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REVIEW OF ECOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Report Title: Proposed Albany Wind Energy Facility & Grid Infrastructure near Makhanda (Grahamstown), Eastern Cape: Ecological Impact Assessment

Version: Draft

Project Number: P40700009

Prepared by: CES

Date: February 2020

REVIEWER: Brett Dustan (Pr.Sci.Nat.)

A Curriculum Vitae for Brett Dustan is attached.

REVIEWERS REPORT:

The report produced by CES is comprehensive, informative and current in terms of findings and in terms of applicable legislation and regulations. The report is well written with only a few minor corrections required.

The terms of reference for the project are well defined and in accordance with legislative requirements, and is exhaustive in accessing relevant and pertinent data and information.

The methodology (approach) is well explained and proved to be more than adequate for information gathering, and takes into account all necessary and relevant legislation that has bearing on the Ecology of the study area.

The study findings are exhaustive and provide more than sufficient information on potential impacts and the mitigation thereof, to make informed decisions with regard to the approval of the proposed project. The recommendations for mitigation and management of impacts are easily practicable and therefore reasonable to include in the Environmental Management Program (EMPr) for the project.

There is adequate information, data, and current photographs in the report to warrant not actually needing to go do a physical site inspection, and also I am acquainted with the area. There is more than sufficient information provided in the report to make an informed decision, and the use of maps in particular provide invaluable information and an excellent perspective.

The quality of English is good, and all necessary definitions and acronyms are provided, which makes for easy reading.

There were no shortcomings in the report that were identified, on the contrary, the report is really well set out, and easy to navigate.

Reference literature used in the report is extensive, current and applicable to the project.

The methodology for the assessment, findings of the assessment, use of available data, and the report in its entirety is found to be more than acceptable.

STATISTICAL REVIEW: No statistical review is required.

DECLARATION OF COMPETING INTERESTS:

"I declare that I have no competing interests, and I act as an Independent Specialist for review of the study report submitted by CES.

I have expertise in conducting the specialist review relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed project."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Brett Dustan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

D.Brett Dustan (Pr.Sci.Nat.)

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