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Letter to the editor

Welcome Progress

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In response to the article "Plans afoot to preserve heritage of Princess Vlei" dated 08 December 2015, the Department of Water and Sanitation Western Cape Provincial Office wants your readers to know it is the Department of Water and Sanitation that ensures the authorization of any development within 800m of the wetlands and ensures that wetlands are preserved as natural functioning water bodies.

The natural environment provides "free services" such as tranquil landscapes, and pleasing views which are treasured by communities. Apart from fishing, sailing and other active pursuits, there are many people who enjoy the sights and sounds of clean rippling ponds or marshes. It is for this reason that vigilance is required to maintain a balance between protecting wet environments while providing needed shelter, recreational facilities/spaces and economic opportunities.

As the department we wish to express our satisfaction and support for plans to preserve the heritage of Princess Vlei. This will maintain and uphold the integrity of the wetlands in the Western Cape.

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