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<b><i>VISUAL IMPACT</i></b>		
There will be a negative visual impact on the Zuurberg Inn as there are already 2 lines, south of the Inn and 1 line, north.	Mr Allant, Zuurberg Inn	
Riverbend Game Resort already has two powerlines on the land and is concerned about the visual impact of a third powerline on their Game Resort.	Mr Gird, Riverbend Game Lodge	Mr Gird should be consulted with regards to the citing of the line on his property to limit any negative visual impacts.
Powerlines have a negative visual impact for tourists visiting game farms.	Mr Bekker, Wolverton 1, 2 & 3	
Great care should be taken with the design of the towers especially in the Zuurberg and Addo Park area, computer generated images should define the area of visual impact.	Mr Southwood, Individual	A new tower design is being investigated by Eskom for use in the Addo National Park.
A broader description of the methodology as to how the impact on the ecotourism industry will be investigated.	Dr Knight, SA National Parks	
Access to Powerlines		
The Zuurberg Inn will be included in the Greater Addo National Park and game fencing will be erected in the area of the Inn. It will be a problem in the future for Eskom to get access to their lines through the game fencing. How will Eskom get to their powerline?	Mr Allant, Zuurberg Inn	
<b><i>VEGETATION</i></b>		
Concerned about the impact on vegetation under the lines, as the vegetation will have to be cleared in order to erect the line.	Mr Allant, Zuurberg Inn	Not all the vegetation along a servitude is cleared, only the area surrounding the pylon.
The bush that is cleared for the servitude does not grow back and this decreases food for game on the farm. Specifically concerned about the protected “olifontvoet” plant and ‘pruimhout’.	Mr Bekker, Wolverton, Addo	Protected species will be marked with construction tape prior to clearing of the servitude to ensure that they are not damaged.
<b><i>FAUNA</i></b>		
The new lines will impact on the migration routes of the animals in the proposed Addo Park, as a lot of animals will not move under the lines. Animals in the area migrate from the sweet veld to the sour veld - this may impact on the new park and migration routes.	Mr Allant, Zuurberg Inn	
<b><i>AVIFAUNA</i></b>		
Powerlines impact negatively on birds and especially eagles. They have been found lying dead under powerlines.	Mr Allant, Zuurberg Inn & Mr Bekker, Wolverton, Addo	

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Measures will have to be taken to make powerlines visible to birds.	Mr Southwood, Individual	
<b><i>ARCHEOLOGICAL/PALAEONTOLOGICAL</i></b>		
A desk top study of archeological and palaeontological sties is not enough, especially in the Zuurberg area, filed surveys should be undertaken.	Mr Southwood, Individual	
<b><i>CITRUS FARMING</i></b>		
The powerlines are incompatible with citrus farming and windbreaks required for citrus orchards. The reduction in windbreaks has a devastating impact on citrus orchards. (See meeting with Citrus Farmers below under Proposed Alignment)	Mr Finnemore, Rosedale	Eskom has undertaken to investigate using the railway servitude in the Addo area to avoid affected citrus farmers.
<b><i>GAME FARMING</i></b>		
A lot of game capture is done in the Addo Park and the powerline will negatively impact on this as well as being a flying hazard.	Mr Allant, Zuurberg Inn	
If helicopters are used for game capture powerlines become a flying hazard and dangerous.	Mr Bekker, Wolverton 1, 2 & 3	
They are in the process of establishing a game farm and have experienced a number of problems with Eskom servicing their existing four lines. When Eskom personal enter the premises animals are frightened, run into fences, injure themselves and die. This occurs at great expense to the business. There is grave concern that this situation will only get worse with the construction of yet anther line.	Mr Bekker, Wolverton 1, 2 & 3	
<b><i>ADDO PARK</i></b>		
The alternative route suggested by SA National Parks for the powerline should have been indicated on the map in the Briefing Paper to generate issues from the broader public.	Dr. Knight, SA National Parks	
<b><i>PROPOSED ALIGNMENT</i></b>		
It is understands that a powerline is needed somewhere but it is most probably not a good idea to put it through the Addo park. Would recommend that the existing powerline running through the park is removed.	Mr Allant, Zuurberg Inn	

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Rather run the new line along existing road routes e.g. along the N2. This will minimise the impact and provide Eskom with access to their lines. For this reason one of the alternatives preferred.	Mr Allant, Zuurberg Inn	
Riverbend Game Resort in Addo supports the removal of the existing line through Addo Park and would support one of the alternatives proposed for the new line.	Mr Gird, Riverbend Game Resort	
Farms with cattle and sheep should not have a problem or objections to the new line. The line should however run along farm boundaries to minimise the impact.	Mr Roux, Addo Farmers Association.	
Supports the existing servitude route proposed.	Mr Bean, Schotia Safaris	Noted
Should one of the alternatives be chosen it would impact on them as they border the Addo Park. They are presently involved in negotiations to sell their land to the GANP but have no objections to the line on their property.	Mrs Potgieter, Antwas Eiendoms Beperk, Addo	
Mr Schneider has no problem with the establishment of the new line as long as it is located between the main road and his house (west).	Mr Schneider, Die Vlakte, Middleton	This should be noted by Eskom for the construction phase.
They want to erect a centre pivot for irrigation on their property. This should be noted and the new line should not prevent them from erecting the pivot. The line should be located at the furthest point away from the house. (see additional comment under maintenance below) Subsequent comment submitted by Mr Van Niekerk requests that the new line be diverted to avoid the irrigation farms in the area.	Mr Van Niekerk, Monterey (Farm Manager)	
The line should not be a problem as they are small stock farmers.	Mr Muir, M&M Farming	Noted
The servitude registered by Eskom has already been used. There are four existing lines running parallel on the property. They are in the process of establishing a game farm and have experienced numerous problems with Eskom servicing their existing lines. (see maintenance below) Would prefer one of the alternatives routes proposed for the establishment of the new line	Mr Bekker, Wolverton Addo	
The association has quite a few members between Middleton and Cookhouse and near Oliphants Pass. It would be better to stick to the route proposed.	Mr Roux, EC Game Management Association	The map of the proposed route and a shortened version of the Briefing Paper were placed in the Newsletter of the East Cape Game Management Association.

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Citrus Farmers in the Addo area raised various concerns with regards to the establishment of a new line and the impact this would have on their Citrus Farms. The major concern was powerlines restricting the height of windbreaks which in turn impact on land that can be cultivated for citrus. Existing lines already restrict windbreaks and a new line would only exacerbate this situation.	Special Meeting with Addo Citrus Farmers.	A special meeting held with the affected farmers determined that Eskom should investigate the possibility of using the railway line servitude as the route for the establishment of the new line.
The Wildlife & Environment Society of SA supports the eastern alternative alignment and support a detailed EIA being done on the proposed line. The existing servitude in the Addo National Park should not be widened.	Mr Stewart, WESSA	
The route that would cause the least damage to the environment would be that which utilised the existing servitude across the Addo Park, rather than opening up a whole new servitude around it.	Mr Mc Hugh, Mountain Club of SA EP Division	
Would prefer the route proposed. The caravan Park at Sundays River is narrow and already has an existing line. There could be resistance from residents in the area to the establishment of a powerline alongside the Sundays River.	Ms Botha, Pearson Park Caravan Resort	
Should the line cross the township of Nomathamsanqua in Addo the Integrated Development Plan of the Local Council would need to be taken into account as it may conflict with developments proposed for this area.	Cllr Lose, Addo TRC	
<b>CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE</b>		
Already have four lines on his property and had a problem with the last line put in by Eskom as a separate road was made to access the lines and no gates were put in.	Mr Van Aardt, Baviaans Krantz, Cookhouse	
Siting the lines above the ground as opposed to below ground would result in the least damage to the environment.	Mr Mc Hugh, Mountain Club of SA EP Division	
Their game farm at Wolverton near Addo already has four lines crossing the land. Presently experience problems with the servicing of the existing lines as gates don't get closed, locks on the gate are cut and no prior arrangement is made for servicing the line. Game has disappeared since Eskom serviced the line last time and the game has not been found. This occurs at a high cost to the business. The existing line is a problem and sparks when it rains. If you touch the fence near the line you also get shocked. Another line is not wanted on his land.	Mr Bekker, Wolverton 1, 2 &3, Addo	

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It is accepted that additional power is needed for the Eastern Cape. But there are already two lines on Mr Hayters farm and the following problems are already experienced: Gates being left open, contractors allowing cattle to roam into their property and mixing up stock in their own camps, being locked out of their own camps and wood being stolen. For these reasons they are not in favour of yet another line on their property.	Mr Hayter, Kaydon/Hayterdale	
Presently has a 400kV line that runs through the middle of the farm Monterey, stray voltage under the line has been reported but never rectified. As the land size is only 120 hectares they cannot afford to have the same problem on yet another portion of their property, this is unacceptable.	Mr Van Niekerk, Monterey, Middleton	
Trimming of vegetation, if required, in the vicinity of the powerlines will be the sole responsibility of Eskom. Access to the powerlines must be negotiated with PPC Cement.	Mr Barnard, PPC Cement	
There is a history of contractors damaging the environment due to sub-standard roads, particularly on steep slopes. The EIR should contain detail of what roads will be built and the standards for control. Contractors should be warned that they would be penalised if standards are not maintained or adhered to.	Mr Southwood, Individual	
Helicopters should be used to bring materials into areas with steep slopes.	Mr Southwood, Individual	
<b><i>SOCIAL AND HEALTH ISSUES</i></b>		
Security in the area is a big problem and they are concerned with the construction period and having strangers in the area and the impact this will have on security.	Mr & Mrs Watson, Biesonfontein	
Gates not being closed and stock theft become a problem when Eskom are putting in new powerlines.	Mr Truter, Verdun	
Cleared servitude for the powerlines provide a clear access route for theft.	Mr Bekker, Wolverton, Addo	
There is a theory that powerlines affect the fertility rate of cows. The farm Monterey farms 300 cows and already has an existing 400kV running across the farm.	Mr Van Niekerk, Monterey	
Cleared servitude lines are used as footpaths for stealing game and livestock and breaking into farm houses.	Mr Bekker, Wolverton 1, 2 & 3.	

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<b><i>EROSION</i></b>		
The existing 400kV line goes through the farm Grey Rocks. When it was built reasonable care was taken to safeguard tracks for construction on the mountain top which has tough erosion resistant natural grass bound topsoil. Once the work of the towers was complete a bulldozer made unnecessary transverse banks and bulldozed the topsoil off the full length of the track causing appalling damage. The contractor supplied fencing to enclose the road and years later only partial recovery has occurred. The landowner should always be consulted.	Mr Webster, Grey Rocks	
<b><i>GENERAL</i></b>		
A lot of existing lines are wood and will have to be replaced.	Mr Allant, Zuurberg Inn	
Properties in the Addo area are long and not wide; therefore there is a greater impact on properties in this area.	Mr Allant, Zuurberg Inn	
They have been told they will get a special line as their existing line keeps cutting out and would like a 100kv line if a new line goes in.	Mrs Potgieter, Antwas Eiendoms Beperk, Addo	
There is a lack of consistency with the entire process when Eskom are putting in new lines. The first person that is met makes certain promises, which are not kept. Construction is done by contractors who do not have knowledge of the natural vegetation and destroy the vegetation when putting in new lines. Mr Truters perception is that Eskom will put their line where they want regardless of objections and issues raised.	Mr Truter, Verdun	
The farm presently receives municipal power from Somerset East which is 10% more expensive and unreliable and they require a consistent supply of electricity for their incubators used for ostrich eggs. If the line crossed his farm he would expect to be supplied with power from Eskom.	Mr Jeppe, Draaihoek, Middleton	
No problems at this stage with the establishment of the line.	Mr Conradie, Voorspoed	
The landowner should always be consulted to avoid undue damage to the environment.	Mr Webster, Grey Rock	
Mr Lombard objects to the further powerlines being erected on this property and further correspondence in this regard should be forwarded to his attorney.	Mr Lombard, Wagenaarsdrift	

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<p>The Coega Development Corporation supports the upgrading of the primary supply network between Poseidon and Grassridge. The greater security of supply will be an incentive to foreign and local investors to locate within the IDZ. However, mitigation of impacts and government legislation should be adhered to.</p>	<p>Mr Leese, Coega Development Corporation</p>	
<p>Eskom erected a large pylon on my land with the original Grassridge to Poseidon line. Underneath this line are labourers cottages and a dam. Any extension to the existing line may render my small piece of farming land useless.</p>	<p>Mr Taylor, Elangeni Farms</p>	
<p>The Mountain Club of SA has been informed that Eskom propose to construct a line from Natal to along the coast which may make the Eastern alternative more viable. They are not able to make a sensible contribution if this bigger picture is not known.</p>	<p>Mr Mc Hugh, Private input.</p>	
<p>A detailed Environmental Impact Report is needed to assess the visual impact of the line and the damage from contractors erecting the line.</p>	<p>Mr Southwood, Individual</p>	
<p>The legality of erecting such structures on Schedule 1 National Park land.</p>	<p>Dr Knight, SA National Parks.</p>	
<p>There appears to be a requirement for an economic assessment of the need for greater power delivery to Port Elizabeth.</p>	<p>Dr Knight, SA National Parks.</p>	
<p>Eskom must develop an emergency plan in case of fires to prevent damage to the powerlines and surrounding areas.</p>	<p>Mr Barnard, PPC Cement</p>	
<p>The routing of the line must not negatively affect the mineral reserves on PPC's properties. Where ever the powerline crosses roads or future roads of PPC adequate measures need to be taken not to affect our operations. The same restrictions must apply as stipulated in the Environmental Management Programme for the installation of Power Lines.</p>	<p>Mr Barnard, PPC Cement</p>	