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**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 3122 (HARTENBOS HEIGHTS), MOSEL BAY DISTRICT AND MUNICIPALITY (HWC CASE NO. 21042001SB0421E)**

We submit the report of Dr Nic Walker, Archaeologist, member of Mossel Bay Heritage.

"The coverage of social history, landscape and palaeontology sections were found extensive, but the lack of any comment on the flora and microfauna worrying, especially as there were casual comments such as the presence of a 'unique type of fynbos' and an 'endangered species of butterfly'.

The report refers to the archaeological study as an annexure although it was not attached. A description of the method used and a map showing the area investigated archaeologically should have been included in any case along with photos of the artefacts from both sites deemed of interest.

It is -also suggested that all construction excavations should be monitored by someone with the necessary skills to recognise objects and features as development elsewhere in Mossel Bay has often found ancient sites buried with no or little evidence at the surface. We know nothing about the Early Stone Age of this area and our understanding of the Middle Stone Age is based solely on cave sites.

The Draft Report and prepared by yourselves, is commended on, and the findings and recommendations are supported for adoption by Heritage Western Cape

Yours faithfully  
For Heritage Mossel Bay

  
C Wiggill

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