



**Office of the Municipal Manager**

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19 March 2020

To: Coastal Environmental Services  
Mrs Caroline Evans

**RE: Albany Wind Farm – Public Participation Process**

Dear Ms Evans,

As an interested and affected party, the Makana Local Municipality wishes to express its support towards the proposed Albany wind farm, which is partially located on municipal properties which are subject to commonages conditions.

The Albany Wind farm project was presented by the developer to the Makana Council in 2019 and received the support of the Municipality. Subsequently, the Municipality entered into an option to lease agreement with Albany Wind Power for the construction and operation of the wind farm project.

The Makana Municipality is excited about the prospects of the Albany wind farm as it will directly benefit both the Municipality and the approximately 200 commonages farmers who have grazing rights over the municipal properties. The Makana Municipality has witnessed the positive socio-economic impact the Waainek wind farm has brought to Makhanda, through its Enterprise and Socio-economic Development program as well as the Makana Winds of Change Community Trust. As such, the Municipality is looking forward to the significant direct and indirect benefits that will accrue to previously dis-advantaged Commonage farmers as well as Makhanda residents.

Kind Regards

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