



**PROPOSED UPGRADING OF MAIN ROAD P419 FROM KM  
4.4 – KM 9.4 AND KM 17.0 – KM 22.0, WITHIN DR.  
NKOSAZANA DLAMINI ZUMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY,  
KWAZULU-NATAL**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This report captures the comments and issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) as well as the Competent Authority [KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA)] during the undertaking of the Basic Assessment Process for the proposed upgrading of Main Road P419 From Km 4.4 – Km 9.4 And Km 17.0 – Km 22.0, within Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma Local Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal.

The necessity for the Comments and Responses Report (CRR) stems from Regulation 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The comments have been categorised to allow for easy reference.

The summary of the PPP that commenced in March 2023 is summarised as follows:

- Site Notices were placed (on 22 March 2022) at multiple locations along the proposed route.
- An advert in English was published in the local “Mountain Echo” Newspaper in the “*March/April*” 2022 issue.
- A community/tribal leader meeting for Wards 12 and 9 was held on 22 March 2022.
- In the meeting held on 22 March 2022, the EAP was warned against the undertaking of public meetings as community members were very angry about the delays in bringing the project to realisation. No public meeting was held for that reason.
- Stakeholders and I&APs identified including adjacent residents, Local and District Municipalities, DWS (with which a Water Use Authorisation has been received), Eskom, and KZN Amafa and Research Institute were notified of the proposed activity.

This CRR will be updated to reflect comments raised by I&APs and the EDTEA, subsequent to the circulation of the Draft Basic Assessment Report. It must be noted that all references to **Appendices** made in this report are those of the Basic Assessment Report.

**Table 1** indicates the details of the name of the I&AP or Competent Authority, details concerning the date of the receipt of the comments as well as the response of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to the comment. This report contains all comments that have been received to date.

## 2. COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Table 1: Comments and responses for the proposed upgrade of the P419 Road

Stakeholder I&AP'S	Comments/Response	Date	Correspondence Method
<b>1.Dr NDZ LM Enviro</b>	<p>Good day Lindiwe.</p> <p>Attached are some of the PPP documents that have been drafted for the upgrade of the P419 project. Please let me know if you have any comments on the project at this stage.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	Friday, April 8, 2022, 9:51:50 AM	Email sent to <a href="mailto:ndelul@ndz.gov.za">ndelul@ndz.gov.za</a>
<b>1.1Dr NDZ LM Enviro Response</b>			
<b>2.EDTEA</b>	<p>Pre-Application Meeting held. Attendees: Phindile Mthembu EDTEA Intern Ntsebo Mkhize – Terratest senior EAP Discussion on proposed project – P419 Upgrade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Background</li> <li>• Locality map of proposed development</li> <li>• Triggered Activities</li> <li>• Specialist Studies</li> <li>• Public Participation</li> </ul> <p>All Information Contained in Meeting Minutes Appendix D</p>	<b>22 November 2021</b>	VIA Teams
<b>3.Eskom</b>	<p>Eskom Infrastructure Good afternoon I'd like to find out if any Eskom Infrastructure will be encroached upon by the proposed P419 Upgrade. The project background and kmz files are indicated on the attached. I'm looking forward to your response.</p>	<b>Sent:</b> 17 March 2022 16:27	<b>To:</b> kznou-landr@eskom.co.za

	Regards,		
<b>3.1Eskom Response</b>	<p>Good morning, Mr Mkhize Please receive the attached comments.</p> <p>Regards, Samantha Naicker</p>	Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 7:28:45 AM	Samantha Naicker <NaickeSa@eskom.co.za>
	<p>Summary of Comment from Eskom as per above, Documents attached: Re Bulwer Network Breakers 01&amp;20 22kv overhead Powerlines and Bulwer Elandskop 1 88Kv Distribution overhead powerlines are shown on Eskom system, Powerlines depicted on attached diagrams traversing areas as per KMZ application files P419 Section 1 an dP419 section 2. Building restrictions for both the 22kv and 88kv <b>Details outlined in document attached.</b></p>		
<b>4.Ezemvelo</b>	<p>Good day Mr Blackmore I'm an Environmental Assessment Practitioner who has been tasked with undertaking a Basic Assessment Process as well as a Water Use Authorisation for the proposed upgrade of road P419 withing the Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma Local Municipality in KZN. The project developer is the KZN Department of Transport. As part of the above-mentioned processes, I need to source preliminary comments from your office on the project based on the attached documents. I have also attached KMZ files of the sections of the road on which the upgrades will be undertaken.</p> <p>Do please let me know if you have any comments on the project at this stage. Please also confirm if you are the correct person with whom I can liaise with on the project going forward and to whom any draft reports can be provided to for comments.</p> <p>I'm looking forward to your response.</p>	Friday, April 8, 2022, 9:28:44 AM	To: andyb@kznwildlife.com

	Regards,		
<b>Ezemvelo Response awaited. 5.Harry Gwala DM Water Section</b>	<p>Good day Mr Ngcobo</p> <p>I received your details from Mr Hlengwa (cc'd). I'm an Environmental Assessment Practitioner who has been tasked with undertaking a Basic Assessment Process as well as a Water Use Authorisation for the proposed upgrade of road P419 in the Bulwer area. The project developer is the KZN Department of Transport. As part of the above-mentioned processes, it is important that all service providers whose infrastructure may be affected by the project are notified of the project and afforded an opportunity to provide comments, concerns, or any other matters regarding the project. When undertaking the site visit of the project area, I observed some water supply infrastructure along the edges of the P419 and of course had to notify your department of this due to possible impacts on your infrastructure.</p> <p>I have attached a document providing some basic information on the project. A document with additional information will be circulated in due course. I have also attached KMZ files of the sections of the road on which the upgrades will be undertaken. Do please let me know if you have any comments on the project at this stage. Please also confirm if you are the correct person with whom I can liaise with on the project going forwards and to whom any draft reports can be provided to for comments.</p> <p>I'm looking forward to your response.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	Sent on Friday, March 18, 2022, 3:34:04 PM	ngcobos1@harrygwaladm.gov.za; hlengwaz@harrygwaladm.gov.za
	<p>Good day Mr Ngcobo</p> <p>Further to the email I sent last month, please find attached an additional document for the project, i.e. the Notification Sheet. I</p>	April 8, 2022, 9:45:59 AM	

	<p>have also attached the documents I initially provided to you. Kindly provide me with any comments you may have on the project to date. On Wednesday 06.04.2022, I had a discussion with Mr Hlengwa (cc'd) who indicated that your office does not have drawings that show the routes of the water supply infrastructure. I notified him that despite this, any comments on the project would still be appreciated as part of ensuring that the water supply infrastructure is protected during the construction phase, and in turn the operational phase.</p> <p>I look forward to receiving your comments.</p>		
<p><b>6.WUL Application Response: Dep of Water and Sanitation:</b> Response</p>	<p>Ref. No: WU22751 File No:27/2/2/U610/4/5/4. KWAZULU-NATAL TRANSPORT Dear Ms. NF Makhanya</p> <p><b>REGISTRATION OF WATER USE IN TERMS OF SECTION 39 OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, NO 36 OF 1998: FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF MAIN ROAD P419 IN HARRY GWALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, QUATERNARY CATCHMENT U10F OF PONGOLA - MZIMKHULU - DURBAN</b></p> <p>Your request dated 18 January 2024 to be registered to use water in terms of General Authorisation Gov Notice no. 509 dated 26 August 2016 refers.</p> <p>The Department is pleased to confirm that the intended water use falls within the ambit of the General Authorisation. Therefore, you may continue with the water uses as permissible in terms of Section. 22 (1) (a) (iii) of the NWA. You are therefore requested to adhere to the conditions stipulated in the said General Authorisation.</p> <p><b>Detailed Letter Attached.</b></p>		<p>Enquiries: Ms KA Makhanya Tel: 031 336 2965 Email: makhanyak@dws.gov.za</p>

<p><b>7.KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute. Response</b></p>	<p><b>Approval Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amongst other things, the following was discussed:</li> <li>• The signature from the families who were contacted had been submitted.</li> <li>• The committee resolve not to object on condition to demarcate with a red tape around the grave.</li> <li>• site and must be monitored.</li> <li>• Heritage practitioner must be on board when construction commences.</li> <li>• If anything found on site, the work must be stopped immediately and consult the institute.</li> <li>• A phase 3 would be recommended should there be any heritage resources/graves discovered.</li> </ul>	<p><b>5 February 2024</b></p>	<p>Contact person: Philani Ndabezitha Philani.ndabezitha@amfaintitute.org.za</p>
<p><b>8.Traditional and Tribal Authorities, Ward 9 and Ward 12 Councillors and Community members</b></p>	<p>Meeting Held at the Tafuleni Community Hall on the 22 March 2022, as Company Representatives: Sthembiso Shelembe JG Afrika Pty Ltd and Ntsebo Mkhize Terratest Pty Ltd. Purpose of the meeting. To present the proposed P419 project and the required environmental approvals To obtain comments of meeting attendees and plan for community notification about the project Councillor - Bhekithemba Khathi (BK) BK stated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no objections to the project</li> <li>• community is aware of the project and have been waiting for construction to start.</li> <li>• the P419 is used as an alternative to the main road in Bulwer, especially when there is unrest;</li> <li>• project needs to be fast-tracked as it has been on the table since 2016 and must be finished by 2022.</li> </ul>	<p><b>22 March 2022, Time 10:52-12:16</b></p>	<p>Physical Meeting: Tafuleni Community Hall</p>



	<b>Full Details of all Comments, Questions and Discussions in Meeting Minutes</b>		
[REDACTED]	To: [REDACTED] Dear HR Please find the attachment that I have sent I would love to join your successfully company	<b>8 April 2022</b>	From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	30.03.2022 - [REDACTED] based Contractor wants to Tender and does not want to be left out. How long will Enviro process take and when will Contactors be appointed. RESPONSE Enviro Decision made by end 2022. Engineers stated that tending stage up to appointment of Contractor can take up to 8 months	<b>30 March 2022</b>	

### **3. CONCLUSION**

This report includes covers the comments and responses received during the initial Notification Phase for the proposed re-alignment of the proposed upgrade of the P419 Road. The responses provided have, where necessary, referred the reader to appendices of the BAR. With the exception of comments received from community members during the initial notification phase, all other comments received from Government Departments and relevant Authorities were included in this Report. This report has therefore presented all comments received to date.