

PROPOSED ISUNDU 765/400 KV SUB-STATION AND TURN-IN TRANSMISSION LINES:
DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: DEA EIA REFERENCE 14/12/16/3/3/2/745: COMMENTS

1. At the time of commenting on the Isundu Substation proposal, a hardcopy of the Draft Scoping Report would appear not to have been received by the Msunduzi Municipality.
2. An electronic copy of the Scoping Report has been studied.
3. A hard copy of the Scoping Report may provide a clear Plan of the position of the Isundu Substation and Power Lines.
4. It is noted that the proposed substation is the first to be built in twenty years. This would indicate a lack of planning by Eskom.
5. There would appear to be a number of environmental aspects requiring consideration. Each of these requires a specialist report resulting in negative and positive aspects.
6. These reports will be considered by the approving authority that will be required to make an objective decision on the proposal. This will not be an easy task.
7. In the light of modern technology and economic developments, this upgrade would appear to be imperative. It is stated on page 59 of the document that “A modern economy cannot grow without the availability of a reliable electricity supply”. At present, the country is not blessed with a “reliable supply”.
8. It would appear that the proposed Isundu substation is situated on a gravel road. No indication is given as to the status of the road. i.e. private, municipal, provincial road. Who will be responsible for the maintenance of this road during construction and the operational stages?
9. It may be advisable or necessary to tar this road as an important access road.
10. The access point to the proposed substation, off the gravel road, is not clear or indicated. This could become an important aspect.
11. Reference to stormwater discharge is made on pages 45, 49 and 64 of the document. The final discharge of stormwater from large hardened or concrete surfaces is not clear. Apart from discharging into veld, which could cause erosion, a finite solution is required. Who will be responsible for maintaining the chosen discharge system and outlet point? The discharged water should be usefully used.
12. Consideration of the position of the campsite will require careful consideration as electricity and a good water supply will be required.

Thank you for affording interested parties the opportunity to comment on a well written and compiled document.

