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Subject: Raptor Centre and Eskom realignment

Hi there

The Winterskloof Conservancy has worked with and benefitted from the amazing work that the team at the Raptor Centre has done and continues to undertake to ensure that these apex predators are able to survive despite the hazards they face from development. It is thus with sadness that I read about this proposal realigning the Eskom power line and sub-station location, which will directly affect them and the future of their operations in Ashburton.

I noticed that the reason for the change was the cost of the proposed Wartburg sub-station due to the additional foundation work required. Has the system used by Eskom in the sand forest in northern KZN been considered for this? If not, please do so. It is known as a helical pier foundation and [Geo Screw Foundations](#) was the company working for Eskom on the foundations for the pylons, so it is known and understood technology. Warren Confyt can give you details – I have copied this note to him as well.

If the route still needs to be realigned, please would you ensure that the Raptor Centre is relocated at the expense of the project to enable them to do their essential work with their already limited funding. Many of their "patients" are rescued and rehabilitated as a result of strikes with power lines, so this would be good corporate responsibility in terms of Eskom's corporate governance. Without these predators, a vital part of our ecosystems will be missing and we as society will soon realise the impacts of that loss when it is too late to remedy.

Please record this note formally in your documentation for submission to DEA.

Many thanks
Judy Bell



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