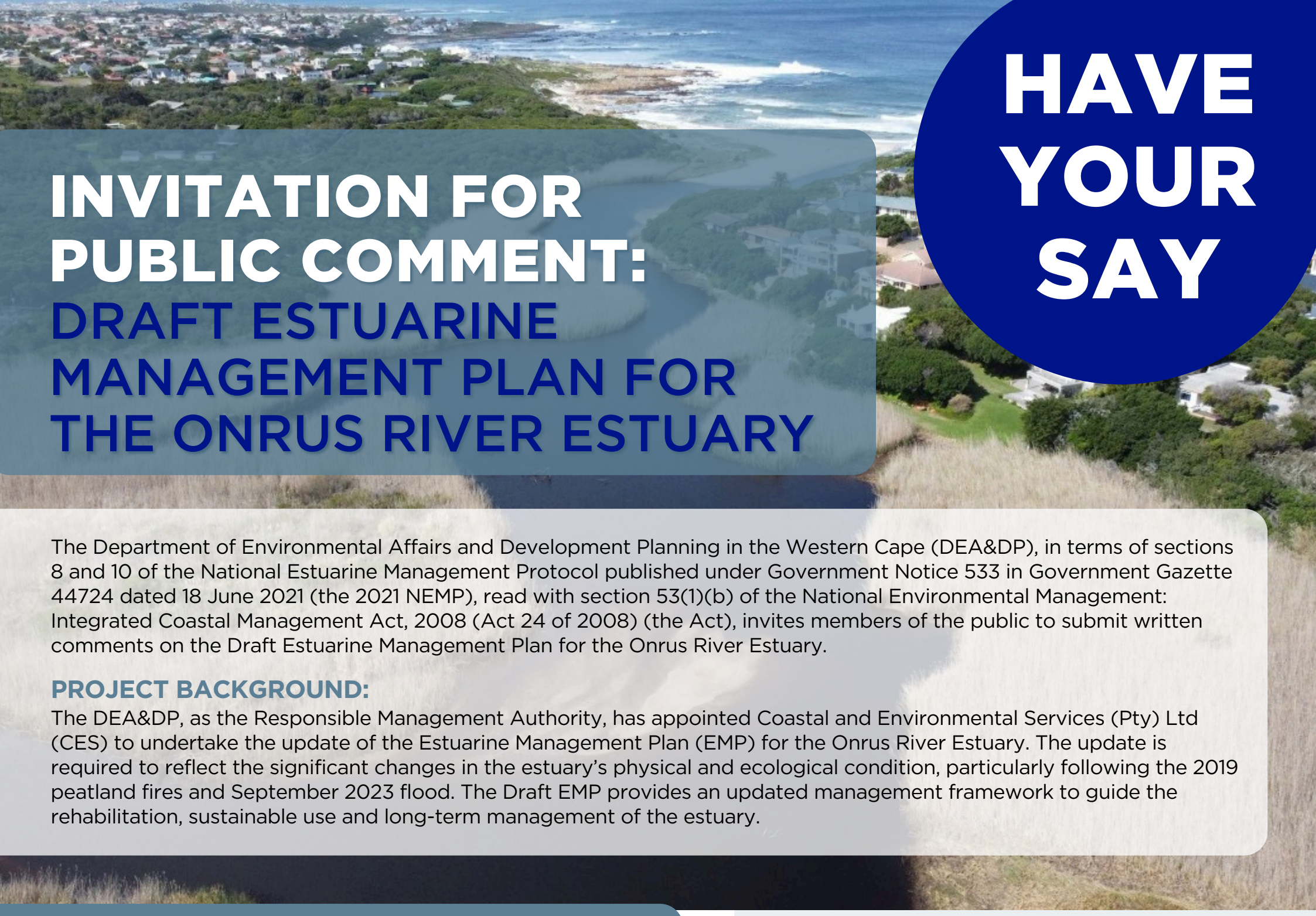


HAVE YOUR SAY

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: DRAFT ESTUARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ONRUS RIVER ESTUARY

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in the Western Cape (DEA&DP), in terms of sections 8 and 10 of the National Estuarine Management Protocol published under Government Notice 533 in Government Gazette 44724 dated 18 June 2021 (the 2021 NEMP), read with section 53(1)(b) of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act 24 of 2008) (the Act), invites members of the public to submit written comments on the Draft Estuarine Management Plan for the Onrus River Estuary.

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The DEA&DP, as the Responsible Management Authority, has appointed Coastal and Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd (CES) to undertake the update of the Estuarine Management Plan (EMP) for the Onrus River Estuary. The update is required to reflect the significant changes in the estuary's physical and ecological condition, particularly following the 2019 peatland fires and September 2023 flood. The Draft EMP provides an updated management framework to guide the rehabilitation, sustainable use and long-term management of the estuary.

INVITATION TO REGISTER AND COMMENT:

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register interest, review the Draft Estuarine Management Plan and submit written representations or ojections.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS:

The draft Onrus River EMP may be viewed at ***https://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp/coastal-management***

Alternatively, details may be obtained electronically on request via email to ***DEADP.EMPComments@westerncape.gov.za***

Enquiries may be directed to:
Ms Caren George - 021 483 2724,
Mrs Mysoero George - 021 483 3092 or
Mrs Carmen van Uys - 021 483 2811 on
weekdays between 09:00 and 12:00.

POPIA Disclaimer:
In terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), please note that by submitting your details and comments, you consent to your information being included in the public record of this process.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:

Written representations on or objections to the draft Onrus River EMP **must be submitted on or before 30 November 2026** by:

(a) posting the representations or objections to:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Attention: Ms Caren George
Directorate: Biodiversity and Coastal Management
Private Bag X9086
Cape Town 8000;

(b) emailing the representations or objections to:
DEADP.EMPComments@westerncape.gov.za; or

(c) delivering the representations or objections to:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Attention: Ms Caren George
4th Floor, Leeusig Building
1 Dorp Street
Cape Town

Representations or objections received after the closing date may be disregarded.

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