

# 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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# 1. INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES REGISTER

## 1.1. Pre-Application I&AP List

| State Departments                                           |                                         |                                                                                                               |                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Stakeholder Organisation                                    | Contact Person                          | Email Address                                                                                                 | Tel                            |
| Directorate: Integrated Environmental Management (Region 1) | Bernadette Osborne                      | Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za<br>DEADPEIAadmin@westerncape.gov.za                                     |                                |
| BOCMA                                                       | Fabion Smith<br>Vhengani Ligudu         | info@bocma.co.za;<br>Fsmith@bocma.co.za<br>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                        | rvolschenk@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<br>/ 072 835 8741 |
| Department of Transport and Public Works                    | Mr Schalk Carstens<br>Venessa Stoffels  | Schalk.carstens@westerncape.gov.za<br>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<br>/ 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<br>Dr Christi Kloppers | Gininda.Msiza@westerncape.gov.za<br>Hilda.Combrinck@westerncape.gov.za<br>Christi.Kloppers@westerncape.gov.za | 021 808 5111<br>/ 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 Address                                 | 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 &<br>bradleyg@ewt.org.za |     |

## 1.2. Application I&AP List

| State Departments                                           |                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Stakeholder Organisation                                    | Contact Person                          | Email Address                                                                                                      | Tel                            |
| Directorate: Integrated Environmental Management (Region 1) | Bernadette Osborne                      | Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za<br>DEADPEIAadmin@westerncape.gov.za<br>Melanese.Schippers@westerncape.gov.za |                                |
| BOCMA                                                       | Vhengani Ligudu                         | info@bocma.co.za;<br>vligudu@bocma.co.za;                                                                          | 023 346 8000                   |
| Western Cape Department of Agriculture                      | Cor van der Walt                        | Cor.VanderWalt@westerncape.gov.za<br>landuse.elsenburg@elsenburg.com<br>Brandon.Layman@westerncape.gov.za          | 021 808 5099                   |
| Overberg District Municipality                              | Rulien Volschenk                        | rvolschenk@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<br>vhudson@capenature.co.za                                                                | 087 087 8017<br>/ 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<br>Helena.Bouwer@westerncape.gov.za                                        | 021 483 2705<br>/ 021 483 8378 |
| DEADP Directorate: Pollution and Chemical Management        | Gunther Frantz                          | Gunther.Frantz@westerncape.gov.za<br>Rabia.Reynolds@westerncape.gov.za                                             | 021 483 2660                   |
| DEADP Directorate: Air Quality Management                   | Ettiene Roux<br>Mzolisi Benxa           | Etienne.Roux@westerncape.gov.za<br>Mzolisi.Benxa@westerncape.gov.za;                                               | 021 483 2388                   |
| Provincial Dept Agriculture: Veterinary Services            | Dr Gininda Msiza<br>Dr Christi Kloppers | Gininda.Msiza@westerncape.gov.za<br>Hilda.Combrinck@westerncape.gov.za<br>Christi.Kloppers@westerncape.gov.za      | 021 808 5111<br>/ 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 / Registered I&APs                                                                                    |                           |                                               |     |
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| 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 &<br>bradleyg@ewt.org.za |     |
| IAP                                                                                                                           | Ester Swart               |                                               |     |
| Springfontein Plaas                                                                                                           | Jaco Swart                |                                               |     |
| Neighbouring Landowner                                                                                                        | Chris Fourie              |                                               |     |

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| Future Plan – Town and Regional Planning representing the owners of Farm 752 (Môreson) | Jan Visagie           |  |  |
| Premanent residents and employees on Farm 752                                          | Jan Visagie           |  |  |
| Farm 752 Môreson                                                                       | Thomas W L du Plessis |  |  |
| Neighbour (Driefontein and Leliefontein)                                               | 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 uploaded onto our website, every Friday. [bolandmedia.biz](http://bolandmedia.biz)

**THEEWATERSKLOOF MUNISIPALITEIT**

**AANSOEK OM VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK EN AFWYKING: GEDeelTE 11 VAN Die PLAASe ARIESKRAAL NR. 456, CALEDON DISTRIK.**

**Aansoeker:** D Looft, WP Planning CC, (Kontakbesonderhede: 083 255 8349), Egin Erfenis Pty Ltd

**Eienaar:** FA 456/11 (App. ID: 4403)

**Verwysingsnommer:** Arieskraal Nr. 456, Caledon distrik.

**Grond Beskrywing:** Vloegenshoop pad, Eginvallei.

**Fisiese Adres:** Kennisgewingsnommer: KOR 7/2025

**Volledige beskrywing van aansoek:** Aansoek om Vergunninggebruik ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(a) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2022, vir die oprigting van 'n 54 meter hoë rooster tipe vlysturende basis telekommunikasie stasie op gedeelte 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 Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2022, vir die voorgestelde boulyn te verslap van 30m na 0m vir die oprigting van 'n 54 meter hoë rooster tipe vlysturende basis telekommunikasie stasie op die genoemde perseel.

Kennis word hiermee gegee ingevolge die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2022, dat bogenoemde aansoek ontvang is en beskikbaar is vir inspeksie vanaf 16 April 2025 tot 21 Mei 2025 gedurende kantoorure by die Grabbou Bopaskeerder en Departement Stadsbeplanning en Boubeheer, Caledon by 6 Pleinstraat, Caledon, 7230. Enige skriftelike besware of kommentaar teen die voorstel kan ingevolge Artikel 50 van die genoemde wetgewing aan die Munisipale bestuurder Posbus 24, Caledon, 7230 / Faks no. 028 214 1289 / E-pos: [tkwmun@tkw.org.za](mailto:tkwmun@tkw.org.za) gestuur word op of voor 21 Mei 2025 na die publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing, met vermelding van jou naam, adres of kontak besonderhede, belang in die aansoek en redes vir kommentaar. Telefoniese navrae kan gerig word na Mev. S. Du Toit, Administrateur/Stadsbeplanning by 028 214 3300. Die Munisipaliteit kan weer om enige kommentaar te ontvang wat na die sluitingsdatum ontvang word. Persone wie nie kan skryf, kan by die munisipale kantoor aanmeld en 'n munisipale amptenaar sal behulpzaam wees om die relevante kommentaar of inligting skriftelik te dokumenteer.

**THEEWATERSKLOOF MUNICIPALITY**

**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT USE AND DEPARTURE: PORTION 11 OF THE FARM ARIESKRAAL NO. 456, CALEDON DISTRICT.**

**Applicant:** D Looft, WP Planning CC, (Contact details: 083 255 8349), Egin Erfenis Pty Ltd

**Owner:** FA 456/11 (App. ID: 4403)

**Reference number:** Arieskraal No. 456, Caledon District.

**Property Description:** Vloegenshoop Road, Egin valley, KOR 7/2025

**Physical Address:** Notice Number:

**Detailed description of proposal:** Application for Consent Use in terms of Section 15(2)(a) of the Theewaterskloof Municipality: By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning, 2022, to erect a 54m high lattice type freestanding base telecommunication station on Portion 11 of the farm Arieskraal No. 456.

Application for Permanent Departure in terms of Section 15(2)(b) of the Municipality: By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning, 2022, to depart from the prescribed building line from 30m to 0m to accommodate the 54m high freestanding base telecommunication station on the subject property.

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Theewaterskloof Municipality: By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning that the abovementioned application has been received and are available for inspection from 16 April 2025 to 21 May 2025 during office hours at the Town Planning and Building Control department at 6 Plein Street, Caledon, 7230 and Grabbou Town office. Any written comments or objections may be addressed in terms of section 50 of the said legislation to the Municipal Manager, P.O. Box 24, Caledon, 7230 / Fax: 028 214 1289 / E-mail: [tkwmun@tkw.org.za](mailto:tkwmun@tkw.org.za) on or before 21 May 2025 from the date of publication of this notice, quoting your name, address or contact details, interest in the applications and reasons for comments. Telephonic enquiries can be made to Ms S. Du Toit, Administrator/Town Planning at 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.

**HERMANUS Times**

**Vacancies Betrekkings**

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

| T-Grade | Salary scale                  |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| T-11    | R334 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 5005 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 from the date of this advertisement.

TREVOR RICHARD SCHOUW, Co-Executor, Adams Schouw & Cain 2 Inc, 9 Mitchell Street, Hermanus, 7200.

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**LOST OR DESTROYED DEED**

Notice is hereby given in terms of regulation 68 of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937, of the intention to apply for the issue of a certified copy of Deed of Transfer T19303/1990 passed by Municipality of Caledon

In favour of ELLIS SWARTLAND Identity number 380508 5052 01 6 and CATHERINE JOHANNA SWARTLAND Identity number 380112 0063 01 1 Married in Community of Property to each other in respect of ERF 1755 CALEDON, SITUATED IN THE THEEWATERSKLOOF MUNICIPALITY, DIVISION CALEDON, PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

**IN EXIST 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 Riebeeck Street, Foreshore, Cape Town, within two weeks from the date of the publication of this notice.

Dated at CALEDON on 25 March 2025

**Bosman Smit Pretorius Ing**  
1 Church Street  
Caledon  
7230  
Tel: (028) 212 1108  
**BOSMAN SMIT PRETORIUS ING**  
Reg no. 20090/1887/21  
BTW no. 4930254943

**THEEWATERSKLOOF MUNICIPALITY**

**APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION, REZONING, CLOSURE OF PUBLIC PLACE AND CONSOLIDATION: ERF 4048, CALEDON**

**Applicant:** Future Plan Town & Regional Planners, P.O. Box 66, BOTRIVIER, 7185

**Owner:** A Coetzee & Gerrit Crause & TWK Municipality, 22 & 24 Meul Street, CALEDON, 7230

**Reference number:** CA4048/4398/2024

**Property Description:** Erf 4048, Caledon

**Notice Number:** KOR 08/2025

**Detailed description of proposal:**

- Subdivision**, in terms of Section 15(2)(d) of the Theewaterskloof Municipality: By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning, 2022, of 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 Municipality: By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning, 2022, of Remainder Erf 1, Caledon, from Utility Zone to Subdivisional Area Overlay Zone.
- Subdivision**, in terms of Section 15(2)(d) of the Theewaterskloof Municipality: By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning, 2022, of Remainder 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(2)(n) of the Theewaterskloof Municipality: By-law on Municipal 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 Municipality: By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning, 2022, of proposed Portion B and Erf 4048 (±1779m²).
- Subdivision**, in terms of Section 15(2)(d) of the Theewaterskloof Municipality: By-law on Municipal 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

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Theewaterskloof Municipality: By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning that the abovementioned application has been received and is available for inspection from 16 April 2025 to 26 May 2025 during office hours at the Town Planning and Building Control Department at 6 Plein Street, Caledon, 7230. Any written comments or objections may be addressed in terms of section 50 of the said legislation to the Municipal Manager, P.O. Box 24, Caledon, 7230 / Fax: 028 214 1289 / E-mail: [tkwmun@tkw.org.za](mailto:tkwmun@tkw.org.za) on or before 26 May 2025 from the date of publication of this notice, quoting your name, address or contact details, interest in the application and reasons for comments. Telephonic enquiries can be made to Ms E. Moelken, Administrator/Stadsbeplanning by 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.

**THEEWATERSKLOOF MUNISIPALITEIT**

**AANSOEK OM ONDERVERDELING, HERSONERING, SLUITING VAN OPENBARE PLEK EN KONSOLIDASIE: ERF 4048, CALEDON**

**Aansoeker:** Future Plan Town & Regional Planners, Posbus 66, BOTRIVIER, 7185

**Eienaar:** A Coetzee & Gerrit Crause & TWK Munisipaliteit, 22 & 24 Meulstraat, CALEDON, 7230

**Verwysingsnommer:** CA4048/4398/2024

**Grondbeskrywing:** Erf 4048 Caledon

**Kennisgewingsnommer:** KOR 08/2025

**Volledige beskrywing van aansoek:**

- Onderverdeling**, ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(d) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2022, van Erf 653, Caledon, in twee (2) gedeeltes, naamlik: Gedeelte A (±16m²), en die Restant (±3700m²).
- Hersonering**, ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(a) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2022, van Restant Erf 1, Caledon, vanaf Nutsone na Onderverdelingsgebied-cortegone.
- Onderverdeling**, ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(d) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2022, van Restant Erf 1, Caledon, in twee (2) gedeeltes, naamlik: Gedeelte B (±269m²) om gesoneer te word Enkelsiensensie Residensiële Sone 1, en die gesoneer Umandier 1.
- 'n Sluiting van 'n openbare plek**, ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(n) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2022, om 'n gedeelte van die openbare straat van voorgestelde Gedeelte B te sluit.
- Konsolidasie**, ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(e) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2022, van voorgestelde Gedeelte A, voorgestelde Gedeelte B en Erf 4048 (±1779m²).
- Onderverdeling**, ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(d) van die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2022, van die gekonsolideerde erf in vyf (5) gedeeltes, naamlik:
  - Gedeelte A: 277m²
  - Gedeelte B: 267m²
  - Gedeelte C: 262m²
  - Gedeelte D: 274m²
  - Restant: 699m²

Kennis word hiermee gegee ingevolge die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning dat bogenoemde aansoek ontvang is en beskikbaar is vir inspeksie gedurende kantoorure vanaf 16 April 2025 tot 26 Mei 2025 by die Departement Stadsbeplanning en Boubeheer, Caledon by 6 Pleinstraat, Caledon, 7230. Enige skriftelike besware of kommentaar teen die voorstel kan ingevolge Artikel 50 van die genoemde wetgewing aan die Munisipale bestuurder Posbus 24, Caledon, 7230 / Faks no. 028 214 1289 / E-pos: [tkwmun@tkw.org.za](mailto:tkwmun@tkw.org.za) gestuur word op of voor 26 Mei 2025 na die publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing, met vermelding van jou naam, adres of kontak besonderhede, belang in die aansoek en redes vir kommentaar. Telefoniese navrae kan gerig word na Me. E. Moelken, Administrateur/Stadsbeplanning by 028 214 3300. Die Munisipaliteit kan weer om enige kommentaar te aanvaar wat na die sluitingsdatum ontvang word. Persone wie nie kan skryf, kan by die munisipale kantoor aanmeld en 'n munisipale amptenaar sal behulpzaam wees om die relevante kommentaar of inligting skriftelik te dokumenteer.

**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. 16/3/6/7/11/E/4/5/1513/24**

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 –

- more than 1 000 poultry per facility situated within an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20 days;
- more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20 days;
- more than 5 000 chicks younger than 20 days per facility situated within an urban area; or
- 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.

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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.

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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 were available for download from the PHS website:

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Paul Slabbert  
Apr 16 2025

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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 your wish  
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-  [Draft BAR - RE225 Grootvlei Caledon - 16 April 2025](#)
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-  [Appendix D Biodiversity Overlays](#)
-  [Appendix E1 - Final comment from HWC](#)
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-  [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](#)
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-  [Appendix L - Water Use Registrations for Zonderend Valley Farm \(Pty\)](#)

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## 3.2. Written Notice Provided to I&APs



**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:**

**Listing Notice 1 (R327):**

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

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- (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.

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

cell: 076 849 5969 | tel: (028) 312 1734 | fax: 086 508 3249 | olivia@phsconsulting.co.za | PO Box 1752 | Hermanus 7200  
**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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### 3.2.1. Proof of Communication to State Departments on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

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**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'; 'corvdw@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 find attached notification letter to all I&APs for further information on the public participation process.

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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)

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

Please note: In accordance with POPI, the contact details of the adjacent landowners and private IAPs have been removed from public view.

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



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To

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Regards  
**Olivia Brunings**  
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### 3.2.3. Proof of Communication to DEADP on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

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**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.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/wgh46sjcud6usjei7x3dk/AFsK41kPBKAtlNQvDCtkH2A?rlkey=27pb984x97tstsqqwrtvhe5d5&st=jge4hesm&dl=0>

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

Please confirm once you have downloaded the documents successfully.

Regards

**Olivia Brunings**

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### 3.3. Pre-Application IAP Registrations

| Pre-App IAP Registrations                                                                                                     |                                                                                                      |                           |                                                                                           |
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| Please note: In accordance with POPI, the contact details of the adjacent landowners and private IAPs are not included below. |                                                                                                      |                           |                                                                                           |
| 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<br>DEADPEIAadmin@westerncape.gov.za                 |
| Christie Craig                                                                                                                | Endangered Wildlife Trust                                                                            | 17 April 2025             | ChristieC@ewt.org<br>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<br>Vanessa.Stoffels@westerncape.gov.za |
| Rulien Volschenk                                                                                                              | Overberg District Municipality                                                                       | 15 May 2025               | rvolschenk@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<br>vhudson@capenature.co.za                                       |

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| Arabel<br>McClelland | DEADP Directorate:<br>Pollution and<br>Chemicals<br>Management | 22 May 2025 | Arabel.McClelland@westerncape.gov.za<br>Gunther.Frantz@westerncape.gov.za<br>Rabia.Reynolds@westerncape.gov.za |
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### 3.4. Comments Received during the Pre-Application PPP Phase

#### 3.4.1. 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)

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

### 3.4.2. 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 be 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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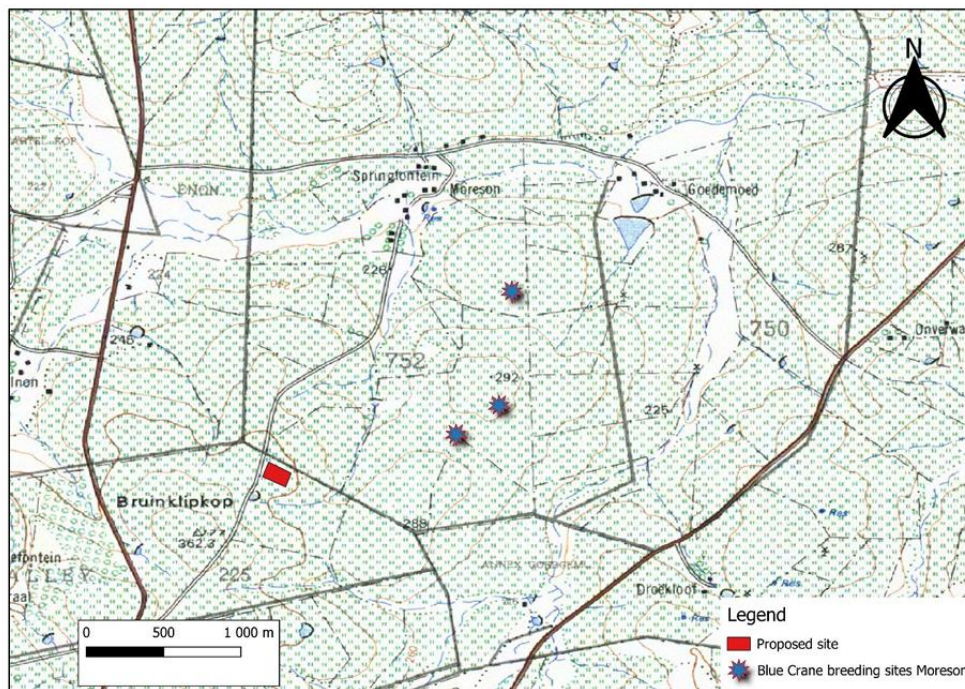
### 3.4.3. Comments received from EWT via email on 17 April 2025



#### 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



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](http://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.

#### 3.4.4. 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



Virus-free. [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

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

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

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**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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### 3.4.6. Letter received via email from Western Cape Roads on 8 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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Infrastructure | Transport Infrastructure Branch



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

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

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**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

### 3.4.9. Email received from Ester Swart Municipality on 16 May 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

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**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:** Ester Swart  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 May 2025 12:20  
**To:** 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:** Ester Swart [REDACTED]  
**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 kommentaar op website/dokument/saak?

Vriendelike groete

Ester

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

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

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**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**  
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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] wrote:

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 registreer julle as 'n belanghebbende party.

Groete  
**Olivia Brunings**  
BSc Conservation Ecology  
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**From:** Springfontein Boerdery : [REDACTED]  
**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

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

Springfontein, Farm 217.

Caledon

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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Smell –</b><br>Orientation Relative to Prevailing Wind:<br>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.<br><br>The wind from the south impacts Môreson and Springfontein.<br><br>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.<br><br>The safety of the farming community is of the utmost importance for those living in rural areas.                                                                                                               |

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|                                | <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>                                                                           |
| <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 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <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. (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 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

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

olivia@phsconsulting.co.za

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**From:** Chris Fourie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 May 2025 07:43  
**To:** 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, identity number [REDACTED] a trustee of Goedemoed Plaas (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



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

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

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**From:** Jan Visagie [REDACTED]  
**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**



**FUTURE PLAN**  
TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

### 3.4.14. 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Smell –</b><br>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.<br><br>The wind directions from the southeast will impact the farm Enon, the south impacts Môreson and Springfontein, and the northwest impacts the Fourie farm.<br><br>Also, when the farmers and their respective workers go past the proposed development to work on neighbouring fields.<br><br>The District Road (DR01294) traverses the property, and both facilities are only 1km away from the tourist road leading to Greyton.<br><br>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><br>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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <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> |

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|                                                        | <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>Negative Impact on Economy &amp; Tourism</b></p> | <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> |

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| <p><b>Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment –</b></p> <p>The land use of the property and surrounding area is primarily Agricultural in nature. 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. 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 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. This poses a significant risk for the Blue Crane population that lives and nests in this area. 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                              | <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <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>    | <p>The use of antibiotics in poultry can contribute to:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                     | <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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <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>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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Access – 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>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> |

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| <p><i>Electricity – 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <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 – 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Visagie', is written over a horizontal line.

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

3.4.15. 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.

B. Amsterdam.....

Berando Amsterdam ID nr [REDACTED]

H. Botha.....

Hendrik Botha ID nr [REDACTED]

WERNETH DE WEE.....

Werneth de Wee ID nr [REDACTED]

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

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)

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 am 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.

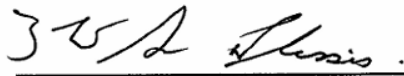
**4 Water Use and Contamination Risks**

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. W. L. du Plessis', followed by a horizontal line.

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

### 3.4.17. 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)

**PHS Consulting**

**Environmental, Heritage, Eco-Tourism and Land-Use**

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**From:** jan-willem du plessis >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 May 2025 17:13  
**To:** 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**

### 3.4.18. Email received from Herman de Kock on 21 May 2025

**olivia@phsconsulting.co.za**

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**From:** lisa simpson [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  
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### 3.4.19. Letter received via email from DEADP on 21 May 2025



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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 1 65 000 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

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



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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**

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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

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3.4.22. Letter received via email from DEADP Directorate Pollution and Chemicals Management on  
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**PER EMAIL**

Dear Madam

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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.

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Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

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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