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7 June 2013

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Dear Mr Nel

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA,  
HERMANUS**

Your letter fax received on 2 May 2013 with regard to the abovementioned project refers.

We herewith wish to confirm your registration as Interested and Affected Party and can respond to the issues, concerns and impacts raised in your letter as follows

It must be noted that the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach areas belong to the Overstrand Municipality and has been used as a recreational area for a very long time and is also indicated as such in the Spatial Development Framework. It is also a highly utilized area during the summer holidays, over weekends and public holidays when the weather is good with the associated noise, vehicular and pedestrian traffic that is to be expected during such periods. Please also note further that under the Integrated Coastal Management Act the municipality is required to ensure access to the coastal public property and to provide facilities that will ensure and enhance the use of this land by the public at large.

From information that we have obtained from the Overstrand Municipality, the amphitheatre will not be used for shows by rock bands that make music into the early hours of the morning, but rather for stage-productions and more classic and chamber music performances that will not last later than midnight. It is also expected that most performances will last only about two hours.

According to the municipality the existing parking at Grotto Beach will be sufficient and caters for all types of vehicles. If required traffic will be regulated by the municipal traffic services. As far as your concern about pedestrian traffic, this will obviously be in relation to the restaurant and amphitheatre and will be localized at the Grotto Beach area.

Yours sincerely



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**Draft Basic Assessment Report for PROPOSED UPGRADE OF  
PIET SE BOS AND GROTTA BEACH AREA, ERF 4771,  
HERMANUS (Ref.: 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13).**

Date: 3 May 2013

EnviroAfrica Overberg (Fax : 086 513 2141)  
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Dear Charel

**PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTA BEACH AREA, HERMANUS  
(Ref.: 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13)**

**COMMENTS: Submitted to EnviroAfrica (Onrus) by Duncan HW Heard, Chairperson,  
Fernkloof Advisory Board on behalf of the Board**

**Section A1. Project Description:**

- **Last paragraph-Other Activities:** Although 'No' has been indicated here, there is a description of activities which indicates irrigation for fruit orchards and reference is made to the R406 gravel road. Has this been erroneously included?

**Section A 2 (e). Physical Size of Activity**

- This should not indicate 0 m<sup>2</sup> but the extent of the associated infrastructure e.g. restaurant, kiosks, walls, fixed seating, boardwalk etc.

**Section A3: Site Access**

- No formal access road is indicated. It should be explained how the 'Events Stage Truck' and other service vehicles will access the area and explicitly whether public vehicles will be allowed into the area.

**Section D: Need and Desirability**

- Judging by the responses, it would appear that this whole section is not applicable to this application but to an agricultural application near Greyton and therefore needs to be completed appropriately and resubmitted to registered I&APs for their comments.

### Section E: Alternatives

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### Section F: Impact Assessment, Management, Mitigation and Monitoring Measures

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### GENERAL COMMENTS

The following information needs to be supplied in order to allow informed comment.

#### 1. Restaurant Building on the indicated impacted coastal site:

- a. Who will be funding the design and construction of this new building and what will be the estimated cost?
- b. The visual impact of this building could be an issue. What will the architectural design framework for this building be? What public participation will be followed during the design phase?
- c. The building will undoubtedly be subject to storm surges. What mitigation measures are intended to avoid the destruction of the restaurant during such episodes?

#### 2. Concert events at the Amphitheatre:

- a. Such events could have a significant negative social impact on surrounding residents, especially from a disturbance point of view and soundwise. What is the envisaged framework that will regulate concert type, hours, traffic regulation, security etc. to mitigate impact on surrounding residents?

#### 3. The Grassed Oval

- a. The layout diagram indicates that this area will be ringed by concrete braais. It is a well known fact that public braai areas are a source of unwanted and inappropriate behaviour and that picnic areas where no braaing is allowed results in much more acceptable public behaviour that will be much more appropriate to the future use of the area. It is strongly recommended that line of braais be replaced by picnic tables and thatch umbrellas that are interspersed throughout the grassed Oval and that no braaing be allowed.

#### 4. Wetland Restoration

The reconstructed and restored wetland: Will a wetland specialist be giving a specialist opinion and recommendations on the probability of success and functionality of such a restored wetland and the method of and implications of the proposed wetland restoration?

My contact details are listed below.

Kind regards



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1a- The municipality is funding the design and will also fund the construction and the cost will only be known once the project has been put out to tender.

1b-The architect has designed the building that will be included in the final BAR for comment which will be included in the documentation submitted to the relevant authority.

1c-As far as we could ascertain storm surges have never reached the base area on which the restaurant will be located. If required there are a variety of soft options that could be employed to prevent the impact of possible storm surge, but this is not considered necessary at present or in the future.


2a-We have referred these questions to the Overstrand Municipality and their response was that this was a public area used for recreation and that events will be screened by them on an individual basis and the necessary conditions will be laid down by them regarding type, hours, traffic regulation, security etc.

3a-The concrete braais indicated are the positions of the existing braais that will be removed. The only picnic area will be at the back of the elevated section of the amphitheatre during events where attendees can sit on blankets for the shows.

4a-Input from a wetland specialist will be sought in the restoration of the portion of the wetland. An applied limnologist has already indicated that a control in the outlet structure by means of an adjustable weir board should provide a mechanism for manipulating the water level in the wetland area.

Thank you for the interest that you take in the environment.

Yours sincerely



Charel Bruwer

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ANNEXURE A 269/382

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EnviroAfrica Overberg (Piet Se Bos)

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30 April 2013

Dear Mr CA Bruwer,

RE WRITTEN RESPONSE TO PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA

We are writing to register ourselves as an affected and to voice our strong opposition to some of the proposals. The Simon Pickstone Trust owns Erf numbers 6275, 6276 and 6277, which are probably the closest erf's to the proposed development.

We are totally opposed to the idea of allowing an **amphitheatre and stage**. This will allow noise that will disturb us.

- There is little if any information to tell us about this theatre. There is nothing to say what this theatre will be used for, at what times and how often. Neither is there any limited on numbers (seated and standing) in the audience given.
- Even if there were restrictions given now, these could be lifted in the future, causing more disturbances to our property and many more, perhaps in the whole of Voelklip.
- What sound studies have been carried out? How will noise be controlled?
- What lighting is proposed? We are against new lights at night as it causes light pollution at night, we are already unhappy with the lights put up by the municipality in front of our house spoiling the view and night sky for our property.

- How much are the various parts of this project going to cost? I expect that the total amount will be considerable. I feel it would only be right to ask all the residents in Voelklip whether they want their rates and taxes spent on this project that might well cause noise at their properties in the future. Who exactly has been consulted and how was the decision taken of who to consult.

- What provision for parking has been made?

In our view this sort of amphitheatre (if needed) should be built in or closer to Mount Pleasant Sandbaai, where the majority of Hermanus residents live. Building it in a nature reserve (Piet Se Bos) far away from poor people who cannot afford to reach easily is discriminatory. Far more use could be made of a venue closer to the poorer residents of Hermanus.

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We are **not opposed to a new restaurant** being built on the site of the old Nautilus restaurant. However there is insufficient information about this restaurant and bar. We are **against a two story building and bar** as it will change the scale and feeling of the beach buildings, making it more commercial and less of a nature reserve, which we are against. A bar is likely to attract music and noise that we will be very much against.

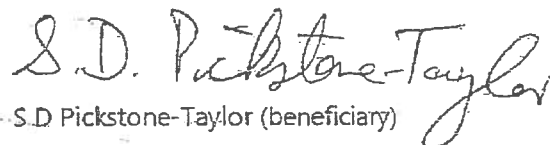
We are also against the path being built through the trees. People can walk down the present tar road; there is no need to cut back more vegetation. If necessary a delineated path can be made on the side of the road from where the cliff path ends to where it reaches Duties, on the seas side of the road. We are also against any palm trees being cut down. We feel funds should be spent protecting the grottos and ensuring that they can be seen, but not polluted and damaged.

La Gratitude was built on the 6 original plots in 1917 away from the commercialism and disturbance of the town. We have always greatly valued its privacy and lack of noise and or light pollution. Over the last number of decades, the municipality in its wisdom has pushed for development and used the very high municipal rates and taxes charged to properties in Voelklip to fund these projects. While we applaud some of the work on the cliff path, we are very much against development that changes the look and feel of the Grotto Beach area. We view the proposed amphitheatre and two story restaurant with bar as big threats to what we enjoy about the area around our properties and are therefore very much against the proposal. The concept of a public amphitheatre is totally unacceptable to the owners of La Gratitude, and we will join any move to have such an amenity placed in a non-residential site.

Yours sincerely,



W M Pickstone (Trustee and beneficiary)



S.D Pickstone-Taylor (beneficiary)

The Simon Pickstone Trust.

*Requested separate letters*

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28 August 2013

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Dear Mr Pickstone-Taylor

**16/3/11/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA, HERMANUS**

Your letter received on 3 May 2013 with regard to the abovementioned project refers.

We herewith wish to confirm your registration as Interested and Affected Party and can respond to the issues, concerns and impacts raised in your letter as follows.

It must be noted that the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach under jurisdiction of the Overstrand Municipality has been used as a recreational area for a very long time and is also indicated as such in the Spatial Development Framework. It is also a highly utilized area during the summer holidays, over weekends and public holidays when the weather is good and with this the associated noise, vehicular and pedestrian traffic is to be expected during such periods.

From information that we have obtained from the Overstrand Municipality, they have indicated that Hermanus has as its prime focus to be an excellent tourist destination. Thus with the increasing growth of tourism in the area, increased affluence among a large sector of the Overstrand community and a younger population who requires amenities and activities according to their needs, the public utilization of areas such as the Grotto area has increased and will continue to increase in future. It is also one of the few areas in Hermanus where visitors and patrons can access the beach and have the opportunity to enjoy the restaurant and bar facilities that go with such public places.

With regard to your comment on the path being built through the trees we wish to point out that this is not part of our brief, but we note your comment. The palm trees are regarded as aliens by the environmental section of the Overstrand Municipality and there have also been a number of comments from other Interested and Affected Parties that have indicated their approval of removing the palm trees.

With regard to your other queries we have referred these to the municipality for answers and more specific answers received from them are as follows.

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Question:

**What alternative locations have been considered by the Municipality to cater for such events and what process was followed to proceed with the development in this location**

Answer: There are no suitable sites available with existing facilities. The municipality is not looking for an area where an amphitheatre can be constructed, but is looking at the upgrading and rehabilitation of the Piet se Bos area. A feasible option that the municipality has come up with is an amphitheatre that will meet the requirement under the Integrated Coastal Management Act, which requires that coastal areas be made more accessible to the general public.

Question:

**To what specific type of event has the Municipality in mind to be staged in this proposed Amphitheatre. This will give an idea of the additional facilities that have to be provided for such events.**

Answer: The municipality has in mind plays, classical performances or suitable musical events as per request, under strict conditions such as suitability, time limits and conditions of the temporary removable infrastructure that has to be put in place by the individual organisers

Question:

**What is the budgeted cost of the Amphitheatre and what is the anticipated income that is to be generated from the staging of events.**

Answer: The cost of the amphitheatre can only be determined when the tenders for the upgrading of the area have been finalised. The anticipated income to be generated will be dependent on the type of event and agreements reached between the municipality and individual organisers.

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**How often is it intended to be put to use (no of uses per month over each month of the full year)**

Answer: This can only be determined once requests for use of the amphitheatre are submitted by individual organisers.

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**What are the proposed operating times and on which days of the week will such events be staged**

Answer: This will once again be dependent upon request, but all performances will end before 12:00 pm.

Question:

**What is the MAXIMUM no of visitors that are to be accommodated (seated and standing) in this Amphitheatre.**

Answer: An absolute maximum of 340 persons.

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Question:

**What considerations have been given to the existing road system being able to handle the additional traffic**

Answer: The existing road network is deemed adequate and the current parking at the Grotto area makes provision for all types of vehicles. The existing parking is deemed adequate and when necessary, Overstrand municipal traffic officials will deal with the traffic flow.

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**What loudspeaker and amplification system is envisaged – location, height and direction of loudspeakers and wattage**

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ANNEXURE A 278/382

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Mr Charel Bruwer

Enviro Africa Overberg

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Dear Sir

**RE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA –HERMANUS**

**Ref No 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13**

As the owner of erf 9902 Hermanus , please register me as an interested and effected party in respect of the above.

Yours Sincerely



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Dear Mr Grieve

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA,  
HERMANUS**

Your letter fax received on 1 May 2013 with regard to the abovementioned project refers.

We herewith wish to confirm your registration as Interested and Affected Party. We also note that you have raised no issues, concerns or impacts that have to be addressed in the final report as requested in the adverts and Background Information Document that was dispatched to you on 15 March 2013.

Yours sincerely



Charel Bruwer Snr

**IAN AND AMANDA ODENDAAL**

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**For Attention: C A Bruwer (Fax 086 513 2141)**

**Reference No: 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13**

Dear Mr Bruwer

**PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE PIET SE BOS AND GROTTTO BEACH AREA, HERMANUS – REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES**

I herewith request you to register us, Ian and Amanda Odendaal, owners and Trustees of Jean-Mandi Trust, Erf 5022, 188 Eleventh Street, Voëlklip, Hermanus as interested and affected parties. (Directly above Grotto Beach).

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I further wish to list the following concerns:

- This proposed upgrade is part of a "coastal nature reserve" and we regularly see many animals on the "park" above Piet se Bos: such as many Bird Species, Bats, Soricidae (Skeerbekke), Rabbits (family leporidae), Cape Otters, "Muishonde" and either "Steenbok" or "duiker" to name but a few;
- What will noise levels and loud music do to these animals?

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- How are specifically the "Grotto areas" and "Milkwood" protected against children who climb onto and over barriers to these areas?
- What will the effect be of lighting at night be on this habitats of the animals?

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter in writing to the author.

Yours faithfully



IAN ODENDAAL  
For JEAN-MANDI TRUST

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Dear Messrs Odendaal

**16/3/11/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA, HERMANUS**

Your letter fax received on 3 May 2013 with regard to the abovementioned project refers.

We herewith wish to confirm your registration as Interested and Affected Party. The occurrence of the biota that you mention is understandable with such a large natural area as Piet se Bos. These animals all have avoidance strategies built into their survival instincts and with the very large refuge area to the east of the area where the amphitheatre is proposed, this provides more than ample space for these biota to move into, if this becomes necessary due to the intermittent noise. The lighting will also be limited to the amphitheatre area which is very limited in relation to the wider expanse of Piet se Bos to the east.

The intention is for the rehabilitated wetland to create a wider area of drowned and very muddy soils with wetland vegetation, in combination with a raised boardwalk to act as deterrent. Other more effective measures may also be considered if this child access does become a problem, but it is not anticipated that this will be a problem. Thank you for the interest that you take in the environment.

Yours sincerely



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03 May 2013

PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE PIET SE BOS AND GROTTA BEACH AREA  
UPGRADE (PROPOSED AMPHITHEATRE DEVELOPMENT) :  
REF NO. 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13:

AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNER OF ERF NO. 9854

I wish to notify you that we have just arrived back from the Kgalagadi and have just heard of the intended plans for the upgrading of the Grotto beach area.

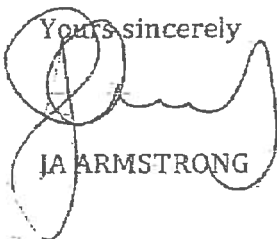
As we will be affected due to our proximity to the area we would request to be registered as an affected property owner.

Our major concerns are the noise that will be generated, the traffic and public influx and the sewerage impact, etc...

Could all information regarding the planning meetings etc be faxed to the following fax no. 021- 886 4298 or emailed to [keevill@iafrica.com](mailto:keevill@iafrica.com)

For ease of communication we would suggest that an email address be supplied for the future .

Yours sincerely



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PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA  
UPGRADE (PROPOSED AMPHITHEATRE DEVELOPMENT):  
REF NO. 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13:

AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNER OF ERF NO. 8008

We wish to record that our neighbour's, Colin and June McCulloch , have been away for four months and are only due back in South Africa in a few weeks time.

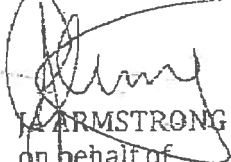
They have requested that we register them as Affected Property Owners and ask that you send any and all relevant information regarding the above proposed development either to their email ([coljune@polka.co.za](mailto:coljune@polka.co.za)) or to fax no. 021-8864298. (See attached email)

Their major concern is the noise that will be generated as a result of a proposed amphitheatre and also by the development of a big restaurant with a pub.

Once again please send all information regarding the planning meetings etc to either their email [coljune@polka.co.za](mailto:coljune@polka.co.za) or fax their information to the following fax no. 021-8864298.

For ease of communication we would suggest that an email address be supplied for future communications.

Yours sincerely



JA ARMSTRONG  
on behalf of

Mr Colin and Mrs June McCulloch

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12 August 2013

Mr C Mc Culloch  
c/o Mr J Armstrong  
64 Jonkershoek Road  
STELLENBOSCH  
7600

Dear Mr Mc Culloch

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA, HERMANUS**

Your letter received on 3 May 2013 regarding the abovementioned project refers.

We wish to confirm that you are registered as Interested and Affected Party. We may respond to the issues that you have raised in your letter as follows. The Overstrand Municipality have indicated in our discussions with them on the issues that you have raised that noise emanating from the use of the amphitheatre and restaurant and pub will be managed by them according to the municipal by-laws on noise. They have also emphasized that the Grotto Beach area is a public amenity that has been there for a considerable period of time and is there for the use of the wider community of Hermanus and tourists and thus one must expect public influx and a certain amount of noise that accompanies this influx.

Also note that the final Basic Assessment Report will be available for comment before submitting it to the relevant authority for acceptance and decision.

Yours sincerely

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Charel Bruwer Snr



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## SCIENTIFIC SERVICES

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 date 17 May 2013

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Attention: Charel Bruwer  
 By email: [charel@enviroafrica.co.za](mailto:charel@enviroafrica.co.za)

Dear Charel

**Re: Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Upgrade of the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach Area, Erf 4771, Hermanus**

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed activity 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 proposed activity.

It is evident that the area proposed for the activity was previously transformed in order to provide the current lawns and braai facilities. The proposal will improve the ecological functioning and value of the area by recreating the wetland environment that existed on site prior to the creation of the grassed braai area, in addition to restoring natural fynbos and thicket habitats in sections of the site.

CapeNature therefore supports the proposed activity as it will result in a net positive impact on biodiversity. It is recommended that the rehabilitated wetland and fynbos area adjacent to the grottos are fenced off to prevent any access to these areas, apart from the raised boardwalk. The rehabilitation must be undertaken by an appropriately qualified specialist and the "rehabilitated fynbos-area" should be planted with species that would have naturally occurred in this micro-habitat i.e. Overberg Dune Strandveld/milkwood thicket.

The Overstrand Municipality is in the process of signing a stewardship agreement with CapeNature for all their municipal nature reserves as well as other municipal open space of conservation value. Grotto Beach is included within the stewardship agreement, which will further detail the management requirements for the site and ensure that the site is adequately managed for conservation objectives.

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

Yours sincerely

**Rhett Smart**  
**For: Manager (Scientific Services)**

The Western Cape Nature Conservation Board trades as CapeNature  
 Board Members: Dr Colin Johnson (Chairperson), Ms Francina du Bruyn (Vice Chairperson), Mr Mico Eaton, Dr Edmund February,  
 Prof Francois Hanekom, Mr Eduard Kok, Mr Carl Lotter, Dr Bruce McKenzie, Ms Merte McOmbring-Hodges, Prof-Gavin Maneveldt,  
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TO: EviroAfrica Overberg (Piet se Bos)

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AND: Department of Environmental Affairs and Planning

Attention: Directorate: Integrated Management (Region B)

Private Bag X9086

Cape Town

8000

Fax 021 483 4372

Date: 29 April 2013

REFERENCE NUMBER: 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13

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Gender: Male

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I am the owner of erf 3504, otherwise known as 227, 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Voelklip, Hermanus, situated in the immediate vicinity of Piet se Bos. I would like to be registered as an Affected Party in the proposed upgrade of Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach area.

I would like to have the opportunity to pose specific questions, the answers to which are not contained in the Basic Assessment Report.

Regards



Andrew Grieve

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Environmental Planning and Impact Assessment Consultants  
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12 August 2013

Mr A Grieve  
P O Box 74  
WORCESTER  
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Dear Mr Grieve

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA,  
HERMANUS**

Your letter dated 29 April and received on 5 May 2013 regarding the abovementioned project refers.

We wish to confirm that you are registered as Interested and Affected Party. We note that you refer to "have the opportunity to pose specific questions, the answers to which are not contained in the Basic Assessment Report". Please note that the newspaper and on-site adverts as well as the Background Information Document clearly indicate that these issues, impacts and concerns need to have reached us before the end of the 40 day comment period which ended on 3 May 2013, in order for them to be addressed in the final BAR.

If you have any issues that you wish to see addressed, we will make a special exemption in your case that so you can raise them to reach us in writing (Fax: 0865132141) by close of work on 20 August 2013 as we will be concluding the final Basic Assessment Report on this proposed development.

Yours sincerely



Charel Bruwer Snr

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12 August 2013

Mr J Armstrong  
64 Jonkershoek Road  
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Dear Mr Armstrong

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA, HERMANUS**

Your letter received on 3 May 2013 regarding the abovementioned project refers.

We wish to confirm that you are registered as Interested and Affected Party. We may respond to the issues that you have raised in your letter as follows. The Overstrand Municipality have indicated in our discussions with them on the issues that you have raised that noise emanating from the use of the amphitheatre will be managed by them. They have also emphasized that the Grotto Beach area is a public amenity that has been there for a considerable period of time and is there for the use of the wider community of Hermanus and tourists and thus must expect public influx. The municipality considers that there are enough parking spaces and during events traffic control officers will be on duty if and when required. Furthermore will the organizers of events also be responsible for supply of control and portable infrastructure that is not permanently available on site. This will be strictly controlled by the municipality who will lay down the requirements on an event specific basis when application for use of the amphitheatre is made.

Also note that the final Basic Assessment Report will be available for comment before submitting it to the relevant authority for acceptance and decision.

Yours sincerely

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Charel Bruwer Snr

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Mr & Mrs Tessa Schreuder  
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Hermanus  
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28<sup>th</sup> April 2013

EnviroAfrica Overberg (Piet Se Bos)  
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Att: Charel Bruwer

To Whom It May Concern:

Ref. No. 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13

I would hereby like to register as an Interested and Affected Party and submit my objection in writing to the proposed upgrade of the Piet Se Bos and Grotto Beach area of Hermanus, Ref. No. 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13.

My details as per request are:

Name: Mrs Tessa Schrueder  
Gender: Female  
Address: No. 2 Tenth Ave  
Voelklip  
Hermanus  
7200

Phone: 028 314 0709  
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As my residence is located above Grotto beach I feel the proposed improvements at Grotto Beach would have a direct impact on my residence and having seen the types of issues that have been caused by similar improvements to areas such as Kirstenbosch in Cape Town I would like to object to the improvements proposed.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



Tessa Schrueder

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12 August 2013

Mr & Mrs Tessa Schreuder  
No. 2 Tenth Avenue  
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HERMANUS  
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Dear Mrs Schreuder

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA, HERMANUS**

Your letter dated 28 April and received on 6 May 2013 regarding the abovementioned project refers.

We wish to confirm that you are registered as Interested and Affected Party. We note that you refer to "similar improvements to area such as Kirstenbosch in Cape Town" and take it that you refer to noise issues caused by concerts there. We may respond to the issue of noise that you have raised in your letter as follows. The Overstrand Municipality have indicated in our discussions with them on the issue that you have raised that noise emanating from the use of the amphitheatre will be managed by them according to the municipal by-laws on noise.

They have also emphasized that the Grotto Beach area is a public amenity that has been there for a considerable period of time and is there for the use of the wider community of Hermanus and tourists and thus one must expect public influx, use change of the area as entertainment requirements of tourism change, etc., etc. The municipality considers that there are enough parking spaces and during events traffic control officers will be on duty if and when required.

Please note that the newspaper and on-site adverts as well as the Background Information Document clearly indicate that these issues, impacts and concerns need to have reached us before the end of the 40 day comment period which ended on 3 May 2013, in order for them to be addressed in the final BAR.

Yours sincerely-

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## Meldac Trust

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18 April 2013

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### REF: 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13 PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA

Please register Meldac Trust as an interested and affected party in respect of the above referenced application. Meldac Trust is the registered owner of a property nearby which may be affected by activities in this area.

Yours sincerely,



JL Scott  
Trustee

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12 August 2013

Mr J Scott  
P O Box 1497  
STELLENBOSCH  
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Dear Mr Scott

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA, HERMANUS**

Your letter dated 18 April with postage stamp 2 May and received on 6 May 2013 regarding the abovementioned project refers.

Please note that this is a late registration and we wish to confirm that you are registered as Interested and Affected Party. We note that you have not raised any issues, concerns or impacts that you would like to see addressed in the Basic Assessment Report. Please note that the newspaper and on-site adverts as well as the Background Information Document clearly indicate that these issues, impacts and concerns need to have reached us before the end of the 40 day comment period which ended on 3 May 2013, in order for them to be addressed in the final BAR.

If you have any issues that you wish to see addressed, we will make a special exemption in your case that so you can raise them to reach us in writing (Fax: 0865132141) by close of work on 20 August 2013 as we will be concluding the final Basic Assessment Report on this proposed development.

Yours sincerely



Charel Bruwer Snr