

**Strategic Environmental Assessment:
Phase 3 Strategic Environmental Assessment
for Wind and Solar Photovoltaic Energy
in South Africa -REDZs Extension SEA**

Guideline: How to provide comments on SEA chapters

Dear Stakeholder

You are invited to provide written comments on the Phase 3 Strategic Environmental Assessment for Wind and Solar Photovoltaic Energy in South Africa.

The assessment chapters are numbered, and each has been formatted to include page numbers. Each page has line numbers on the left margin of the page. Line numbering is not continuous throughout the document but restarts at number 1 on each page.

In order for the chapter/s authors to be able to respond to your comments, they need to be as clear and specific as possible. For this reason, a comment template form is provided (as an Excel Spreadsheet). Clearly indicate the chapter/s number and name in the first row of the spreadsheet. Begin your comment by specifying the exact passage of text to which it refers, by giving the page number and line number for the beginning and end of the text. If you have a general comment which applies to the whole chapter, you can mark it with page 1 line 1 to last page last line.

The authors are not able to respond to generalised comments such as “I don’t like this”. Where you disagree with the information provided by the authors or their interpretation, you need to provide an alternative or point to a traceable source where evidence can be found. For example, an actionable comment might say “The values suggested for the size of the resource are likely to be underestimated, see Smit 2013 SA Journal of Petroleum Geology 3:12-18” This allows the authors to follow up on your comment effectively. Every comment requires a response by the authors, which is documented and in the public domain.

Example of a filled-out SEA chapter/appendix review spreadsheet:

Reviewer name and contact details	Page Range	Chapter/Appendix	Line/s Number/s	Table/ Fig/ Plate	Reviewer Comment
John Doe	2-10	3/A.1	10		The values suggested for the size of the resource are likely to be underestimated, see Smit 2013 SA Journal of Petroleum Geology 3:1218
	28-38	2	14-25	Fig 2.10	The legend to Figure 2.10 is illegible.
	1	1/A.4	20		Throughout the chapter ‘arkeology’ is miss-spelled

When you have completed the comment form, email it to the below address. The deadline for comments is **30 April 2026**. If you have any questions about providing comment on the SEA chapters and/or the review process, please contact:

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