

1. PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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

1.1 Notice Board



Figure 1: Notice board placed on the fence at the existing Water Treatment Works facility, which is located within the Ngqondo Village and forms part of the overall Water Supply Scheme.



Figure 2: English and isiXhosa Notice boards placed on a fence within Ngqondo village.

1.2 Newspaper Advertisement

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME
WITHIN NGOQONDO VILLAGE, CHRIS HANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE.

Indwe Environmental Consulting (Indwe) have been appointed by Sinakho Consulting Pty (Ltd) as the Professional Service Provider (PSP) to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998) for the proposed Water Supply Scheme in the Ngqondo Village within the Eastern Cape.

The location for the proposed Water Supply Scheme is situated in the Ngqondo Village, 40km northeast of Ngqobo. The exact coordinates of the village are -31.525166, 28.144599. The proposed pipeline will connect to the existing Water Treatment Works Facility, which is designed to pump water from the Mbashe River. The pipeline will also connect to existing reservoirs that formed part of separate projects within the nearby villages and towns.

Chris Hani District Municipality have proposed the construction of the Water Supply Scheme within Ngqondo Village with the following scope of works:

- Construction of approximately 1.2km of uPVC pipes of sizes ranging from 63mm diameter of various classes.
- Construction of approximately 5km of HDPE pipes of size 50mm diameter of various classes.
- Construction of approximately 4.5km of Klambon steel pipes of sizes ranging from 50mm diameter to 90mm diameter.
- Construction of stand taps, valve chambers, and all associated pipe fittings.
- Construction of new and reinstatement of existing stormwater along the reticulation mains.

Notice is given in terms of the NEMA (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 (Chris Hani Region).

The Listed activities to be undertaken include, at minimum:

GN. R. 327 Activity 19
GN. R. 324 Activity 12 & 14

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.

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 the EAP with your details. All comments must be in writing and sent to the EAP within 30 days of the appearance this advert.

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Date of Advert: October 2025

Figure 3: Newspaper advertisement notifying Interested and Affected Parties was placed in The Rep on 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 17 February 2026, via email to the people listed in the table below. A copy of the emails send is provided in **Appendix G2**

APPLICANT	CONTACT PERSON	TITLE/DEPT.
Chris Hani District Municipality	Lindile Mato	Technical Services Project Manager
MUNICIPALITIES	CONTACT PERSON	TITLE/DEPT.
Dr. AB Xuma Local Municipality	Siyabulela Zangqa	Executive Mayor
Dr. AB Xuma Local Municipality	Khathutshelo Mulaudzi	Municipal Manager / Information Officer (PAIA)
Chris Hani District Municipality	Lusanda Sizani	Executive Mayor
Chris Hani District Municipality	Noncedo September Caba	Deputy Executive Mayor
Chris Hani District Municipality	Ms N Mnyengeza	Health and Community Services
Chris Hani District Municipality	Mr Z Duze	Acting Strategic Manager
Chris Hani District Municipality	Mr. G Mashiyi	Municipal Manager
Chris Hani District Municipality	Ms. Boitumelo Kolo	PA to Municipal Manager
Chris Hani District Municipality	Ms. Ncumisa Ncobo	Manager MMO
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS	CONTACT PERSON	TITLE/DEPT.
DEDEAT: Chris Hani region	M.N Makosonke	Regional Manager: Environmental Affairs (Chris Hani)
DEDEAT: Chris Hani region	Nondwe Mdekazi-Nkqubezelo	Assistant Manager: Environmental Quality Management
DEDEAT: Chris Hani region	Bhelinda Mtamo	Environmental Impact Management
Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority	Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama	Archaeologist: Museums & Heritage / ECPHRA
DWS	Esmeralda Van Rooyen	
DWS	Lizna Fourie	WULA Manager
DWS	Rachel Rambani	Administration officer: WUA
DWS	Lwando Dayimani	Environmental Officer - Resource
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Chinga Mazhetese	Environmental Compliance-Aviation Infrastructure
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Pamela Madondo	Environmental Compliance Specialist
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Lizelle Stroh	Obstical Inspector
Department of Defence	Maete Lengolo	Personal Assistant of Minister of Defence
COMMUNITY	CONTACT PERSON	TITLE
Ward Councillor, Ward 19	Vuyukazi Mzuku	Ward Councillor
Ngqondo Village	Mawethu Dalasile	Chief
Ngqondo Village	Sakhiwo Mbhesu	Community Liason Officer
Ngqondo Village	Skumbuzo Siyo	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	Andisiwe Mbete	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	Lungiswe Dyanty	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	Neniswa Tshuju	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	M. Sambata	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	M. Khwethane	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	M. Ntonintshi	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	N. Dyantyi	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	V. Sbharu	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	J. Jafeni	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	Jonpisizwe Dalasile	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	B. Samsom Sambatha	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	Athenkosi Ntomtshi	Community Member
Ngqondo Village	Lungisa Hili	Community Member

LANDOWNER	CONTACT PERSON	TITLE
National Government of the Republic of South Africa	Mr. Sifiso Mdakane	Director General: Department of Public Works and Infrastructure
ADJACENT LANDOWNERS	CONTACT PERSON	TITLE
National Government of the Republic of South Africa	Mr. Sifiso Mdakane	Director General: Department of Public Works and Infrastructure
ADDITIONAL IAPS	CONTACT PERSON	TITLE
National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure	Khumbulani Thobani	Candidate Town Planner: Department of Public Works and Infrastructure

1.4 Written Project Notification to Surrounding Neighbours

A written project notification with attached Background Information Document was emailed to adjacent landowners as per the above table. Refer to **Appendix G2**.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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

Background Information Documents were also hand delivered to surrounding community members - refer to **Appendix G4** for receipt of comments received.

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 G6**.

4. INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY COMMENTS

There have been official comments received from interested and affected parties to date. Refer to **Appendix E and G4**.

5. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

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

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

A public meeting was scheduled in Ngqondo for 8 September 2025; however, no members of the community attended the meeting. Following that, a discussion was held with the ward councillor of Ward 19, where the councillor shared her comments regarding the proposed development. The

councillor noted that the proposed development will provide much needed jobs during construction.

The local chief also noted that he is in support of the project and that he would like to register as and IA&P. Refer to the Attendance register included in **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 Engcobo Police Station, 82 High St, Engcobo, for public access to the document. An electronic copy will be available on the Indwe Environmental Consulting website (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.