

## 1. PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The Pre-Application Public Participation Process included the following actions:

### 1.1 Notice Board

Noticeboards were placed in two areas, namely near the Ngqamakhwe town and the rural extension of Ngqamakhwe – Refer to Figures 1 and 2.



Figure 1: Signboard placed near Ngqamakhwe town



Figure 2: Signboard placed near the rural extent of Ngqamakhwe



**Daily Dispatch**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION PROCESS  
BASIC ASSESSMENT**

**PROPOSED NGQAMAKHWE REGIONAL  
WATER SUPPLY SCHEME PHASE 3**

The Amathole District Municipality proposes to provide adequate water supply to the Ngqamakhwe area by providing infrastructure to supply bulk water and internal reticulation to Wards 13, 16, 18 and 20 under the Jurisdiction of the Mquma Local Municipality.

The project entails the abstraction of water from 6 existing boreholes. Infrastructure relating to this will include the construction of various pump stations and equipping of the 6 boreholes, installation of approximately 98km of mains, 120 km of village reticulation and 325 standpipes. The project will also include the construction of 4 distribution reservoirs of 250- 980kL each and 10 service reservoirs of 60- 175kL each.

Notice is given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) Section 24(5), that an application for environmental authorisation together with a supporting Basic Assessment Report prepared in accordance with the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended in 2017, will be submitted to the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (Amathole Region)

**Listed activities triggered include:**

GN. R324 Activity No. 2, 12, and 14

GN. R327 Activity No. 9, 12 and 19

Furthermore an application for a General Authorisation in terms of Section 21(c) and (f) of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) will be prepared and submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation.

Indwe Environmental Consulting has been appointed as an independent environmental practitioner to undertake the Basic Assessment for this project.

If you or your organisation would like to register as an Interested & Affected Party and take the opportunity to comment on the submission, then please ensure that you contact us with your details. All comments must be in writing and sent to Indwe Environmental within 30 days of the appearance this advert.

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Date of Advert: April 2018

Figure 3: Newspaper advertisement from the original notification period in 2018

# Mavuka Unity Forum brings hope through soup kitchen

## HOKUHLE NONGAUZA

The Mavuka Unity Forum continues to make a meaningful difference in Komani by feeding hundreds of residents from Mlungisi and Ezibeleni through its community soup kitchen initiative. The programme, which takes place twice a week, serves and different communities in and around Komani, provides warm, nutritious meals to vulnerable families, the elderly, and unemployed students.

Beyond providing food, the initiative aims to restore dignity and promote unity among community members by encouraging a spirit of compassion and volunteerism.

The organization founder, Azikiwe Xashimba, who resides at Ezibeleni, is the man behind the initiative. He solicits donations either financial or kind without which, the initiative would not be possible.

Taking care of the vulnerable is never easy, especially with no dedicated funders. Xashimba, with his cofounder Mcebisi Foji, is therefore preparing to apply for a grant from bodies such as the National Lottery, which requires a lot of mandatory documents which they are presently working but are in the process of acquiring.

Passionate individuals, such as Xashimba, fill a void that government programmes sometimes leave.

**Figure 4: Newspaper advertisement in The Rep dated 31 October 2025.**

### 1.3 Written Project Notice to IAP and Organs of State

At project inception written notice in the form of a covering letter attached to a Background Information Document as well as an invitation to comment was sent to the Organs of State and Interested and Affected Parties on the **25<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. A copy of the emails sent is provided in **Appendix G2**.

Following the revival of the project, notification of the submission of the Application Form for Environmental Authorisation to DEDEAT was issued in the form of a covering letter attached to a Background Information Document as well as an invitation to comment was sent to the Organs of State and Interested and Affected Parties on the **20<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. A copy of the emails sent is provided in **Appendix G2**.

MUNICIPALITIES	CONTACT PERSON	TITLE/DEPT.
Mnquma Local Municipality	Tunyiswa Manxila-Nkamisa	Executive Mayor
Mnquma Local Municipality	Loyiso Mpalantshane	Head of Communications
Mnquma Local Municipality	Ziyanda Ngwanya	PA to Municipal Manager
Mnquma Local Municipality	Ms Zukiswa Ntile	Manager: Infrastructure Planning & Development
Mnquma Local Municipality	Mr Makhaya Kibi	Strategic Mangement

Mnquma Local Municipality	Ms Asanda Masinyane	Environmental Manager
Amathole District Municipality	Luyanda Mafumbu	Environmental Manager
Amathole District Municipality	Dr Bhekisisa Mthembu	Municipal Manager
Amathole District Municipality	Sibo Mnqeta	Senior Manager: Communications and Customer Care  Communications and Customer Care Unit: Department of Strategic Planning & Management
Amathole District Municipality	Mrs Nompucuko Badi	Acting Director: Engineering Services
<b>PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b>TITLE/DEPT.</b>
DEDEAT: Amathole region	Ndileka Nazo	Environmental Officer and Registered EAP
DEDEAT: Amathole region	Mduduzi Nkosi	Acting Regional Manager: Environmental Affairs
Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority	Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama	Archaeologist: Museums & Heritage / ECPHRA
DWS	Esmeralda Van Rooyen	
DWS	Lizna Fourie	
DWS	Rachel Rambani	Administration officer: WUA
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Ms. Chinga Mazhetese	Environmental Compliance-Aviation Infrastructure
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Ms Pamela Madondo	Environmental Compliance Specialist
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Lisell Strah	Obstacle Inspector
Department of Defence	Michael Kunene	Personal Assistant of Minister of Defence
<b>WARD COUNCILLORS (PAST &amp; PRESENT)</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Zinzile Gade		
Malungisa Ndungane		
Maputeni Sithethi		
Zoyisile Collen Mfazwe		
Kwandiswa Gobeni		
Prim Veliswa Bulube		
Magobiane Mboneleli		
Thembisile Mpeta		

## 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

See **Appendix G3** for a copy of the Background Information Document.

## 3. INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTER

A register of Interested and Affected Parties has been prepared and is continually updated as I&APs register on the project. See **Appendix G5**.

#### **4. INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY COMMENTS**

There has been official comments received from interested and affected parties to date. Refer to Comments and Response Report in **Appendix E**.

#### **5. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT**

The Comments and Response Report has been included in **Appendix E**.

#### **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Mr Vusi Klaas of Indwe Environmental Consulting and specialist Community Liaison Officer, engaged with community leaders both in 2018 and 2025.

Attendance register, minutes of the meetings and responses forms issued by ward councillors included in **Appendix E and Appendix G4**.

#### **7. REVIEW OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT**

This Draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available to all stakeholders in order for people to review it and make comments during a 30 day period. A physical copy of the document will be delivered to the **Nggamakhwe Police Station** for public access to the document. An electronic copy will be available on the Indwe Environmental Consulting website ([www.indwecon.co.za](http://www.indwecon.co.za))

All registered Interested and Affected Parties will be notified of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report for public review.

All comments received within the 30 day comment period will be included in the final BAR and responded to.