

## **KLEYNKLOOF PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE**

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Attention Ms Bongsi Shinga

### REVISED PLAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

As Interested and affected parties with property in the Pearly Beach area, we would like to comment on this latest proposal.

1. As a result of this latest change to the procedure, any comment or objection could be taken as referring to the three sites with the resultant diffusion and loss of impact. We, like most other registered parties, only feel competent to deal with the selection of one of the sites.  
If the decision to accept or reject this plan has to be all or none, then this is a blatant manoeuvre by the applicant to weaken and confuse any opposition and the result cannot be in the best interest of a sound solution.
2. The choice of Bantamsklip on the farm Groot Hagel Kraal, a National Heritage site, was flawed from the start.  
Identified by the previous regime with typical disregard for a national gem and the area's tourism potential. Even back in the 1980's it was recognised as a hotspot of biodiversity and a source of an interconnected wetland.  
Since then its reputation has been growing steadily and has become a popular venue for botanical study and research.  
It is a recognised part of the internationally famous Cape Floral Kingdom, now continually under threat from development.
3. A nuclear power plant, the size of the one being envisaged, together with the radiating transmission lines and periphery development, will devastate, not only the important floral and marine species that are found here, but also the historic heritage that is evident in the limestone cliffs a short distance away from the site.  
The S.A.Museum have researched the caves on our reserve and found remains of Khoi inhabitants and middens, evidence of the people who inhabited the area in the past.
4. We are fortunate that South Africa's generous coastline allows us to avoid the last remaining sensitive natural areas, such as the fynbos of the Western Cape and the indigenous forests around Knysna, and protect them from destructive development. We firmly believe that in the financial calculations for this project, the cost of permanently losing any part of these treasures has not been correctly assessed. Future generations will be puzzled and appalled by the wrong decision.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

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Owners  
Kleynkloof Private Nature Reserve.