

**Our Ref:** HM/ CENTRAL KAROO/ BEAUFORT WEST/ PORTION 10 OF WELTEVREDEN 170, PORTIONS 1 AND 3 OF STEENROTSFOUNTAIN 168, QUAGGASFOUNTAIN 166, AND REMAINDER OF OUDE VOLKS KRAAL 164  
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**RESPONSE TO HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: FINAL COMMENT**  
**In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the Western Cape Provincial Gazette 6061, Notice 298 of 2003**

**HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED POWERLINE ON WELTEVREDEN 170/10, STEENROTSFOUNTAIN 168/1 & 168/3, QUAGGASFOUNTAIN 1166, AND AUDE VOLKS KRAAL 164/REM, BEAUFORT WEST, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(1) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)**

The matter above has reference.

This matter was discussed at the IACom meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 and heard at HOM's on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 after the commenting period was concluded.

**FINAL COMMENT**

The Committee endorsed the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Dr Orton dated 7 November 2022 as well as the recommendations of the HIA for authorisation on conditions as follows:

1. The Fossil Chance Finds Procedure must be incorporated into the project EMP;
2. An archaeological pre-construction survey must be carried out focusing on those areas not yet surveyed;
3. The powerline must be shifted towards the southwest off the ridge near Blythe Street; and
4. If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, then work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.

HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.

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