is not able to safely accommodate an increase in heavy load traffic. The current junction with the N2 are not safe. The road surface is of compacted clay that becomes a slippery mess when it rains and heavy duty traffic cannot pass and blocks the roud passing Driefontein farm..

2 Summer , when dry, the dust becomes a problem as the road passes through my farmyard

3 the local skoolbus collect and deliver Children for the local school along this road and no provision is made for their safty.

4 the existing farming operation at Grootvlei have a impact on our underground water supply . Drinking water for me and the families living on my farm comes from a fountain that is fed from the same water source as the bor holes at Grootvlei

Please consider the above notes when assessment af the project is done.

Driefontein and Leliefontein farm is opposed to thurter expansion of the chicken houses at Grootvlei farm

HERMAN DE KOCK  
[REDACTED]

### 3.5.19. Letter received via email from DEADP on 21 May 2025



**Western Cape  
Government**

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

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Directorate: Development Management, Region 1

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**REFERENCE:** 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24  
**DATE OF ISSUE:** 21 May 2025

The Board of Directors  
Bapchix (Pty) Ltd.  
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**CALEDON**  
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Attention: Mr. Ross Philip

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Dear Sir

**COMMENT ON THE PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT ("BAR") IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CHICKEN HOUSES ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON.**

1. The electronic copy of the pre-application Draft BAR received by this Directorate on 16 April 2025 and this Directorate's acknowledgement thereof issued on 6 May 2025, refer.
2. According to the information submitted to this Directorate, it is noted that the proposal entails the following:
  - The proposed development will entail an additional poultry facility and associated infrastructure on the Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon.
  - The poultry facility will include ten chicken houses, staff housing and ablution facilities with a septic tank, an office, a loading bay, a shaving shed, a water treatment facility, a generator room, internal access routes of less than 8m wide and a biosecurity access control point.
  - Each chicken house will house 16 500 chickens, making a total of 165 000 chickens at the poultry facility.
  - The proposed development will have a development footprint of approximately 51 300m<sup>2</sup>.
  - No indigenous vegetation remains on the site.
  - No watercourses are located on or within 32m of the site.
  - The site zoned for agricultural purposes and is located outside the urban area of Caledon.

3. This Directorate has the following comments:

3.1. The Activity Description must include details of the following:

- 3.1.1 The footprint and capacity of the new septic tank system and the water treatment facility.
- 3.1.2 How much manure will be produced by the facility. The BAR states that manure will be used directly in the agricultural industry. However, it is unclear what is meant by this. Clarity is required whether manure (that will not be disposed of at the compost facility) will be collected and how often it will be collected.
- 3.1.3 Details of how many times the chicken houses will be cleaned must be provided.
- 3.1.4 It is further noted that the proposed development will include a water treatment facility. However, it is unclear whether this is intended for wastewater. No details have been provided regarding how wastewater will be disposed of.
- 3.1.5 The width, length and location of the new dirt roads.
- 3.1.6 A description of the handling and disposal of infectious mortalities.
- 3.1.7 The diameter and length of the proposed water supply line.
- 3.1.8 The transmission capacity of the proposed electricity supply line.

3.2. Since the proposed development is an expansion of the existing poultry facility, the following listed will be applicable:

Activity 40 of Listing Notice 1

*The expansion and related operation of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by-*

- (i) more than 1 000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area; or*
- (ii) more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.*

Please ensure that all subsequent documents include the correct listed activity.

3.3. Site Sensitivity Verification ("SSV")

3.3.1 The SSV Report indicates that the Terrestrial Biodiversity sensitivity is regarded as low. According to the Protocols, should the sensitivity be low, a compliance statement will be required. The SSV Report further indicates that no natural vegetation remains on the site and therefore no Terrestrial Compliance Statement will be required.

Please note that comment must be obtained from CapeNature regarding Biodiversity on the site.

**3.3.2 Further note that should any authority that have jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the proposed development request that further specialist studies be conducted, and where the request is supported by this Directorate, this must take precedence.**

3.4. Impacts

3.4.1 It is noted that not all impacts associated with the proposed development have been identified and assessed.

3.4.2 Potential groundwater pollution, odour and vectors impacts have not been identified and assessed.

3.4.3 Should this not require an assessment a motivation must be included in the BAR.

3.5. Water requirements and existing water rights

3.5.1 It is noted that the water use registration certificate is issued to Zonderend Valley Farms (Pty) Ltd. However, the applicant is Bapchix (Pty) Ltd.

3.5.2 Confirmation is required that the applicant has existing water use rights for the proposed development.

3.5.3 Furthermore, clarity is required regarding the current water usage by the facility or activities taking place on the Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, as well as the amount of water that will be required for the proposed development.

3.6. Confirmation of services

3.6.1 Confirmation is required that Eskom have sufficient, spare, unallocated capacity to provide the proposed development with electricity.

3.6.2 It is noted that septic tanks are proposed for sewage management. However, no information has been provided regarding the final disposal of the sewage or the capacity of the relevant facility or municipality to treat it. Confirmation is required whether the relevant company or municipality has sufficient capacity to treat the sewage.

3.7. Operational Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr")

3.7.1 Page 12 of the operational EMPr states, "Bio-security measures specific to the chicken rearing facility should be implemented at all times..." However, no specific measures have been included in the EMPr.

3.7.2 The EMPr does not address potential odour and vector impacts.

3.7.3 The EMPr must be updated to address the above. Specific mitigation and management measures must be included in the EMPr to address the above impacts.

3.8. Confirmation from the relevant water authority must be obtained as to whether a general authorisation or water use license application in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) is required.

3.9. It is noted that this Department's Directorate Air Quality Management has not been identified as an Interested and Affected Party. Please ensure that comment is obtained from this Directorate during your next round of public consultation.

3.10. Comments from the following authorities must be obtained and included in the BAR:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Water and Sanitation,
- CapeNature;
- DEADP: Waste Management;
- DEADP: Pollution and Chemicals Management; and
- Theewaterskloof Municipality.

3.11. You are reminded that a summary of the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") must be included and addressed in a comments and response report. As well as an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them.

3.12. Omission of any required information in terms of Appendices 1 and 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, with regards to the final submission of the BAR and EMPr, respectively to the Department, may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.

3.13. Be advised that an electronically signed and dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the final BAR to this Department for decision-making. It is important to note that by signing this declaration, the applicant is confirming that they are aware and have taken cognisance of the contents of the report submitted for decision-making. Furthermore, through signing this declaration, the applicant is making a commitment that they are both willing and able to implement the necessary mitigation, management and monitoring measures recommended within the report with respect to this application.

3.14. In addition to the above, please ensure that the electronically signed and dated Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") declaration is also submitted with the final BAR for decision-making.

3.15. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the Notice of Intent.

3.16. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Directorate.

4. This Directorate reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully

**pp HEAD OF COMPONENT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SERVICES: REGION 1**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

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### 3.5.20. Letter received via email from BOCMA



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REF: 4/10/2/H60G/GROOTVLEI 225 (REM) CALEDON  
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Attention: Olivia Brunings

**RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

With reference to the above-mentioned document received by this office with DEADP reference 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24 on the 16/04/2025 requesting comments.

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned report and has the following comments:

1. All relevant sections and regulations of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) regarding water use must be adhered.
2. Kindly provide an updated layout plan clearly indicating the location of all conservancy/septic tanks and associated infrastructure.
3. No use of surface water and/or storage of water is permitted, unless the applicant has formally obtained a license in terms of Section 41 of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) and/or formal authorisation in terms of General Authorisations issued under Section 39 (Government Notice 538 of 2016), and/or if it is authorised under Schedule 1 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) and/or if it is an Existing Lawful Water Use in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
4. Where the applicant has an existing lawful registered water use, used for agricultural purposes thus far, application should be made to the Responsible Authority to amend such use proportionally per annual volume for domestic, commercial, industrial and/or agricultural, if this is applicable.
5. No permanent structures maybe constructed within the regulated area of any watercourse (seasonal or permanent river, stream etc.), without firstly obtaining authorization in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
6. No stormwater runoff from any premises containing waste, or water containing waste emanating from industrial activities and premises may be discharged into a water resource. Polluted storm water must be contained.



7. All relevant sections and regulations of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 2008 (Act 59 of 2008) regarding the disposal of solid waste must be adhered to. Solid waste may only be disposed of onto an authorized solid waste facility in terms of abovementioned legislation.

This office reserves the right to amend and revise its comments as well as to request any further information.

The onus remains on the registered property owner to confirm adherence to any relevant legislation concerning the activities that might trigger and/or need authorization.

Please do not hesitate to contact the above official should there be any queries.

Yours faithfully

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**MR JAN VAN STADEN**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Acting)**

### 3.5.21. Letter received via email from CapeNature on 22 May 2025



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Attention: Olivia Brunings  
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Dear Ms. Brunings

**Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report for a Proposed Additional  
Poultry Rearing Facility on Remainder of Farm Grootvlei 225, Caledon  
(DEA&DP ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24)**

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application and would like to make the following comments. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application.

The proposed footprint for the additional poultry rearing facility is mapped as No Natural in the 2023 Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan. There is a non-perennial river mapped directly to the south of the footprint with an in-stream dam and an associated channelled valley bottom wetland. The crop census layer on CapeFarmMapper for 2013, 2017 and 2023 maps the footprint as cultivated lands for livestock fodder.

The results from the screening tool indicate very high sensitivity for terrestrial biodiversity, medium sensitivity for animal species and low sensitivity for aquatic biodiversity and plant species.

The site sensitivity verification report indicates that no specialist studies were undertaken to address terrestrial biodiversity as there is no natural habitat remaining as described above and evident in the photos of the site and also applies to the plant species theme. While the protocols state that a compliance statement is required for verified low sensitivity, if there is evidence that a site is completely transformed, we do not consider it necessary to be verified by a specialist.

The Western Cape Nature Conservation Board trading as **CapeNature**  
Board Members: Ms Marguerite Loubser (Chairperson), Prof Gavin Maneveldt (Vice Chairperson), Mr Tom Blok, Mr Mervyn Burton, Ms Reyhana Gani, Dr Colin Johnson, Ms Ayanda Mvandaba, Prof Nicolaas Olivier, Mr Paul Slack

An aquatic biodiversity compliance statement was compiled to address the aquatic biodiversity theme in accordance with the protocols. It should further be noted that there is very high sensitivity mapped directly to the south associated with the features described above.

For the animal species theme, the same argument is presented as for the terrestrial biodiversity theme that the habitat is transformed and therefore no specialist studies were undertaken. One species was flagged as medium sensitivity, namely a grasshopper species. We wish to note that 4.6 of the protocols for the animal species theme states that “where SCC are found on site or have been confirmed to be likely present, a Terrestrial Animal Species Specialist Assessment must be submitted in accordance with the requirements specified for “very high” and “high” sensitivity in this protocol.”

With regards to the above, while the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) may not have encountered any species of conservation concern (SCC) on site, in the NEMA Section 24G process for the existing poultry rearing facility undertaken in 2024, the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) informed the EAP and CapeNature that there are at least three breeding pairs of Blue Crane (*Anthropoides paradiseus*) on the adjacent property to the north east (Farm 752). The proposed footprint borders on to the footprint and is relatively close to the nests according to the map provided and the species likely is encountered on the footprint. Blue Cranes are SANBI listed as near threatened on a national level and IUCN listed as vulnerable on an international level and is therefore an SCC. In accordance with the protocols an animal species assessment should be undertaken.

The aquatic biodiversity compliance statement included wetland delineation according to the standard best practice methodology. The delineated wetland is similar to the mapping of the National Wetland Map, if slightly reduced. The wetland is situated within a cultivated land which has resulted in the complete loss of wetland habitat and has also affected the soil structure. While the wetland was not visible during the site visit in the dry season the historical aerial imagery clearly depicts typical wetland/water flow characteristics.

The wetland is rated as seriously modified (E) present ecological state and low ecological importance and sensitivity. All components of the proposed development have been located outside of the 32 m buffer from the wetland and in-stream dam. As it is a compliance statement, impacts tables are not provided. A number of mitigation measures are provided, many related to water quality impacts, particularly during the operational phase.

It is noted that the proposal for the poultry raising facility is the same as for the existing facility which was subject to the NEMA Section 24G application, including that it will be a free-ranging facility and the carcasses will be disposed of at the same composting site. The concerns raised regarding the operations of the facility are equally relevant to this application as the S24G application. The responses regarding biosecurity included bird proofing of the poultry houses to ensure no access for wild birds, monitoring and testing and reporting and compliance. The

biosecurity measures should be provided to the faunal specialist. The existing composting facility on site will be used for disposal of carcasses and solid waste from the site.

A separate appendix describes the services for the facility. Stormwater management is not included in the appendix but is briefly described in the Basic Assessment Report. Confirmation must be provided that apart from the poultry houses and other structures/buildings and roads, the intervening areas will all be vegetated. A vegetated surface will attenuate run-off and absorb nutrients thereby minimizing any impact on the nearby watercourse. The Construction Phase and Operational Phase Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs) address most of the required mitigation measures but must be comprehensive. Mitigation measures must be in place to prevent contamination from fuel for the generator.

In conclusion, CapeNature recommends that a faunal specialist study is required in accordance with the protocols. The outcomes of the aquatic biodiversity compliance statement are supported, however the EMPrs must be comprehensive.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Regards

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For: Manager: Landscape Conservation Intelligence South

The Western Cape Nature Conservation Board trading as **CapeNature**

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3.5.22. Letter received via email from DEADP Directorate Pollution and Chemicals Management on 22 May 2025



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**ENQUIRIES:** Gunther Frantz

**DATE: 22 May 2025**

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**PER EMAIL**

Dear Madam

**COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI, NO. 225, CALEDON**

The Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management (D: PCM) acknowledges receipt of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) on 16 April 2025. Please find comment from the D: PCM as follows:

1. It is mentioned on page 3 of 53 in the DBAR that high-pressure wash water will be used to clean pens. It is further mentioned (page 38 of 53) that wash water from the units will be suitably contained and disposed of to prevent contamination of stormwater. It is unclear from the DBAR how wash water will be contained and how it will be disposed of. Please provide more details on the wash water/wastewater management from the cleaning of chicken pens.
2. Further to the above, if any wash water is contained/stored in a retention pond or similar feature, such feature should be indicated on the Site Development Plan (SDP).
3. Staff housing and ablution facilities will be connected to a septic tank system (page 13 of 53). Please provide more details about the size/capacity of the septic tank system and whether the septic tank will be able to accept the total anticipated sewage flow from housing and ablution facilities.
4. Confirmation should be provided, whether the municipality or a private service provider will be responsible for the servicing of the septic tank, when it has reached capacity.

Please direct any enquiries to Gunther Frantz should you require clarity on the comments provided.

The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.

Yours faithfully,

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**MS NATASHA DAVIS-WOLMARANS**  
**DIRECTOR: POLLUTION AND CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT**

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#### 4. First in-process PPP

##### 4.1. Proof that the Draft BAR and supporting documentation was available for download from the PHS website:

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Paul Slabbert  
Oct 20 2025

# BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON

Amended Draft BAR: Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon  
DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25  
Closing date for comment: **19 November 2025**

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## 4.2. Proof that the Draft BAR on a USB was delivered to the Department of Agriculture on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2025

**PROOF OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT USB FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**  
DEA&DP Ref: 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25

**Applicant:** Bapchix (Pty) Lt

**Application for authorization to competent authorities to undertake the following activities:**

NEMA Listed Activities Applied for (to DEA&DP: Development Management):

**Listing Notice 1 (R327):**

**Activity 40:** The expansion and related operation of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by—

- (i) more than 1 000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area; or
- (ii) **more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.**

**Commenting period:** The Amended Draft Basic Assessment Report is available for comment from 21 October 2025 up to and inclusive of 19 November 2025.

**Department of Agriculture Provincial Government of the Western Cape Confirmation of Receipt on 20 October 2025:**

Name: *Margot Louwens*  
Signature: *M. Louwens*

**Consultant Contact Information:**



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#### 4.3. Written Notice Provided to I&APs dated 20 October 2025



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

**DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25**

20 October 2025

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations as promulgated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998 NEMA), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations 2014, as amended.

**Project Name:** Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility RE Grootvlei No.225, Caledon.

**Listed NEMA Activities Applied for:**

**Listing Notice 1 (R327):**

**Activity 40:** The expansion and related operation of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by—

- (i) more than 1 000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area; or
- (ii) **more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.**

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be submitted to Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) to carry out the following:

**Nature and Location of Activity:** The proposed development entails the development of an additional poultry rearing facility on the Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No.225, Caledon. The proposed development property is approximately 317ha in extent and is located approximately 15 kilometres northeast of Caledon and approximately 3 kilometres north of the N2 with access via a dirt road. The development is proposed in the northeastern portion of the property and will be approximately 5,5ha in extent.

**Name of Proponent:** Bapchix (Pty) Ltd

**Availability of report and opportunity to participate:** A Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR), EMPr and technical documentation will be available on our website [www.phsconsulting.co.za](http://www.phsconsulting.co.za) for 30 days from 21 October 2025 up to and inclusive of 19 November 2025. Interested and/or affected parties are welcome to register and lodge comments, queries or

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issues to PHS CONSULTING on or before 19 November 2025 via the contact details provided below. Please note that all information submitted by I&APs will become public information, unless otherwise protected by law. Furthermore, can adjacent landowners, please inform their tenants/farm workers and/or provide the EAP with the necessary contact details.

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Registration / comment period: 21 October 2025 up to and inclusive of 19 November 2025.

*You are receiving communication from us for professional reasons or as Interested and Affected Party only.*

*The Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) requires that we protect your information and that we obtain your consent to communicate with you in the future.*

*If you wish to be removed from any data list, simply state so or we will remove your detail after a project is completed. Note we will use your personal information confidentially and professionally.*

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### 4.3.1. Proof of Communication to State Departments on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2025

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**Cc:** 'paul@phsconsulting.co.za'; 'rossphilip@mweb.co.za'  
**Subject:** Notice of Public Participation - Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon (DEADP Ref:16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25 )  
**Attachments:** IAP Written Notice Grootvlei 20 October 2025 \_ Grootvlei BAR.pdf

Dear Interested and Affected Party

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations as promulgated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998 NEMA), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations 2014, as amended for the proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on the remainder of farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon (DEADP ref: 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25)

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Please find attached notification letter to all I&APs for further information on the public participation process.

An amended draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR), EMPR and supporting information will be available on our website [www.phsconsulting.co.za](http://www.phsconsulting.co.za) from 21 October 2025 up to and including 19 November 2025.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information.

Should you not wish to comment please indicate by return email.

Regards  
**Olivia Brunings**  
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You are receiving communication from us for professional reasons or as Interested and Affected Party only. The Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) requires that we protect your information and that we obtain your consent to communicate with you in the future. If you wish to be removed from any data list, simply state so, or we will remove your detail after a project is completed. Note we will use your personal information confidentially and professionally.

#### 4.3.2. Proof of Communication to IAPs & Adjacent Landowners on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2025

Notice of Public Participation - Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon (DEADP Ref:16/3/3/1...)

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Mon 2025/10/20 14:57

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#### 4.3.3. Proof of Communication to DEADP on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

**From:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 October 2025 17:03  
**To:** 'Bernadette Osborne'  
**Cc:** 'Melanese.Schippers@westerncape.gov.za'; 'paul@phsconsulting.co.za'  
**Subject:** RE: Notice of Public Participation - Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon (DEADP Ref:16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25 )

Good day Bernadette,

The above project refers - DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25

The application draft BAR 30-day public participation period starts on 21 October 2025 and runs up to and inclusive of 19 November 2025.

Please find the dropbox link to download the documentation below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/vrukvo9ejp92gx6jzym3h/ADNrFFeKRL1bHzVF8xRnfWM?rlkey=sksclmhtuwnjzy43fw4y4ti40&st=5cyc0tv&dl=0>

Please confirm once you have downloaded the documents successfully – there are 31 documents in total.

Kind regards  
**Olivia Brunings**  
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**From:** Bernadette Osborne <Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 October 2025 15:01  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Subject:** RE: Notice of Public Participation - Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon (DEADP Ref:16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25 )

Good day Olivia,

Please provide a link from which all the documents can be downloaded simultaneously.

Thank you,  
Bernadette

#### 4.4.In Process IAP Registrations

In-Process IAP Registrations			
Contact Person	Stakeholder Organisation	Date of Comment	Email Address
Bernadette Osborne	DEADP Directorate: Development Management, Region 1	23 October 2025 & 19 November 2025	Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za DEADPEIAadmin@westerncape.gov.za
Vhengani Ligudu	BOCMA	13 November 2025	VLigudu@bocma.co.za CRautenbach@bocma.co.za nlesele@bocma.co.za
Rhett Smart	CapeNature	19 November 2025	rsmart@capenature.co.za vhudson@capenature.co.za
Jan-Willem du Plessis	Farm 752 Môreson	19 November 2025	
George de Kok	Driefontein 386	19 November 2025	
Etienne Roux	DEADP Air Quality	24 November 2025	Etienne.Roux@westerncape.gov.za DEADP.AQM@westerncape.gov.za
Application Manager	Western Cape Roads Infrastructure	24 November 2025	applications@westerncaperoadsinfrastructure.org.za

## 4.5. Comments Received during the In Process PPP Phase (21 October 2025 – 19 November 2025)

### 4.5.1. Letter received via email from DEADP via email on 23 October 2025

 **Western Cape Government**

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
**Bernadette Osborne**  
Directorate: Development Management, Region 1  
Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za | Tel: 021 483 3679

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**REFERENCE:** 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25  
**DATE:** 23 October 2025

The Board of Directors  
Bapchix (Pty) Ltd.  
PO Box 599  
**CALEDON**  
7280

**Attention: Mr. Ross Philip**      Cell: 083 273 8376  
E-mail: rossphilip@mweb.co.za

Dear Sir

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE APPLICATION FORM AND THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT ("BAR") IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AND THE 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL CHICKEN HOUSES ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON.**

1. The electronic copy of the Application Form received by the Department's Directorate: Development Management, Region 1 ("this Directorate") on 15 October 2025, and the electronic copy of the Draft BAR received by this Directorate on 20 October 2025, refer.
2. This letter serves as acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned documents.
3. Please note that since an application has been lodged with this Directorate, the pre-application file (DEA&DP Reference: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24) has been closed for administrative purposes.
4. Following the review of the information submitted to this Directorate, the following is noted:
  - The proposed development will entail an additional poultry facility and associated infrastructure on the Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No, 225, Caledon.
  - The poultry facility will include ten chicken houses, staff housing and ablution facilities with a septic tank, an office, a loading bay, a shaving shed, a water treatment facility, a generator room, internal access routes of less than 8m wide and a biosecurity access control point.
  - Each chicken house will house a maximum of 16 500 chickens, making a total of 165 000 chickens at the poultry facility.

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Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

- The proposed development will have a development footprint of approximately 51 300m<sup>2</sup>.
- No indigenous vegetation remains on the site.
- No watercourses are located on or within 32m of the site.
- The site zoned for agricultural purposes and is located outside the urban area of Caledon.

5. Please note that this Directorate will consider the Draft BAR and issue a comment within the prescribed 30-day commenting period which ends on 19 November 2025.
6. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
7. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Directorate. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
8. This Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw initial comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

**PP HEAD OF COMPONENT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT SERVICES: REGION 1**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Cc: (1) Mr. Paul Slabbert (PHS Consulting)  
 (2) Ms. Olivia Brunings (PHS Consulting)  
 (3) Mr. Johan Viljoen (Theewaterskloof Municipality)

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#### 4.5.2. Letter received via email from DEADP via email on 19 November 2025



Western Cape  
Government

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
**Bernadette Osborne**  
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**REFERENCE:** 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25  
**DATE OF ISSUE:** 19 November 2025

The Board of Directors  
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Attention: Mr. Ross Philip

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Dear Sir

#### **COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT ("BAR") IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CHICKEN HOUSES ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON.**

1. The electronic copy of the Draft BAR received by this Directorate on 20 October 2025 and this Directorate's acknowledgement thereof issued on 23 October 2025, refer.
2. According to the information submitted to this Directorate, it is noted that the proposal entails the following:
  - The proposed development will entail an additional poultry facility and associated infrastructure on the Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon.
  - The poultry facility will include ten chicken houses, staff housing and ablution facilities with a septic tank, an office, a loading bay, a shaving shed, a water treatment facility, a generator room, internal access routes of less than 8m wide and a biosecurity access control point.
  - Each chicken house will house 16 500 chickens, making a total of 165 000 chickens at the poultry facility.
  - The proposed development will have a development footprint of approximately 51 300m<sup>2</sup>.
  - No indigenous vegetation remains on the site.
  - No watercourses are located on or within 32m of the site.
  - The site zoned for agricultural purposes and is located outside the urban area of Caledon.

3. This Directorate has the following comments:

- 3.1. The transmission capacity of the proposed electricity supply line must be included in the Final BAR. The start, middle, and end coordinates of the electricity line must also be provided. Please ensure that all impacts associated with the electricity line route are fully assessed and reported in the Final BAR.
- 3.2. The peak throughput capacity of the water pipeline must be included in the Final BAR, as well as confirmation of whether it will be placed within an existing road reserve. The start, middle, and end coordinates of the water pipeline must also be provided. Please ensure that all impacts associated with the water pipeline route are assessed and reported in the Final BAR.
- 3.3. It is noted that the site development plan refers to a stormwater ingress area and the EMPr indicates that perimeter drainage channels will be developed to capture nutrient rich runoff. However, no details of this have been included in the activity description. The activity description must be amended to include details of all the components of the proposed development.
- 3.4. The EMPr and the comments and response report indicate that road widening at key points for safe passing will be implemented. However, details regarding the locations and whether this will constitute any listed activities have not been provided. These details must be included in the Final BAR, and all impacts associated with the proposed road widening must be assessed and reported in the Final BAR.
- 3.5. The EMPr indicates, as a mitigation measure for manure management, that all manure must be swept back into the chicken houses each evening. Clarity is required on whether this refers to manure from the outside areas, and if so, whether this is practically feasible. Furthermore, the EMPr states that wash water must not leave the chicken houses. Clarity must be provided on how this will be managed, as no provision has been made for containing potential runoff. There is also no guarantee that all wash water will evaporate, as suggested in the BAR.
- 3.6. It was indicated that Infected mortalities will be managed and disposed of under strict guidance of the state veterinarian. If it will be taken to a hazardous waste site, written confirmation of sufficient capacity at the hazardous waste site should be obtained and included in the Final BAR.
- 3.7. The email correspondence from Eskom does not confirm whether sufficient, spare unallocated capacity is available to supply the proposed development with electricity. Written confirmation from Eskom is required to verify that adequate, spare unallocated capacity is available for the proposed development.

- 3.8. Comment from the following State Departments must be obtained and included in the Final BAR:
  - Department of Agriculture: Veterinary Services;
  - Western Cape Department of Agriculture; and
  - DEADP: Air quality.
- 3.9. You are reminded that a summary of the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") must be included and addressed in a comments and response report. As well as an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them.
- 3.10. Omission of any required information in terms of Appendices 1 and 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, with regards to the final submission of the BAR and EMPr, respectively to the Department, may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.
- 3.11. Be advised that an electronically signed and dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the final BAR to this Department for decision-making. It is important to note that by signing this declaration, the applicant is confirming that they are aware and have taken cognisance of the contents of the report submitted for decision-making. Furthermore, through signing this declaration, the applicant is making a commitment that they are both willing and able to implement the necessary mitigation, management and monitoring measures recommended within the report with respect to this application.
- 3.12. In addition to the above, please ensure that the electronically signed and dated declarations of the EAP and specialists is submitted with the Final BAR for decision-making.
- 3.13. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this application.
- 3.14. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Directorate.

4. This Directorate reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully

**pp HEAD OF COMPONENT**  
**DIRECTORATE: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (REGION 1)**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

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#### 4.5.3. Letter received via email from BOCMA via email dated 13 November 2025



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REF: 4/10/2/H60G/GROOTVLEI 225 (REM) CALEDON

DATE: 13/11/2025

PHS CONSULTING  
P. O. Box 1752  
Hermanus  
7200

Attention: Olivia Brunings

**RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

With reference to the above-mentioned document received by this office with DEADP reference 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25 on the 20/10/2025 requesting comments.

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned report and has the following comments:

1. All relevant sections and regulations of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) regarding water use must be adhered.
2. This office has confirmed a General Authorisation (WU43613) in terms of Section 39 of the National Water Act, 1998, for the proposed development. The General Authorisation applies to water uses under Section 21(c) and (i), as published in Government Gazette No. 49833 dated 08 December 2023.
3. All relevant sections and regulations of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 2014 (Act 26 of 2014) regarding the disposal of solid waste must be adhered.
4. The composting facility must be routinely inspected for cracks, blockages, or signs of leakage. Any defects must be promptly repaired to maintain structural integrity and environmental compliance.
5. The facility activities must be managed to avoid over-saturation and excessive moisture buildup.
6. No stormwater runoff from any premises containing waste, or water containing waste emanating from industrial activities and premises may be discharged into a water resource. Polluted storm water must be contained.

This office reserves the right to amend and revise its comments as well as to request any further information.



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The onus remains on the registered property owner to confirm adherence to any relevant legislation concerning the activities that might trigger and/or need authorization.

Please do not hesitate to contact the above official should there be any queries.

Yours faithfully

*Liquduwc*

**MR JAN VAN STADEN**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Acting)

#### 4.5.4. Letter received via email from CapeNature via email dated 19 November 2025



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reference	LS14/2/6/1/7/4/225_poultry_Caledon
date	19 November 2025

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Attention: Olivia Brunings  
By email: [olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)

Dear Ms. Brunings

**Draft Basic Assessment Report for a Proposed Additional Poultry Rearing Facility on Remainder of Farm Grootvlei 225, Caledon  
(DEA&DP ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24)**

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application and would like to make the following comments. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application.

CapeNature indicated in our comments on the Pre-Application Basic Assessment Report that an animal species specialist study is required in accordance with the protocols. This was due to the confirmed presence of an animal species of conservation concern within the study area, namely breeding pairs of Blue Cranes (*Anthropoides paradiseus*) on the neighbouring property, as confirmed by the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT).

A faunal assessment: site sensitivity verification and compliance statement was accordingly undertaken. The site sensitivity verification indicates that although the screening tool indicates a medium sensitivity for a grasshopper species listed as vulnerable, this species is restricted to natural habitat and there is no natural habitat remaining within the development footprint. Although not explicitly stated, it is therefore interpreted that the site sensitivity is low (or less) and therefore a compliance statement was compiled.

With regards to the potential impact on the Blue Cranes it is recommended that the cultivation of grain, fodder and oilseed crops in the surrounding areas is more likely to have an impact on the species than the proposed poultry facility and therefore there will not be any significant impact.

The Western Cape Nature Conservation Board trading as **CapeNature**  
Board Members: Ms Marguerite Loubser (Chairperson), Prof Gavin Maneveldt (Vice Chairperson), Mr Tom Blok, Mr Mervyn Burton, Ms Reyhana Gani, Dr Colin Johnson, Ms Ayanda Mvandaba, Prof Nicolaas Olivier, Mr Paul Slack

Confirmation is also provided that the same biosecurity measures will be implemented for the proposed facility as the current facility and will therefore not impact on any wild bird populations.

With regards to management of stormwater, all potentially nutrient enriched run-off will be captured in perimeter drainage channels where settling of nutrients can occur. The intervening areas will be vegetated to further attenuate run-off and capture nutrients as advised and has been included in the Environmental Management Programme.

In conclusion, CapeNature is satisfied that all concerns have been addressed and has not objection to the application provided mitigation measures are implemented.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Regards

Rhett Smart  
For: Manager: Landscape Conservation Intelligence South

#### 4.5.5. Email received from Jan-Willem du Plessis dated 19 November 2025

**Olivia Brunings**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 November 2025 17:57  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Comment on purposed broiler development Grootvlei farm 225

Good day

I would like to comment on the PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON

Wetland on farm 752 Môreson;

1. The aquatic assessment was done by staff of PHS CONSULTING. Is it not against EIA regulations for the EAP consultancy doing the Basic Assessment to do specialist opinions?
2. The aquatic study fails to provide details on the site assessment and how the watercourses were identified and delineated onsite. It is indicated that "no visible wetland indicators were present during the site visit". How is that possible even though several watercourse features are acknowledged to be present on imagery (e.g. Figure 7, Figure 17 and "aerial imagery (Figure 15 & Figure 17) reveal hydrological signatures indicative of a diffuse aquatic feature. The local topography, along with desktop evidence of diffuse hydrological signatures and channelled flow support the classification of the feature as a degraded CVB wetland" )?
3. Therefore, please provide
  - a. Please provide coordinates of sampling sites of the field visit of 7 February 2025  
These coordinates should be for both the sampling sites to  
identify watercourse presence  
delineate watercourse boundary  
determine the ecological status of the watercourse
  - b. descriptions at these sites and their soil form and soil hydromorphic features.

If not done then how can this report be a reliable and independent professional opinion?

4. Please provide evidence of studies done on the rest of this valleybottom wetland and potential impacts on it and the downstream Kwartel River in term of potential pollution impacts. Specifically please also address how poultry carcasses will be disposed of.
5. Lastly: a farm dam is located in the headwaters of this valleybottom wetland close to the proposed poultry development. It is perennial (fed by the wetland) and is a magnet for various and often large numbers of waterfowl. Given that it is acknowledged that waterfowl is a vector for avian influenza is it
  - a. wise to locate this facility so close to the dam? And
  - b. how will the risk of cross-contamination be addressed?

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**Best Regards / Groete**

**Jan-Willem du Plessis**

#### 4.5.6. Email received from Jan-Willem du Plessis dated 19 November 2025

##### **Olivia Brunings**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 November 2025 19:17  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Comment on proposed poultry development  
**Attachments:** 75274 (1).jpg

Good day

I would like to comment on the PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON

1. It is stated in the report that the wetland is damaged and all under agricultural use but there is a fenced off protected area in the wetland. This will not be known to PHS consulting as there was no one on farm 752 to inspect this during the whole EIA process.

2. Site notice was never placed onsite but rather on the other end of the title deed. Notice is very small and unnoticeable.

3. Economic impact. The new development will interfere with aerial spraying as it is so close to grain fields of farm 752. It poses risk for chickens and aerial spraying will be less effective as the aerial spray equipment will have to spray from much higher positions than before the development, thus making the spray ineffective or far less effective. Structures like feed silos will cause the airplanes to spray from very high up.

The new development will be right in front of the Klein Swartberg when viewed from Môreson farm. This will have a severely negative impact on the farm's potential to get a tourist income as the new development will obstruct the beautiful Klein Swartberg view.

4. Blue Cranes, I have never received the specialists that was appointed by PHS Consulting on Môreson farm where the nesting sites are registered. Not all land on Môreson farm is under very intensive agriculture, there are areas where the Blue Cranes stay. As seen in the attached photo. The Blue cranes nest in the grain fields after they have been cut and feed on harvest residue after the harvest, including the fields next to the proposed development site. Further studies need to be undertaken. Some of the comments are assumptions in my opinion.

In the attached photo Blue Cranes can be seen feeding in the wetland that is downstream from the proposed development. Posing a great risk as there were over 200 on that day.

5. Road 4123.

It is stated in the comments that Road 4123 is a secondary entry to Môreson farm. This is not true, it is the primary entry road to Môreson farm 752 and sometimes the only entry road. The process of deproclaiming the road has been halted and not finished thus making it a public road still.

6. It is stated in the comments that the visual effect of the development will be mitigated and that the neighbours have agreed, this is not true rather the mitigation options were proposed but the neighbours were firm that they wanted the development on another

site out of view. The development will look nothing like the neighbouring farmsteads , it is also much larger and on a hilltop contrary to surrounding farmsteads.

7. Smell. It is stated in the comments that the houses are too far off for bad smells. Given the right strong wind smells can be carried far and as it is right next to our farm entrance, the bad odors will be smelled daily by entering and leaving the farm. Not to mention the surrounding agricultural activities.

Thank you

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**Best Regards / Groete**

**Jan-Willem du Plessis**

#### 4.5.7. Email received from George de Kok dated 19 November 2025

##### **Olivia Brunings**

**From:** Wednesday, 19 November 2025 19:19  
**Sent:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**To:** Poultry farm Grootvlei no 225, Caledon  
**Subject:**

I would like to register an objection to the development mentioned for the following reasons.

- 1) Lack of sufficient water- The operation at Grootvlei is water intensive and reliant on unsustainable usage of the subterranean reservoir situated under the Klein Swartberg mountain. During periods of sustained droughts the springs on which sustainable farming practices have relied since even before the permanent settlement of European settlers, become under immense strain and during 2019 dried up. Allowing for the further exploitation of this reservoir would be hugely irresponsible. Sinking of additional boreholes to satisfy the greed of one producer at the expense of many cannot be allowed unopposed.
- 2) Additional traffic on the dirt road connecting the N2 to Grootvlei cause structural damage to my house (build in 2024)

My farming operation is adjacent to Grootvlei at Driefontein 386, Caledon

I am looking forward to your response.

Kind regards  
George de Kock



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#### 4.5.8. Letter received via email from DEADP: Air Quality via email dated 24 November 2025



**Western Cape  
Government**

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
**Etienne Roux**  
Directorate: Air Quality Management  
Etienne.Roux@westerncape.gov.za | Tel: 021 483 8378

**REFERENCE:** 19/4/4/1/BT1 (FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON)

**ENQUIRIES:** Etienne Roux

**For Attention:** Ms Olivia Brunings

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P.O Box 1752  
**HERMANUS**  
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**COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR), ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr), FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

Dear Madam

The Directorate: Air Quality Management (hereafter 'the Directorate') has reviewed the above-mentioned documentation (hereafter 'the Report'), dated October 2025, which was received by the Directorate on 20 October 2025.

The Directorate has reviewed the documentation and has the following comments on the draft BAR and EMPr in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act No. 39 of 2004 (NEM: AQA):

**1. Dust Management**

- 1.1 Dust generated from all the activities of the facility must comply with the NEM: AQA, National Dust Control Regulations (Government Notice No. R. 827) of 1 November 2013.
  - 1.1.1 These regulations prohibit a person from conducting any activity in such a way as to give rise to dust in such quantities and concentrations that the dust, or dust fallout, has a detrimental effect on the environment, including human health.
- 1.2 The Directorate recommends that:
  - 1.2.1 dust suppression methods be implemented through a dust monitoring programme/fugitive dust control plan.
  - 1.2.2 all dust emission mitigation measures should be implemented as per the EMPr.

## **2. Noise Management**

- 2.1 Operational activities on site in the form of construction equipment like large vehicles and other machinery being used for construction, may cause significant noise during the construction phase.
- 2.2 Noise generated from all the proposed activities and phases must comply with the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations (P.N. 200/2013).
- 2.3 The Directorate recommends that:
  - 2.3.1 construction activities be conducted during the day-time hours, so as to avoid any night-time disturbance.
  - 2.3.2 measures to monitor, minimise and prevent noise should be implemented as per the EMPr.

## **3. Odour Management**

- 3.1 The activities that are being conducted at the facility have a potential of generating odour emissions which may cause odour nuisance if not monitored and mitigated.
- 3.2 The applicant is reminded of Section 35 (2) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act No. 39 of 2004 (NEM: AQA), which states that "The occupier of any premises must take all reasonable steps to prevent the emission of any offensive odour caused by any activity on such premises".
- 3.3 The Directorate recommends the following in respect of odour management:
  - 3.3.1 All possible odours that may be emitted to the atmosphere from activities of the facility are recommended to be monitored and mitigated strictly as per EMPr.
  - 3.3.2 measures to monitor, minimise and prevent noise should be strictly implemented as per the EMPr.

## **4 General**

- 4.1 Kindly be advised that the Air Quality Officer (AQO) for the Theewaterskloof Municipality (Mr. Johan Viljoen) must also be engaged regarding the proposed activity as it falls within his jurisdictional area. Mr. Viljoen can be reached on 028 214 3300 or [johanvi@twk.gov.za](mailto:johanvi@twk.gov.za).
- 4.2 The Department would like to draw your attention to Section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA), i.e. "Duty of Care" which states that:  
*"Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorized by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimize and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment."*
- 4.3 Please note that the above-mentioned comments/recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application.
- 4.4 No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by the DEA&DP, D: AQM should in any way be seen as an indication or confirmation:
  - 4.4.1 that additional information or documents will not be requested; or
  - 4.4.2 of the outcome of any application submitted to the authorities.

4.5 Kindly be informed that the D: AQM reserves the right to review the above-mentioned comments, should additional information come to light.

Please contact Etienne Roux ([Etienne.Roux@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Etienne.Roux@westerncape.gov.za)) should you have any further queries in this regard.

Please note that D: AQM has a dedicated email address reserved for all EIA-related correspondences, [DEADP.AQM@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:DEADP.AQM@westerncape.gov.za). Kindly use this email for any future correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

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**Etienne Roux**  
**Head of Component: Air Quality Regulatory Services**

#### 4.5.9. Email received from Western Cape Roads Infrastructure dated 24 November 2025

##### **Olivia Brunings**

**From:** Application Manager <applications@westerncaperoadsinfrastructure.org.za>  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 November 2025 22:12  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Subject:** Application for the submission of a property environmental study for comment - App No: 2025-11-0083

Dear PHS Consulting

The message below refers to your application for the submission of a property environmental study for comment (Application No - 2025-11-0083) submitted to the Western Cape Government on 2025/10/19:

**Properties related to the application :**

- Portion 0 of Farm GROOT VALLEY 225, CALEDON

The matter is receiving attention, and further communication will be addressed to you as soon as circumstances permit.

Best Regards,  
Western Cape Government



**Note:**

*Please ensure that you reply to this email when corresponding with us and that the application number is correctly contained in the subject line in the format App No: xxxx-xx-xxxx. Emails without this number correctly added to the subject line will not be monitored or received.*

## 5. Second in-process PPP

### 5.1. Proof that the Amended Draft BAR and supporting documentation was available for download from the PHS website:

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Paul Slabbert  
Oct 20 2025

# **BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

Amended Draft BAR: Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on RE/225 Grootvlei, Caledon

DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25

Closing date for comment: **23 January 2026**

Please select below which document you wish to download:

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- [Appendix F1 - Public Participation Information](#)
- [Appendix F2 - Comments and Response Report Grootvlei BAR](#)
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- [Appendix G2 - Aquatic Biodiversity Compliance Statement and Risk Assessment](#)
- [Appendix G3 - Vistual Statement](#)
- [Appendix G4 - Faunal Sensitivity Report](#)
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- [Appendix H2 - OEMPr - Grootvlei Poultry Rearing Facility](#)
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- [Appendix I2 - Site Sensitivity Verification Report Grootvlei BAR](#)
- [Appendix J - Impact and Risk Assessment](#)
- [Appendix K - Need and Desirability](#)
- [Appendix L - Water Use Registrations for Zonderend Valley Farm \(Pty\)](#)
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## 5.2. Written Notice Provided to I&APs dated 1 December 2025



### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON

DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25

1 December 2025

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations as promulgated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998 NEMA), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations 2014, as amended.

**Project Name:** Proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility RE Grootvlei No.225, Caledon.

**Listed NEMA Activities Applied for:**

**Listing Notice 1 (R327):**

**Activity 40:** The expansion and related operation of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by—

- (i) more than 1 000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area; or
- (ii) more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be submitted to Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) to carry out the following:

**Nature and Location of Activity:** The proposed development entails the development of an additional poultry rearing facility on the Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No.225, Caledon. The proposed development property is approximately 317ha in extent and is located approximately 15 kilometres northeast of Caledon and approximately 3 kilometres north of the N2 with access via a dirt road. The development is proposed in the northeastern portion of the property and will be approximately 5,5ha in extent.

**Name of Proponent:** Bapchix (Pty) Ltd

**Availability of report and opportunity to participate:** An Amended Basic Assessment Report (BAR), EMPr and technical documentation will be available on our website [www.phsconsulting.co.za](http://www.phsconsulting.co.za) for 30 days from 2 December 2025 up to and inclusive of 23 January 2026. Extension for the commenting period over the festive season has been allowed for. Interested

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PAUL SLABBERT | Managing Member | B Art Et Scien; (IAIA & AHAP)  
Fynbosland 323 CC t/a PHS Consulting Reg 2005/081216/23

and/or affected parties are welcome to register and lodge comments, queries or issues to PHS CONSULTING on or before 23 January 2026 via the contact details provided below. Please note that all information submitted by I&APs will become public information, unless otherwise protected by law. Furthermore, can adjacent landowners, please inform their tenants/farm workers and/or provide the EAP with the necessary contact details.

**EAP Contact Information:**

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PO Box 1752, Hermanus, 7200  
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Registration / comment period: 2 December 2025 up to and inclusive of 23 January 2026.

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*You are receiving communication from us for professional reasons or as Interested and Affected Party only.*

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## 5.2.1. Proof of Communication to State Departments on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025

### **Olivia Brunings**

**From:** Olivia Brunings <olivia@phsconsulting.co.za>  
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**Cc:** 'paul@phsconsulting.co.za'; 'rossphilip@mweb.co.za'  
**Subject:** Notification of 30-Day Public Participation Period – Amended Basic Assessment Report: Proposed Additional Poultry Rearing Facility on Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon (DEADP Ref: 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25)  
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Kind regards  
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Candidate Natural Scientist (154065)  
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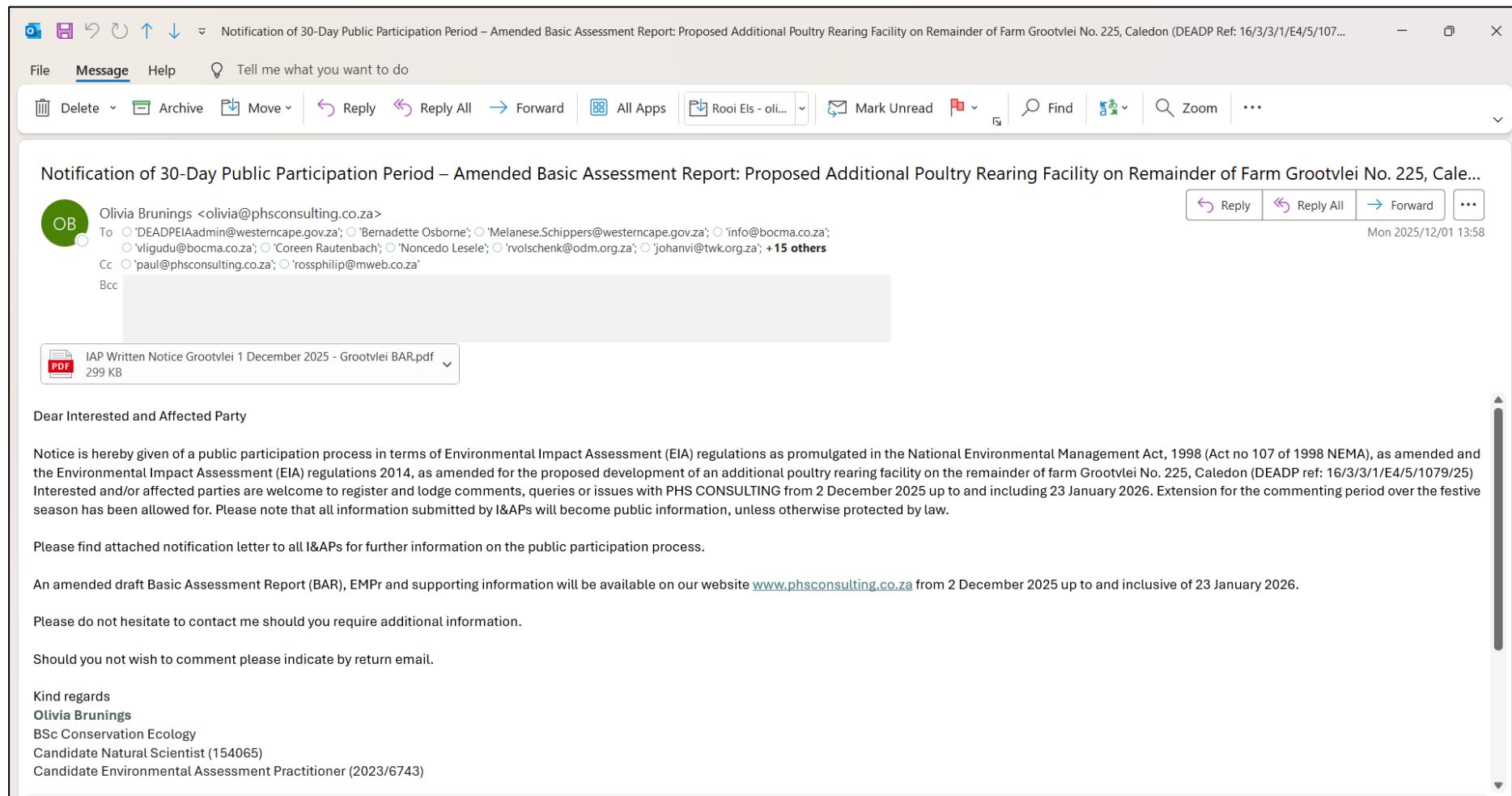
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## 5.2.2. Proof of Communication to IAPs & Adjacent Landowners on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025



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**Subject:** Notification of 30-Day Public Participation Period – Amended Basic Assessment Report - Proposed Additional Poultry Rearing Facility on Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon (DEADP Ref: 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25)

Good day Bernadette,

The above project refers - DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25.

The amended draft BAR 30-day public participation period starts on 2 December 2025 and runs up to and inclusive of 23 January 2026. Extension for the commenting period over the festive season has been allowed for.

Please find the dropbox link to download the documentation below:

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Kind regards  
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## 5.2.4. Proof of Communication to the Department of Agriculture on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025

### **Olivia Brunings**

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**From:** Olivia Brunings <olivia@phsconsulting.co.za>  
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**Attachments:** IAP Written Notice Grootvlei 1 December 2025 - Grootvlei BAR.pdf; DoA USB - April 2025.pdf; USB to DoA - 20 October 2025.pdf

Good afternoon Brandon and Cor,

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations as promulgated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998 NEMA), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations 2014, as amended for the proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on the remainder of farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon (DEADP ref: 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25).

Interested and/or affected parties are welcome to register and lodge comments, queries or issues with PHS CONSULTING from 2 December 2025 up to and including 23 January 2026. Extension for the commenting period over the festive season has been allowed for. Please note that all information submitted by I&APs will become public information, unless otherwise protected by law.

Please note that the Department of Agriculture has already been provided with two USB copies of the application documentation during both the pre-application public participation phase, and the in-process public participation phase.

Proof of both submissions is attached for your reference.

As the documentation has remained largely unchanged from what was previously submitted, we will not be providing an additional USB at this stage. The amended BAR, EMPr and all supporting documents are available electronically on our website ([www.phsconsulting.co.za](http://www.phsconsulting.co.za)) for the full commenting period.

Should the Department wish to submit comments or require any additional information or specific documents, please feel free to contact me.

If you do not wish to comment, kindly confirm via return email.

Kind regards  
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### 5.3.Final PPP IAP Registrations

Final PPP IAP Registrations			
Contact Person	Stakeholder Organisation	Date of Comment	Email Address
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## 5.4. Comments Received during the Second In Process PPP Phase (2 December 2025 – 23 January 2026)

### 5.4.1. Letter received via email from Jan Visagie on 4 December 2025:



**FUTURE PLAN**  
TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

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Date: 4 December 2025  
Our Reference: FA 225 CAM  
Your Reference:  
16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1513/24

Dear Olivia Brunings

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON, DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25**

Your email correspondence dated 1 December 2025, refers.

**1. Introduction**

We act on behalf of the owners of Farm 752 (Môreson), situated 30 metres north of the proposed expansion of a poultry rearing facility on Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon. This document serves as a formal objection to the Basic Assessment Report submitted by the applicant, Bapchix (Pty) Ltd.

The owners of Môreson have a longstanding generational heritage in Caledon, and this proposed development threatens not only the sustainability of their farm but also the wider rural character and ecological balance of the Overberg region.

**2. Brief**

Our brief was to scrutinise the EIA documents provided on the Environmental Practitioners' website, consider our client's concerns, and comment on or object to the proposed activities as advertised.

**3. Background in terms of the application**

The following descriptions of the proposed activities on the property (Remainder Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon)

The proposed development or expansion will be situated in an area mainly used for grain, wheat, and sheep farming. For these activities to thrive and remain sustainable, farmers rely heavily on the environment to provide the necessary safeguards and influences.

Regarding the above, it should be noted that bird life, bee activity, and the ability to pollinate specific cultivars are critically important to farming practices. Farmers have limited control over these processes, apart from maintaining a pristine environment and ensuring that no adverse effects result from their and others' farming activities in the area. Consequently, most farmers have avoided harmful chemicals when spraying their crops to control pests.

The activities and background for the proposal are detailed below as per the statement—  
*The proponent of Bapchix (Pty) Ltd plans to expand the existing chicken farm on Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon, by constructing an additional poultry rearing facility.*

*The proposed development property is approximately 317ha in extent and is located approximately 15 kilometres northeast of Caledon and approximately 3 kilometres north of the N2. It is accessible via a dirt road.*

*The proposed development area is approximately 5.5 ha in extent and located in the northeastern portion of the property.*

*The following development is proposed:*

- 1) Ten new chicken houses with free-range grazing between houses;
- 2) Staff housing and ablution facilities with a septic tank system;
- 3) An office;
- 4) A loading bay;
- 5) A shaving shed;
- 6) A water treatment facility;
- 7) A generator room;
- 8) Internal access routes <8m wide; and
- 9) A biosecurity access control point.

*The new chicken houses will accommodate a maximum of 16,500 chickens per house, and each house will be approximately 1000m<sup>2</sup> in extent, with free-range pasture located between the houses. The chicken pens will be fenced off from the surrounding area for biosecurity purposes. The preferred alternative's location and layout have been developed based on existing access routes, service availability, prevailing wind directions, environmental sensitivities, and biosecurity requirements, and they have attempted to avoid environmental impacts as far as possible.*

***Listed NEMA Activities Applied for:***

***Listing Notice 1 (R327):***

***Activity 40:*** *The expansion and related operation of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by—*

- i more than 1 000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area; or*
- ii more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.*

#### **4. Grounds of Objection**

##### **4.1 Client-Identified Concerns for Objections**

The following Table indicates the impact of the proposed new activity as being advertised.

<b>Impact</b>	<b>Reasons for Objection</b>
<b>Smell –</b> Orientation Relative to Prevailing Wind: The positioning of the chicken houses was aligned with the prevailing wind direction to promote effective natural ventilation and facilitate the formation of natural visual and odour barriers.	All the main wind directions will bring the stench to the neighbouring farms and homesteads.  The wind direction from the southeast will affect the Enon farm; the south will affect Môreson and Springfontein; and the northwest will affect the Fourie farm.  Also, when the farmers and their respective workers pass by the proposed development on their way to work on neighbouring fields.

	<p>The District Road (DR01294) runs through the property, and both facilities are just 1 km from the tourist route leading to Greyton.</p> <p>District Road DR01279 will also be negatively affected, as fewer tourists use these roads, thereby reducing the smell's impact.</p>
<p><b>Noise</b></p> <p>The land use of the property and surrounding area is primarily agricultural in nature. The proposed development structures will be visually identical to the authorised structures on farm no. 226 which borders the proposed development site (farm no. 225) to the south. The authorised chicken houses on farm no. 226 are located immediately south of the development site's southern boundary. The proposed development is unlikely to be visually intrusive within the agricultural landscape.</p> <p>Noise from inside the units will be largely contained as the units are completely enclosed. Noise from agricultural activities on site is deemed acceptable in the current setting. The proposed land use is agricultural and is compatible with the surrounding rural/agricultural area.</p> <p>Due to the scale and nature of the development, all potential impacts on people's health and well-being are anticipated to be low to negligible. Please refer to Appendix J for a detailed Impact and Risk Assessment.</p>	<p>The proposed new structure's position high on the hill, considering wind directions, will not restrict noise levels.</p> <p>Because there are no trees, tall bushes, or plants around the buildings, the noise will travel far from this area, especially after the grain/wheat has been harvested.</p>
<p><b>Traffic</b></p> <p>Setback from roads and property boundaries: The preferred development site has been positioned in accordance with legislative requirements, ensuring appropriate setbacks from both roads and property boundaries.</p>	<p>Trucks and staff will frequently use the access road past the new development (road 4123), which is our client's main and, during winter, their sole route to their residence.</p> <p>The road is so narrow that a lorry can block the entire road.</p> <p>This creates a dangerous situation.</p>

	<p>Not only will the trucks block the road, but there is a steep hill just before the site from Môreson Farm, with no line of sight until crossing the hilltop.</p> <p>Heading north on the road, you cannot see oncoming traffic due to the steep hill, and with oncoming trucks blocking the road (especially when heading in the opposite direction), it creates a hazardous situation.</p> <p>The movement of heavy vehicles involved in current grain farming operations will therefore be restricted, affecting traffic flow during the night, especially during harvest time when lorries need to reach the silos.</p> <p>Like other neighbouring farms, all residents and schoolchildren from Môreson Farm use the road daily.</p> <p>Feed trucks delivering feed to existing poultry sites frequently get stuck and block the roads.</p> <p>Since the chicken farm owners do not always have the necessary machinery, neighbours are requested to assist in such circumstances.</p> <p>Trucks will enter and exit the site, blocking road access.</p> <p>This creates a hazardous situation, as there have already been accidents on this stretch of road.</p>
<b>Negative Impact on Economy &amp; Tourism</b>	<p>This purpose-built new site will be situated on a hilltop.</p> <p>It will obstruct and spoil the stunning views of Klein Swartberg Mountain that all residents of the neighbouring farms and tourists travelling along the less-travelled paths to and from Greyton have enjoyed.</p> <p>The new development is also located very close to the entrance (20/30 m) of Môreson Farm, which will likely harm the farm's entrance.</p>

	<p>Môreson and the neighbouring farms have potential for tourism income due to their stunning mountain views.</p> <p>This potential income will not be achievable if the new development takes place just before the mountain views.</p> <p>Job creation for the locals is unlikely, as migrants are often employed as labour on these farms. Proof of South African citizenship must be a prerequisite for approving such ventures.</p>
<p><b>Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment –</b></p> <p>The land use of the property and surrounding area is primarily Agricultural in nature.</p> <p>The proposed structures will closely resemble the authorised structures on farm no. 226 which borders the proposed development site (farm no. 225) to the south.</p> <p>The authorised chicken houses on farm no. 226 are located immediately south of the development site's southern boundary.</p> <p>The proposed development on farm no. 225 is unlikely to be visually intrusive. The primary view corridor is from the gravel road that runs immediately adjacent to the proposed site. The proposed development will be clearly visible from this internal access road, however, given that this road is a secondary access route to the neighbouring farm, the visual impact will be limited.</p> <p>Given the topography of the landscape, the proposed development site is not visible from any primary or secondary external roads. No Landscape/ Visual Impact Assessment will be required.</p>	<p>We contend that the Overberg vernacular architecture style cannot be replicated to serve the purpose of the farm buildings adjacent to Farm 225, Caledon, except in relation to the existing chicken farm on Farm 226.</p> <p>Those structures (the ones on Farm 226) should never have been permitted, as they set a precedent that this application is now attempting to exploit to secure approval on the basis of no visual impact.</p> <p>This will significantly harm the area's visual landscape, particularly as the proposed activity is situated on the higher part of the hill.</p> <p>A site visit by Department of Environmental Affairs officials will support the statement made on behalf of our client.</p>
<p><b>Fauna and Flora-</b></p> <p>Setback from Sensitive Environmental Features: A channelled valley bottom wetland was delineated to the southeast of the proposed development site. The layout was adjusted to ensure that the development remains as far as reasonably possible from this</p>	<p>It is observed that Blue Cranes nest each year near the proposed new development.</p> <p>This presents a considerable danger to the Blue Crane population that resides and nests in this region.</p> <p>High-density farming can lead to:</p>

<p>freshwater feature, in line with environmental best practice.</p> <p><b>Biosecurity and Grazing Requirements:</b> Adequate spacing between chicken houses was maintained to meet biosecurity standards and grazing requirements, without compromising the compact nature of the design.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rising disease spread among birds, leading to higher use of antibiotics and chemicals.</li> <li>○ Greater dependence on chemical treatments, which can damage the environment by contaminating soil and water.</li> </ul> <p>With this new facility, the risks of bird flu will increase by more than 30%, negatively impacting the area's birdlife.</p>
<p><b>Erosion</b></p>	<p>The access road has lost gravel, and the steep hill will cause more problems. Lack of maintenance, along with the increased heavy traffic, will lead to even more erosion.</p> <p>The proposed site is on a hilltop and will contribute to more erosion due to its location. Water will accumulate on the hard surface and pick up speed from the high site.</p>
<p><b>Safety and Security -</b></p>	<p>Besides the obvious traffic hazards, there is a substantial risk of crime.</p> <p>The safety of the farming community is critically important for those residing in rural areas.</p> <p>With the development of this new site, there will be much more unnoticed traffic, and the farmers will not know whether those travelling on the road leading to the new facility are for the chicken farming operation or for any other reason.</p> <p>Môreson and Springfontein are secluded farms, helping to keep residents safe since there are very little unnoticed traffic or passers-by.</p> <p>The new development is located on a hilltop, offering views of Enon, Môreson, Springfontein, and nearby farms. As a result, the farming community will lose their sense of security, since many staff, guests, trucks, builders, and others will have unrestricted visual access to all residents.</p> <p>This will also lead to more safety expenses.</p>
<p><b>Pest Controls</b></p>	<p>If the facility is approved, pest control measures will be restricted for the existing wheat and grain farmers in the area.</p>

	<p>Crop spraying by airplane will be limited because drift and noise could harm the poultry in the new development, just 30m from the field's border. This could cause yield losses on high-potential agricultural land on the neighbouring farm (Môreson).</p> <p>Harvesting and other farm activities generate dust that may harm poultry in the new development.</p>
<p><b>Waste Management Issues</b></p>	<p>Poultry farms produce significant waste, which can result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water pollution caused by runoff carrying nutrients and pathogens. This runoff can contaminate nearby water bodies, leading to eutrophication that reduces oxygen levels and harms aquatic life.</li> <li>• Soil degradation caused by excessive manure can change soil pH and result in nutrient imbalances.</li> <li>• This poses a significant potential risk to the farming community near the existing chicken facilities and the proposed site, as wastewater could enter the natural stream and water sources relied upon by the surrounding farms.</li> <li>• Underground reservoirs may be affected, underscoring the potential severity of this risk.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Greenhouse Gas Emissions</b></p>	<p>Poultry farming contributes to greenhouse gas emissions through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Methane and nitrous oxide are released from manure, potent greenhouse gases contributing to climate change.</li> <li>○ Carbon dioxide from energy used in farming operations, including heating, ventilation, and transportation.</li> </ul> <p>While the adjacent farmers use the dried manure as part of their compost in their fields, it is questionable whether they could import additional manure that may cause an adverse reaction to what they have already used. This</p>

	would mean a monopoly that the chicken farmer would then create artificially.
<b>Water Usage</b>	<p>Poultry farming requires significant water resources, which can lead to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Depletion of local water supplies, affecting both human and ecological needs.</li> <li>○ Increased competition for water among agricultural and urban needs, potentially leading to conflicts over water resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Antibiotic Resistance</b>	<p>The use of antibiotics in poultry can contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which can spread to humans and other animals, posing significant public health risks.</li> <li>○ Potential health risks to humans through the food chain, as antibiotic residues can remain in meat products.</li> </ul>
<b>Job Creation</b>	<p>As already stated, it is unclear whether this new facility will provide only job opportunities for local people.</p> <p>It is further unclear whether any other new opportunities within the region will be created as a result, and whether this will only increase the farm owner's potential income.</p>

#### 4.2 Comments on the Summarised Impacts of the Proposed Development by Environmental Specialists

<b>Statement by Environmental Specialist</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<p><i>An existing poultry rearing facility is located approximately 2km southwest of the new proposed development site on the same property (RE/225, Grootvlei, Caledon). The existing facility was developed between 2005 and 2011, without prior authorization. A voluntary S24G process has been initiated and is nearing finalisation.</i></p>	<p>The Impact assessment is conducted only for one facility.</p> <p>The combined impact of 3 (three) such facilities should be considered, not as stand-alone facilities.</p> <p>Advertisements are not displayed for the proposed or the Section 24G application sites.</p>

<p><b>Access –</b></p> <p><i>Access to the property is existing. Existing internal dirt roads provide access to the proposed development site. Additional internal dirt roads (&lt;8m wide) will however be required for access between the chicken houses.</i></p>	<p>The report does not mention maintenance of the existing gravel road or any comments from the Department of Provincial Roads regarding the District Road, which is considered a scenic road within the Theewaterskloof Municipal Area.</p> <p>Access to Môreson Farm has been established along the access road to the proposed site for over 30 years. Under South African law, their right to use the access road has been vested.</p> <p>However, the impact of their traffic concerns and fears has not been appropriately addressed.</p>
<p><b>Electricity –</b></p> <p><i>Electricity supply to the proposed development will be established via extension of existing electrical infrastructure. Eskom has confirmed sufficient capacity (Refer Appendix E16).</i></p> <p><i>A step-up and step-down underground cable from an existing Eskom transformer will be run to the proposed development site.</i></p> <p><i>Electricity supply will likely be supplemented via generators.</i></p>	<p>The extension of existing lines to supply electricity to the proposed location will further have a detrimental visual impact on the development.</p> <p>With additional generator installations, noise levels will rise further, disturbing the natural environment and the peace of those nearby.</p> <p>It is understood that the electrical line will have to be extended either over the road from one end of the farm or from Farm 226, which would require further NEMA approval.</p>
<p><b>Sewage</b>—<i>A septic tank system will be installed at the proposed development site, as no wastewater treatment works are nearby.</i></p>	<p>If it is not operated correctly, a septic tank system will contaminate the underground over time, and no guarantee can be given.</p> <p>A conservancy tank system is the only suitable option for the expected wastewater volume. A wastewater treatment plant can already be feasible if the combined facilities of Farms 225 and 226 are considered.</p>
<p><b>Mortality</b>—<i>Non-infectious mortalities will be disposed of via the registered on-site composting facility.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicant confirmed sufficient composting capacity to accommodate the expected mortalities.</i></p>	<p>This is a further alarm for the adjacent farmers, as it may, over time, negatively affect underground water.</p> <p>There is a regional disposal site at Karweiderskraal; all mortalities should be transported to this facility.</p>

<p><i>Manure will be managed by directing a portion to the registered on-site composting facility.</i></p> <p><i>The remainder will be used directly in the agricultural industry.</i></p> <p><i>Manure will be dry-swept and cleaned out of the chicken houses, and then high-pressure wash water will be used to clean the pens with any residual water lost through evaporation.</i></p>	<p>This will increase the stench of manure for those passing by and living within the immediate area.</p> <p>It is not ideal, as already stated in this objection, and therefore, no additional facility should be unabridged within the vicinity of the existing two facilities.</p>
<p><i>Water – The verified registered water use is sufficient for the proposed development activities.</i></p>	<p>All runoff water from the proposed site flows into the Kwartel River.</p> <p>Neighbouring farms use this water for sheep drinking, irrigation, and residential use. Water from the new development would negatively impact the water quality. (Salmonella risk)</p> <p>This will primarily occur with heavy rain, as has happened before.</p> <p>The facility's layout directs runoff from both sides of the proposed development to the middle of the development to address accumulated runoff.</p> <p>This contrasts with the statement that the development was designed to address and mitigate the stench in light of the prevailing winds.</p>
<p><i>Domestic waste –</i></p> <p><i>Biodegradable materials will be composted within the onsite composting facility, plastic containers will be recycled, and the remainder will be buried in a demarcated camped off area as per the current operation.</i></p> <p><i>Given the size of the area in use (&lt;50m<sup>2</sup>), the estimated volume of waste to be disposed of (&lt;500kg/month) and the location of the disposal site, this activity does not trigger the NEMA or NEM: WA.</i></p>	<p>The on-site composting site is not monitored regularly.</p> <p>All waste should be transported to the regional waste facility at Karweiderskraal, as the current situation already concerns our clients regarding the sustainability of the under- and surface water they all use.</p>

## 5. Summary of Objections

### 5.1. Environmental and Biodiversity Concerns

- The proposed development site is located in a crucial area for pollination networks and bird species, especially the Blue Crane (*Anthropoides paradiseus*), which nests nearby. Disruptions could cause a decline in populations and upset the ecosystem balance.
- The use of antibiotics and increased poultry density will probably cause soil and water contamination, jeopardising nearby organic and sustainable farming methods.

#### Relevant Case:

In Case No. 14/2/4/1-A5/14-2011 (Bot River Poultry Farm Objection), environmental approval was postponed due to objections citing concerns about wetland proximity, birdlife, and unassessed cumulative impacts. The project was instructed to conduct a comprehensive avian impact study before further proceedings.

### 5.2. Pollution – Odour, Noise, and Visual Degradation

- Odour from chicken manure and ventilation remains a persistent nuisance. Despite orientation claims, prevailing wind directions (SE and NW) will carry odours directly to Môreson and neighbouring farms.
- The visual impact on the scenic Greyton tourism corridor is significant. The new structures are proposed on elevated land, permanently changing views of the Klein Swartberg.

#### Relevant Case:

The Elgin Poultry Development Appeal (2019) encountered persistent opposition because of tourism-related visual intrusion and was ultimately forced to move out of a view-sensitive zone.

### 5.3. Water Use and Contamination Risks

- The Kwartel River, used by surrounding farms for irrigation and livestock, runs downslope from the proposed development. Runoff during heavy rains risks water pollution (e.g., *Salmonella*, *E. coli*) and eutrophication.
- Increased groundwater extraction will exhaust shared borehole supplies.

#### Relevant Case:

In Kleinmond Poultry Project EIA (2017), water rights and cumulative impacts on aquifers resulted in the requirement for a full EIA instead of a Basic Assessment due to potential public health risks.

### 5.4. Road Safety and Traffic Hazards

- Road 4123 is the sole winter access to Môreson. Its narrow width and steep incline before the site create a blind spot where truck blockages have already caused near accidents.
- Current traffic volumes during harvest season are already high. Additional feed and delivery trucks pose a safety threat to farm workers and school children.

### 5.5. Safety and Security Risks

- Remote farms like Môreson depend on restricted access as a security measure. Greater movement from non-local staff, construction crews, and delivery vehicles increases the risk of crime and trespass.
- The elevated position of the site compromises privacy and security by allowing line-of-sight into private farmyards.

### **5.6. Negative Economic and Tourism Impact**

- The Overberg region, including Caledon and Greyton, heavily depends on agri-tourism. Farm 752 and other properties hold potential for hospitality ventures that rely on open landscapes and fresh air.
- The visual, olfactory, and audible deterioration caused by this facility will discourage tourists and investors.

#### **Relevant Case:**

In the *Stanford Broiler Farm Objection (2020)*, community and tourism objections led to the cancellation of a proposed broiler facility near agri-tourism routes. Planners cited the incompatibility with local economic development strategies.

### **5.7. Lack of Meaningful Public Participation and Cumulative Impact Assessment**

- The application does not evaluate the collective effect of three poultry facilities on the same farm, contrary to integrated planning principles under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA).
- Section 24G processes and concurrent development raise concerns about piecemeal applications to circumvent complete EIA requirements.

### **6. Relief Sought**

We hereby request:

- 6.1 That the current application be rejected or paused, pending a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) that:
  - Includes cumulative impacts of all poultry developments on Farm 225.
  - Considers ecological, social, and economic impacts comprehensively.
- 6.2 An Avifaunal Impact Assessment should be mandated, emphasising Blue Crane and migratory species.
- 6.3 Due to insufficient community engagement, the public participation process will be re-run by NEMA Regulation 41.
- 6.4 The input from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and CapeNature regarding ecological sensitivity should be obtained.
- 6.5 That any development approval be contingent upon:
- 6.6 Road upgrades at the cost of the proponent.
- 6.7 Guarantee of local employment, with proof of South African citizenship.
- 6.8 Independent monitoring of water quality and runoff controls.

### **Conclusion**

Although poultry farming is a vital industry, tackling its environmental effects through sustainable practices and responsible management is essential. Implementing strategies such as integrated pest management, reducing antibiotic use, and improving waste management can help minimise these negative impacts.

The expansion of poultry farming on Farm 225 threatens the long-term viability of neighbouring farms, compromises safety, undermines rural heritage, and breaches key principles of environmental

justice and sustainability. We urge the competent authorities to act under Section 2 of NEMA and safeguard the Overberg from inappropriate, high-impact development.

We remain available for public hearings or site inspections to assist with the concerns outlined.

Yours faithfully,



Jan A. Visagie (Pr. Planner A/1080/1999)

5.4.2. Email received from Jan-Willem du Plessis on 5 and 10 December 2025:

**Olivia Brunings**

**From:** jan-willem du plessis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 05 December 2025 09:19  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Comments on planned development Grootvlei farm 225  
**Attachments:** IMG\_9758.jpeg; A0A485BC-B9F5-40FC-8F21-5F4F1238B8FD.jpeg; IMG\_9750.mp4

Good morning

Please register and add this comment on the planned poultry development on Grootvlei farm 225. There is currently a Bluecrane nest 300 m away from the planned development site. This is on Moreson farm 752. See attatched photos and gps location. The faunal specialist is welcome to meet me and go visit the nest.

EWT is aware of the nest.

It was stated by the faunal specialist in the comments that all nesting sites are outside the 1km radius. This new nesting site is just 300 m away or less.

**Best Regards / Groete**

**Jan-Willem du Plessis**

**Olivia Brunings**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 05 December 2025 16:54  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Comments on planned development Grootvlei farm 225



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Good day

Please register with the comments that there is a new nest within 600m from the planned site.

Se attatched photo of the nest with the planned development site in the background.

Thank you

**Best Regards / Groete**

**Jan-Willem du Plessis**

## **Olivia Brunings**

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**From:** jan-willem du plessis ·  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 December 2025 10:04  
**To:** olivia@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Comments on planned development Grootvlei farm 225

Good day  
Yes 2 nests. I will receive the specialist if they want to take a look

**Best Regards / Groete**

**Jan-Willem du Plessis**

On Wed, 10 Dec 2025 at 09:37, [olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za) <[olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)> wrote:  
Good day Jan-Willem,

Thank you for the comments provided, we take note of the two emails below.

We would just like to confirm, is there a nest 300m from the proposed development site and another nest 600m from the proposed development site?

Kind regards  
**Olivia Brunings**  
BSc Conservation Ecology  
Candidate Natural Scientist (154065)  
Candidate Environmental Assessment Practitioner (2023/6743)

**PHS Consulting**  
**Environmental, Heritage, Eco-Tourism and Land-Use**  
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#### 5.4.3. Letter received via email from Western Cape Roads on 17 December 2025:



Western Cape  
Government

Department of Infrastructure

**Vanessa Stoffels**

Chief Directorate: Road Planning

Vanessa.Stoffels@westerncape.gov.za | Tel: 021 483 4669

**Ref:** DOI/CFS/RN/LU/REZ/SUB-28/263 (Application No: 2025-11-0083)

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Attention: Ms O Brunings

Dear Madam

**REMAINDER OF FARM GROOT VALLEY NO.225, CALEDON: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN  
ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY COMMENTS ON BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT**

1. Your e-mail to this Branch dated 20 October 2025 refers.
2. The subject property is located 17km south of Greyton and takes access off Minor Road 4123.
3. This Branch offers no objection to the issuing of Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998.
4. This Branch will comment on the access upon receipt of the land use application.

Yours Sincerely

**DD FORTUIN**

**For DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE BRANCH  
DATE: 17 DECEMBER 2025**



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#### 5.4.4. Letter received via email from DEADP on 18 December 2025:



Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
**Bernadette Osborne**  
Directorate: Development Management, Region 1  
Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za | Tel: 021 483 3679

**REFERENCE:** 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25  
**DATE OF ISSUE:** 18 December 2025

The Board of Directors  
Bapchix (Pty) Ltd.  
PO Box 599  
**CALEDON**  
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Attention: Mr. Ross Philip

Cell: 083 273 8376  
E-mail: rossphilip@mweb.co.za

Dear Sir

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE REVISED DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT ("BAR") IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CHICKEN HOUSES ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON.**

1. The electronic copy of the Revised Draft BAR received by this Directorate on 1 December 2025, refers.
2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned document by this Directorate.
3. Please note that this Directorate will consider the Revised Draft BAR and issue a comment within the prescribed 30-day commenting period which ends on 23 January 2026.
4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
5. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by this Directorate.

6. This Directorate reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully

**PP HEAD OF COMPONENT**

**DIRECTORATE: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (REGION 1)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Cc: (1) Mr. Paul Slabbert (PHS Consulting)

(2) Ms. Olivia Brunings (PHS Consulting)

(3) Mr. Johan Viljoen (Theewaterskloof Municipality)

E-mail: paul@phsconsulting.co.za

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E-mail: johanvi@twk.org.za

#### 5.4.5. Letter received via email from DEADP on 21 January 2026:



**Western Cape  
Government**

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
**Bernadette Osborne**  
Directorate: Development Management, Region 1  
Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za | Tel: 021 483 3679

**REFERENCE:** 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25  
**DATE OF ISSUE:** 21 January 2026

The Board of Directors  
Bapchix (Pty) Ltd.  
PO Box 599  
**CALEDON**  
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**Attention: Mr. Ross Philip**

Cell: 083 273 8376  
E-mail: rossphilip@mweb.co.za

Dear Sir

**COMMENT ON THE REVISED DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT ("BAR") IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AND THE 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA:") REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CHICKEN HOUSES ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON.**

1. The electronic copy of the Revised Draft BAR received by this Directorate on 1 December 2025 and this Directorate's acknowledgement thereof issued on 18 December 2025, refer.
2. According to the information submitted to this Directorate, it is noted that the proposal entails the following:
  - The proposed development will entail an additional poultry facility and associated infrastructure on the Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon.
  - The poultry facility will include ten chicken houses, staff housing and ablution facilities with a conservancy tank system, an office, a loading bay, a shaving shed, a water treatment facility, a generator room, internal access routes of less than 8m wide and a biosecurity access control point.
  - Each chicken house will house 16 500 chickens, making a total of 165 000 chickens at the poultry facility.
  - The proposed development will have a development footprint of approximately 5.5ha<sup>2</sup>.
  - No indigenous vegetation remains on the site.
  - No watercourses are located on or within 32m of the site.
  - The site zoned for agricultural purposes and is located outside the urban area of Caledon.
3. This Directorate has the following comments:
  - 3.1. Written notification in terms of Regulation 19(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 was not submitted to this Directorate. The Final BAR must therefore be submitted within 90

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days from the date of receipt of the application by this Directorate, which ends on 5 February 2026.

3.2. Wastewater and stormwater management

- 3.2.1 Provide the capacity and footprint of the proposed stormwater ingress area and the approximate amount of water that will be used to clean the chicken houses at the end of each production cycle.
- 3.2.2 It was indicated that residual water will be lost through evaporation, it is however not clear how this will be managed during the winter season when evaporation rates are low.
- 3.3. The chickens will roam freely outside the chicken houses in areas that do not have hardened surfaces. Clarity must be provided on how manure will be managed in these areas, particularly during the winter season, as improper handling may result in groundwater pollution where the groundwater table is close to the surface.
- 3.4. It is noted that an administrative process will be undertaken to change the sector use of the existing water use rights. Please confirm whether this process has started.
- 3.5. Comment from the following State Departments is still outstanding and must be obtained and included in the Final BAR:
  - Department of Agriculture: Veterinary Services;
  - Western Cape Department of Agriculture; and
  - DEADP: Air quality.
- 3.6. You are reminded that a summary of the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") must be included and addressed in a comments and response report. As well as an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them.
- 3.7. Omission of any required information in terms of Appendices 1 and 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, with regards to the final submission of the BAR and EMPr, respectively to the Department, may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.
- 3.8. Be advised that an electronically signed and dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the final BAR to this Department for decision-making. It is important to note that by signing this declaration, the applicant is confirming that they are aware and have taken cognisance of the contents of the report submitted for decision-making. Furthermore, through signing this declaration, the applicant is making a commitment that they are both willing and able to implement the necessary mitigation, management and monitoring measures recommended within the report with respect to this application.

- 3.9. In addition to the above, please ensure that the electronically signed and dated declarations of the EAP and specialists is submitted with the Final BAR for decision-making.
- 3.10. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this application.
- 3.11. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Directorate.

4. This Directorate reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully

**pp HEAD OF COMPONENT  
DIRECTORATE: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (REGION 1)  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Cc: (1) Mr. Paul Slabbert (PHS Consulting)  
(2) Ms. Olivia Brunings (PHS Consulting)  
(3) Mr. Johan Viljoen (Theewaterskloof Municipality)

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5.4.6. Letter received via email from BOCMA on 21 January 2026:



**BREEDE-OLIFANTS**  
CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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W. [www.breedegouritzcma.co.za](http://www.breedegouritzcma.co.za)

Enquiries :V Ligudu  
Ref: 4/10/2/H60G/GROOTVLEI 225 (REM), CALEDON  
Date: 21/01/2026

PHS Consulting  
PO Box 1752  
Hermanus  
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Attention: Olivia Brunings

**RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

With reference to the above-mentioned document received by this office on the 01/12/2025, requesting comments.

This office, Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) has reviewed the report and has the following comments:

1. All relevant sections and regulations of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) regarding water use must be adhered.
2. Kindly note that the previous comments dated 13/11/2025 remain applicable.
3. Please be advised that undertaking any activity that triggers the National Water Act without the required authorisation constitutes an offence, and BOCMA will take legal action against the proponent in terms of Section 151 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).

This office reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received. The onus remains with the registered property owner to confirm adherence to any other relevant legislation that any activities might trigger and/or need authorization.

Please do not hesitate to contact the above official should there be any queries.

Yours faithfully

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**MR JAN VAN STADEN**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Acting)**

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21 January 2026

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For attention: Olivia Bruning

**RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON.**

**DEA&DP REF: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E45/1513/24**

The Overberg District Municipality's department of Environmental Management Services takes cognisance of the draft Basic Assessment Report for the proposed development of an additional poultry rearing facility on the remainder of farm 225, Grootvlei.

In reference to the comments submitted by this department on 11 May 2025, the municipality wishes to reiterate the following:

1. The Municipality has no objection towards the proposed expansion of the poultry rearing facility.
2. In addition the applicant should put measures in place to manage nuisances such as dust, noise, and traffic to mitigate the impacts of this development on surrounding land-users.

Yours faithfully,

**R. BOSMAN**  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

5.4.8. Letter received via email from Western Cape Roads Infrastructure on 29 January 2026:



Department of Infrastructure  
**Vanessa Stoffels**  
Chief Directorate: Road Planning  
Vanessa.Stoffels@westerncape.gov.za | Tel: 021 483 4669

Ref: DOI/CFS/RN/LUD/REZ/SUB-28/263 (Application No: 2026-01-0092)

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Attention: Ms O Brunings

Dear Madam

**REMAINDER OF FARM GROOT VALLEY NO.225, CALEDON: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY: COMMENTS ON BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT**

1. Your e-mail to this Branch dated 01 December 2025 refers.
2. The subject property is located 17km south of Greyton and takes access off Minor Road 4123.
3. This Branch offers no objection to the issuing of Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998.
4. This Branch will comment on the access upon receipt of the land use application.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink.

**DD FORTUIN**  
**For DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE BRANCH**  
**DATE: 27 JANUARY 2026**

## ENDORSEMENTS

1. PHS Consulting  
Attention: Ms O Brunings (e-mail: [olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za))
2. District Roads Engineer Paarl  
(email: [DREPaarl.Technical@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:DREPaarl.Technical@westerncape.gov.za))
3. Ms PZ Govu (e-mail)
4. Mr DD Fortuin (e-mail)

5.4.9. Letter received via email from DEADP Directorate Air Quality on 22 January 2026:



Western Cape  
Government

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
Keagan-Leigh Adriaanse  
Directorate: Air Quality Management  
Keagan-Leigh.Adriaanse@westerncape.gov.za | Tel: 021 483 3763

REFERENCE: 19/4/4/1/BT1 (FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, PHILADELPHIA)

ENQUIRIES: Keagan-Leigh Adriaanse

For Attention: Ms Olivia Brunings

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**COMMENT ON THE AMENDED DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POULTRY REARING FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM GROOTVLEI NO. 225, CALEDON**

Dear Madam

The Directorate: Air Quality Management (hereafter 'the Directorate') has reviewed the above-mentioned documentation (hereafter 'the Report'), dated and received by the Directorate on 01 December 2025.

The Directorate has reviewed the documentation and has the following comments on the amended draft BAR and EMPr in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) (NEM: AQA):

**1. Comment on the draft BAR**

1.1. The Directorate's previous comment (dated 24 November 2025) on the draft BAR has been largely addressed and responded to.

**2. Noise and Dust Management**

2.1. The Directorate notes that the construction and operational EMPrs have included dust and noise mitigation measures.  
2.2. The amended draft BAR indicates that there are no impacts on ambient air quality and that the NEM: AQA does not apply. However, please note that the NEM: AQA, National Dust Control Regulations (Government Notice No. R. 827) of 1 November 2013 and the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations (P.N. 200/2013) applies and must be adhered to.  
2.3. The Directorate recommends that the BAR to be submitted to the competent authority be amended accordingly to include reference to the aforementioned regulations.

### **3. Preferred Alternative**

- 3.1. The amended draft BAR indicates that the Preferred Alternative (i.e. Development Layout 2) took cognisance of the prevailing wind direction. However, the predominant wind direction has not been reported on.
- 3.2. In addition, potential sensitive receptors as a result of the predominant wind direction has not been identified.
- 3.3. The Directorate recommends that further information is provided in this regard.

### **4. General**

- 4.1. Please note that the above-mentioned comments/recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application.
- 4.2. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by the Directorate should in any way be seen as an indication or confirmation:
  - 4.2.1. that additional information or documents will not be requested; or
  - 4.2.2. of the outcome of any application submitted to the authorities.

### **5. Duty of Care**

- 5.1. The Directorate would like to draw your attention to Section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), i.e. "Duty of Care" which states that:  
*"Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorized by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimize and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment."*
- 5.2. Kindly be informed that the Directorate reserves the right to review the above-mentioned comments, should additional information come to light.

Please contact Keagan-Leigh Adriaanse ([Keagan-Leigh.Adriaanse@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Keagan-Leigh.Adriaanse@westerncape.gov.za)) should you have any further queries in this regard.

Please note that the Directorate has a dedicated email address reserved for all EIA-related correspondences, [DEADP.AQM@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:DEADP.AQM@westerncape.gov.za). Kindly use this email for any future correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

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**Etienne Roux**

**Head of Component: Air Quality Regulatory Services**

#### 5.4.10. Email received from Endangered Wildlife Trust on 22 January 2026:

##### **Olivia Brunings**

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**From:** Samista Rooplal <SamistaR@ewt.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 January 2026 11:05  
**To:** Olivia Brunings  
**Cc:** Christie Craig; Bradley Gibbons; paul@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of 30-Day Public Participation Period - Amended Basic Assessment Report: Proposed Additional Poultry Rearing Facility on Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon (DEADP Ref: 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25)

Hi Olivia,

Thank you very much for the information and for clarifying. Should the EWT see fit to comment further, we will be in touch!

Kind regards,  
Samista

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**From:** Olivia Brunings <olivia@phsconsulting.co.za>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2026 10:27 AM  
**To:** Samista Rooplal <SamistaR@ewt.org>  
**Cc:** Christie Craig <ChristieC@ewt.org>; Bradley Gibbons <bradleyg@ewt.org>; paul@phsconsulting.co.za  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of 30-Day Public Participation Period - Amended Basic Assessment Report: Proposed Additional Poultry Rearing Facility on Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon (DEADP Ref: 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25)

Good day Samista,

Thank you for the comments provided.

A faunal assessment has been undertaken for the proposed development, and all application documentation is available on our website at the following link:

<https://phsconsulting.co.za/basic-assessment-for-the-proposed-development-of-an-additional-poultry-rearing-facility-on-the-remainder-of-farm-grootvlei-no-225-caledon/>

Please refer to Appendix G4 (Faunal Sensitivity Report), which includes consideration of Blue Cranes. In addition, Appendix F2 (Comments and Response Report) addresses comments previously submitted by EWT and the corresponding responses (pages 2–4).

During the current round of public participation, information regarding potential nesting sites approximately 300 m and 600 m from the proposed development footprint was received from an adjacent landowner and forwarded to the appointed faunal specialist. The specialist advised that the nests occur within an actively managed agricultural landscape, that nesting locations vary annually, and that Blue Cranes have not been recorded nesting within the project area itself. On this basis, it is considered that the required specialist inputs for the application have been adequately completed.

Should you wish to submit further comments after reviewing the available documentation, the commenting period can be extended until close of business on 29 January 2026.

Kind regards

**Olivia Venter (Brunings)**  
BSc Conservation Ecology  
Candidate Natural Scientist (154065)  
Candidate Environmental Assessment Practitioner (2023/6743)

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**From:** Samista Roopal <[SamistaR@ewt.org](mailto:SamistaR@ewt.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 January 2026 16:12  
**To:** [olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)  
**Cc:** Christie Craig <[ChristieC@ewt.org](mailto:ChristieC@ewt.org)>; Bradley Gibbons <[bradleyg@ewt.org](mailto:bradleyg@ewt.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of 30-Day Public Participation Period - Amended Basic Assessment Report: Proposed Additional Poultry Rearing Facility on Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon (DEADP Ref: 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25)

Dear Olivia,

Attached, please find the Endangered Wildlife Trust's comments for the Proposed Additional Poultry Rearing Facility, Caledon. I will be happy to go through the comments with you if needed.

Kind regards,



**Samista Roopal**  
**Biodiversity and Business Officer**  
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#### 5.4.11. Letter received via email from Endangered Wildlife Trust on 22 January 2026:

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0149  
22 January 2026

**Attention: Bapchix (Pty) Ltd**  
[olivia@phsconsulting.co.za](mailto:olivia@phsconsulting.co.za)

**Re: Proposed Additional Poultry Rearing Facility on Remainder of Farm Grootvlei No. 225, Caledon (DEADP Ref: 16/3/3/1/E4/5/1079/25)**

The Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) is a non-governmental, non-profit, conservation organisation, founded in 1973 and operating throughout southern Africa. The EWT conserves threatened species and ecosystems in southern Africa by implementing research and conservation action towards mitigating threats facing species diversity and supporting sustainable natural resource management. The EWT furthermore communicates the principles of sustainable living through awareness programmes to the broadest possible constituency for the benefit of the region. The EWT is driven by a team of passionate and dedicated conservationists working through 13 specialised programmes across southern and East Africa, each falling under one of our three key strategic pillars: **Saving species, conserving habitats, and benefitting people.**

We have been made aware, through communication with a neighbouring landowner, of the presence of active Blue Crane (*Anthropoides paradiseus*) nesting sites in close proximity to the proposed development area. Based on the information provided to us, one confirmed breeding site is located within approximately 300 m of the proposed development footprint, while a second breeding pair is located between approximately 500 and 600 m from the proposed development area.

Blue Cranes are highly sensitive to disturbance during the breeding season, and nesting failure can result from increased noise, human activity, vehicle movement, and changes in land use intensity. Construction activities associated with the proposed poultry facility, as well as ongoing operational disturbance, may therefore pose a significant risk to breeding success if not appropriately managed. Given the confirmed presence of nesting Blue Cranes, the EWT recommends the following:

1. Immediate verification by a suitably qualified avifaunal specialist to confirm the location and status of the reported nesting sites prior to any further assessment or decision-making.
2. Establishment of appropriate buffer zones around confirmed nesting sites, with no construction or high-disturbance activities permitted within these buffers during the Blue Crane breeding season.

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3. Timing restrictions on construction activities to avoid the peak breeding period, should nesting be confirmed.
4. Inclusion of specific, enforceable mitigation measures within the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) to address potential disturbance to Blue Cranes during both construction and operation.
5. Consideration of whether the proximity of confirmed breeding sites represents a fatal flaw for the proposed development layout, and whether alternative siting or design adjustments are feasible.

The EWT is concerned that, should confirmed breeding sites not be adequately assessed and accounted for, the proposed development may result in unacceptable impacts on a species of national conservation importance.

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The EWT appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments and request to remain registered as an Interested and Affected Party for all further correspondence related to this application.

The EWT reserves the right to revise initial comments presented here if additional information becomes available.

Regards,



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