

9 October 2024

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08 October 2024

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: PROPOSED PAARDEVLEI SOLAR PV & BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT

The **Aquatic ecosystems** specialist assessment completed for the proposed Paardevlei Solar & BESS project (in support of the Scoping & EIA Process) refers.

Following the recent public participation process completed for the EIA Phase of the project, the Project Applicant (City of Cape Town) has decided to exclude the land portion, namely Area 2 (80 ha) from the original Site Development Plan (as was presented to the Interested & Affected Parties in the previous Draft EIA Report, dated August 2024).

An updated Site Development Plan (dated October 2024) shows that the proposed Solar Panels & BESS would only be developed on Area 1 (38 ha) & Area 3 (34 ha). This plan will be included in a Revised EIA Report for an additional round of public consultation.

Please note that the nature and level of impacts assessed, and proposed mitigation measures listed in my previous specialist assessment for Area 1 & Area 3 (October 2024 Final Aquatic Specialist Report) will remain unchanged and therefore applicable to the updated Site Development Plan (dated October 2024).
Yours sincerely,

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