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## **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSEMENT AND INTERGRATED WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE DIPITSI CLUSTURE WATER MINI SCHEME**

### **REVIEW**

1. Under the Biodiversity Assessment in the report it is observed that *Vachellia erioloba*, which falls under Protected Trees in terms of [Section 15(1) of the National Forest Act 84, of 1998, amended] might be affected by the construction.
2. The Department is the custodian of the National Forests Act (act no 84 of 1998) as amended, which among others provide special measures for the protection of forests and trees. The list of trees is gazetted annually.
3. If any of activities of the project might affect the protected trees, application form for a licence must be completed and forwarded to the Department for processing. Upon granting of the licence the project can proceed with the activities which will affect the protected trees.

4. The footprint of disturbance must be kept as small as possible, and must be rehabilitated as soon as possible.
5. Mitigation efforts needs to be taken if the application for a licence will affect more than 500 Protected trees

Yours faithfully

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