

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES
ACT (NHRA) EXEMPTION AREAS

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Although the areas of Airport Industria, Atlantis, Flamingo, Kuils River, Mitchells Plain, Ottery / Lansdowne and Voortrekker Road Corridor are not within our boundaries, we, the Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association (FHVRRA) wish to comment on these exemptions as the same general principle holds for us as well. We already have many structures older than 60 years with more being added annually. In nearly every case, none has heritage value worth saving with the exceptions of some with Art Deco style in or near our village centre and a few examples with Cape Dutch gables in Clovelly and along Elsie's Peak.

As a Western Cape registered Conservation Body, commenting on non-heritage value structures just add to a pointless paper exercise (red tape). With these exemptions in place, the City then needs to focus on reducing the red tape for the plans approval process.

We would like to see mechanisms to incentivise development and / or streamline the development application processes in spatially targeted areas with the proviso of the exceptions listed above and mechanisms to retain these historical sites as conservation-worthy.

However, the existing Land Use Management issues and departures mechanisms must still remain. The FHVRRA holds the community view that developments should not be build closer to neighbouring erven than the existing building lines.

In the future, if you would like to exempt the requirements of Sections 34 and 38 of the National Heritage Resource Act 25 of 1999 (HRA) for Fish Hoek, please exclude the sub-areas that we have mentioned above, which we'd like placed on the Heritage Register.

SUMMARY

The Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association (FHVRRA):

- Supports exempting the areas mentioned from the relevant HRA sections' requirements; and
- Requests inclusion of certain buildings in the Fish Hoek Valley on the Heritage Register, then the same exemptions can be applied to Fish Hoek;

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