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## PROPOSED ALBANY WIND ENERGY FACILITY NEAR GRAHAMSTOWN, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE. | Letter of Objection.

I wish to object to the proposed wind farm for the following reasons:

- As can be seen on the attached map, all the properties to the north of the proposed development strongly oppose this development. There is a misconception that these properties are agricultural, as they are zoned as such, even if these properties are used for game farming, sustained by wildlife tourism. Having wind turbines on the ridges will compromise our core business.
- The proposal will have an adverse **cumulative** visual and ecological impact.
- The application site comprises of Fynbos and sub-tropical thicket known to be a nesting location for a number of rare protected species of birds. The erection of this windfarm will threaten the range and welfare of internationally important protected bird species.
- The proposals will detract from the experience of many (local and international) guests to hunting farms and game reserves in the area which are known for their pristine landscapes.
- The proposal, by adversely affecting the quality of the landscape and local ecology, will adversely impact tourism and existing tourism related jobs and potential future tourism-related opportunities.

We therefore suggest that the developers look at alternative areas where rural livelihoods won't be negatively impacted by the development.

Yours sincerely

Michelle van Jaarsveld  
Director: Lauriston Farm (Pty) Ltd  
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