

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (12/12/20/978) FOR
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry's
GROOT LETABA RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (GLEWaP)
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear Mrs Molomo

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) (12/12/20/978): PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GROOT LETABA RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (GLEWaP)**

- **Minutes of public meetings/open houses held in October 2007 available**
- **Final Scoping Report and Issues and Response Report available**

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the many stakeholders and organizations that are participating in the Groot Letaba River Water Development Project's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. We would like to thank all the stakeholders who responded to our last correspondence by either requesting a copy of the Draft Scoping Report and/or it's Summary and/or attending one of the two public meetings held in the area. We appreciate stakeholders' efforts to submit their comments on the Draft Scoping Report within the comment period, which started on Wednesday, 3 October and ended on Wednesday, 31 October 2007.

Now that the comment period has closed, we would like to advise you of the availability of the minutes of the meetings held on 12 and 13 October 2007 and of the Final Scoping Report and the updated Issues and Response Report.

Minutes of the public meetings available

The purpose of the public meetings held on 12 and 13 October 2007 was to present the contents of the Draft Scoping Report to stakeholders in order to provide them with an opportunity to confirm that issues raised during the scoping phase of the EIA have been considered, and to comment on the proposed terms of references for the specialists studies.


All issues arising during the public meetings have been captured in the minutes and also in the updated Issues and Response Report, that will accompany the Final Scoping Report.

Final Scoping Report with an updated Issues and Response Report

Every comment received during the scoping phase of the EIA process has been responded to in the comprehensive Issues and Response Report, which is appended to the Scoping Report, to assist stakeholders to see how their comments will be considered in the next phase of the EIA, and for the information of the environmental authorities. The Final Scoping Report will be submitted to the national Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism for their review and decision on the impact assessment phase of the EIA.

Stakeholders who would like a copy of the Final Scoping Report should contact the Public Participation Office who will gladly supply copies of the requested reports; alternatively stakeholders can visit the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry's Web site (www.dwaf.gov.za/projects/Grootletaba).

Yours sincerely



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