



HAVE YOUR SAY! DRAFT DIEP RIVER ESTUARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN (EMP)

The City of Cape Town, in terms of section 34(1)(a), read with section 53(1)(c), of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act 24 of 2008) (the Act), invites members of the public to submit written representations or objections on the draft Diep River Estuarine Management Plan (EMP).

Section 5(3) of the National Estuarine Management Protocol (NEMP) provides that, where an estuary is within a protected area or is identified as part of a protected-area expansion strategy, the management authority responsible for the protected area must develop an EMP in consultation with relevant government departments. Where an estuary crosses the boundary of a protected area, the protected area management authority must work together with other relevant government departments or agencies to develop a co-ordinated EMP.

The City of Cape Town, as the management authority for the Diep River Estuary, has ensured that the draft EMP and the process by which it has been developed is consistent with the NEMP as well as with the national coastal management programme, provincial coastal management programme and applicable municipal coastal management programmes, as required by section 34(1)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Act. The draft EMP has also been developed in compliance with the minimum requirements contemplated in section 6, and the procedure contemplated in section 7, of the NEMP.

After the representations and objections from the public have been considered, the draft EMP will be finalised and submitted to the Provincial Minister responsible for environmental affairs for approval, in compliance with section 9.1(1)(a) of the NEMP. In terms of section 10 of the NEMP, the approved EMP will be subject to review at least every five years.

Coastal planning schemes must be consistent with approved EMPs (section 56(2)(b)(iv) of the Act). The City of Cape Town will incorporate the Diep River EMP into the Protected Area Management Plan for the Table Bay Nature Reserve. The approved EMP must be taken into account when applications for environmental authorisations, general discharge authorisations and coastal waters discharge permits are considered (sections 63(1)(d) and 69(7)(c) of the Act). The regulation of certain recreational activities will be guided by the Integrated Reserve Management Plan for the Table Bay Nature Reserve, of which the Diep River Estuary forms part.

The draft EMP may be viewed at www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay. Alternatively, details may be obtained electronically on request by email to Enviro@capetown.gov.za. Written representations and objections on the draft EMP may be submitted before or on 30 June 2022 by

- Email: Enviro@capetown.gov.za
- Written submission: Darryl Colenbrander, Head: Coastal Policy Development and Management Programmes, Coastal Management Branch, Environmental Management Department, 6th Floor, 44 Wale Street, Cape Town 8001
- Internet: www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay

The City's Public Participation Unit will assist people who cannot read or write, people living with disabilities and people from disadvantaged groups who are unable to submit written comments to have their objections recorded and submitted to the City. Please call 0800 212 176.

The draft EMP will be available for viewing on www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay, as well as at Subcouncil 1 (cnr of Grosvenor Avenue and Hermes Avenue, Saxonsea, Atlantis), Subcouncil 3 (Milnerton Municipal Building, First floor, Royal Ascot, Bridle Way, Milnerton), Subcouncil 7 (Municipal Offices, Oxford Street, Durbanville) and Subcouncil 16 (11th Floor, 44 Wale Street, Cape Town).

Contact Darryl Colenbrander on 021 487 2355 or Enviro@capetown.gov.za for further information.

Representations and objections received after the deadline may not be considered.

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