



## REDFORD CONSERVANCY

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For attention Rachelle Stofberg – [rachelles@sivest.co.za](mailto:rachelles@sivest.co.za)

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- DEA 12/12/20/691
- SIVEST 10817

Dear Ms Stofberg,

I would like to register the Redford Conservancy as an Interested and Affected Party for the proposed new Eskom Substation at Bitou, as referenced above. I apologise for the slightly late communication with you – our latest committee meeting, at which the above proposal came under discussion, was held yesterday evening and it was moved that we register if at all possible. As I understand it we should be able to register at any point in the process, although any comment that we make at this stage may only be noted in a later phase – is this correct?

For the record, at this stage our concerns centre around the possible environmental impacts of the proposed development in their broadest sense –

- On the local flora and fauna, with a special note about the Blue Cranes that make a regular appearance on one of the adjoining farms (444/144, I think)
- On the risks of soil erosion inherent in the clearance process on the identified site
- In respect of pollution and waste, especially given the proximity of the site to the Bitou River and floodplain

We would also like to know what path the outgoing power lines are proposed to take towards The Craggs - we assume that the substation is intended to supplement power supply to the eastern areas of Plettenberg Bay.

We reserve the right to enlarge our scope of comment later in the process if we see fit to do so.

Yours faithfully,

Sharon van Hees (for the Redford Conservancy)

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