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Dear Me Schoeman

SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE BAR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE CHANGE IN LANDUSE FROM OPEN SPACE TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON SECUNDA EXTENTION 7, ERF 3535 IN SECUNDA, GOVEN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MPUMALANGA PROVINCE, and DARDLEA REF 1/3/1/16/1G-23.

With reference to your correspondence with above reference received from DARDLEA on 30 March 2016 our comments:

MTPA has no objection to the proposed development on the proposed site and supports the land use change from open space to residential development.

The area consists of a modified and degraded natural area with no terrestrial biodiversity and freshwater sensitivities. The attached MBSP freshwater assessment and the report indicate that there are no important wetlands and that the riparian vegetation is modified with many Willow trees growing there.

The only drawback for the existing property owners is the loss of sense of place.

It is recommended that during the construction phase, care is taken to avoid siltation into the stream.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Kind Regards



J.J.EKSTEEN
MANAGER SCIENTIFIC SERVICES
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MBSP GIS Viewer

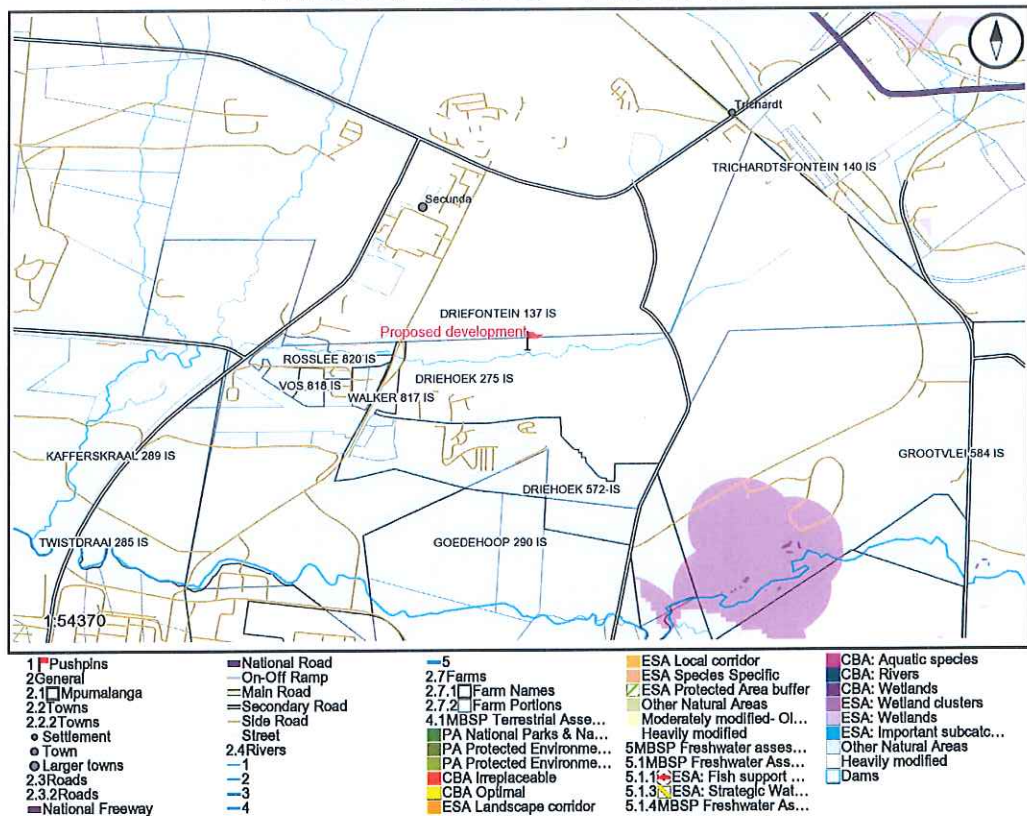


Figure 1. Freshwater assessment of the proposed site.

