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Attention: Marielle Penwarden
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Dear Marielle

Background Information Document for the the Proposed Development of Residential and Recreational Facilities, Erven 242 And 212, Bishopscourt, Cape Town
(DEA&DP ref. no.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/A6/7/2223/17)

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

According to the Biodiversity Network (BioNet) for the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan, the site is classified as No Natural and the natural vegetation that would have occurred on site is Peninsula Granite Fynbos (Critically Endangered). The Liesbeeck River traverses the site flowing in an easterly direction and there are five wetlands mapped on the BioNet in the eastern section of Erf 212.

A freshwater specialist study is proposed which is supported by CapeNature. It must be ensured that the freshwater specialist study assesses the impacts on both the river and its riparian zone as well as the wetlands, which should be delineated according to standard methodology. The freshwater specialist study should also identify any keystone or threatened faunal species which could be affected by the proposed development and indicate if further specialist studies may be required.

The development proposal must respond to the constraints identified by the freshwater specialist study, as well as the recommendations provided following on from the assessment of the impacts. CapeNature will provide further comment once the Basic Assessment Report and freshwater specialist study is released.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhett Smart", with a horizontal line underneath.

Rhett Smart
For: Manager (Scientific Services)