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Dear Mr Seeney



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RE: ESKOM EIA CONCERNS FOR THE PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (DEA Ref. No: 12/12/20/944)

I am an interested and affected party, in that I am a milk producer, and own dairy farms close to Oyster Bay.

Comment 1:

On Monday, the 30th May 2011, I attended the public meeting at the Oyster Bay Hall.

I initially filled out my particulars in the attendance register, but thereafter I put a line through them, indicating my non-attendance. I did this for the under mentioned reasons, namely:

1. When I stood up to speak, the chairman interrupted me and effectively stopped me from speaking. I was not given a proper opportunity to make my input.

Response 1:

Your comment is noted. The chairman attempted to provide all participants at the meeting with a fair opportunity to make their viewpoints known. No one is excluded from participating at a public meeting as part of an EIA process. However, at times when several participants try to make their points or ask questions at the same time, the chairman needs to limit the number of speakers and place them in a queue during the meeting. The chairman must also at times make a decision to give preference to other speakers if the question or point is similar to other ones that have already been raised earlier in the same meeting, in order to ensure that all issues are heard. We urge you to submit your comments to the Nuclear-1 GIBB Public Participation Office. Any feeling that you were interrupted is apologised for.

Comment 2:

2. I pointed out that the standard of minute taking was poor, because the minutes of a previous meeting misquoted me. The chairman's response was to arrogantly enquire why I had not corrected it.



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Response 2:

Your comment is noted. GIBB depends on I&APs and stakeholders to review the draft minutes of meetings to ensure that their points are accurately captured. All attendants of meetings are provided with draft minutes for review prior to finalisation of such minutes. We urge you to liaise with the Gibb PP office regarding the correctness of the minutes.

Comment 3:

3. The interpreter did not interpret correctly.

Response 3:

Your comment is noted. Please provide GIBB with specific instances of incorrect translation so that we may investigate the matter.

Comment 4:

You are being paid a substantial sum of money for the EIA. The public who attend the meetings do it without payment. They deserve to be given an adequate and fair hearing. It is clearly in the public interest, and the government's interest that public participation is adequate, and meaningful, and that any translation that must be done is accurate, and minutes of meetings are precise. Based on my experience at the meeting, I am of the view that, at your cost, the public participation process, and meetings must be repeated with the following additions. They must be properly recorded, with adequate recording equipment, and the recordings must be transcribed by competent transcribers. You must employ competent interpreters. The recordings and transcripts must be made available to interested and affected parties, who wish to hear, and read them.

Response 4:

Your comment is noted. The public, I&APs and stakeholders have been given ample and adequate opportunity since 2006 to participate in the EIA process through multiple Public Meetings, Public Open Houses, Key Stakeholder Workshops, Focus group Meetings and through advertisements, e-mails, letters, faxes and via telephone. We urge you to please contact the GIBB PP office with respect to correctness of minutes, transcripts and any other information associated with the proceedings of these meetings.

Comment 6:

I have an open mind on the proposed nuclear power station. My experience at your public meeting was not good and I submit that if you ignore my comments herein you may be exposing yourself, and any decisions, and recommendations that you make, not only to media criticism, but possibly to legal challenge for biased and token conduct.

Response 6:

Your comments have been noted and you are reminded to please liaise with the GIBB PP office.

Yours faithfully
for GIBB (Pty) Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' shape with a small loop at the top and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Nuclear-1 Project Team