

## Melissa Mackay

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**From:** Pamela Booth <pbooth@knysna.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Monday, 08 November 2021 10:16  
**To:** Melissa Mackay  
**Subject:** RE: OSCAE applicability



Hi Melissa

Apologies, this one seems to have slipped past me.

Agreed, no OSCAE will be required.

Please include my department as I&AP's for the basic assessment.

Pam

**From:** Melissa Mackay <melissa@cape-eaprac.co.za>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 04 November 2021 13:25  
**To:** Pamela Booth <pbooth@knysna.gov.za>  
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Hi Pam

Just following up on the email below. Please advise soonest.

Regards

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**From:** Melissa Mackay  
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**Subject:** OSCAE applicability

Hi Pam

We have been appointed to facilitate the construction of an off stream dam on Portion 1 of 182, Hoogekraal. The applicant is proposing the closure of four off stream dams to be replaced with one of approximately 3ha. The new dam will be located on old crop lands, which have been actively used for agriculture for decades. A portion of the property lies in the boundary line that was drawn for the OSCAE regulations.

Since the area has been ploughed and utilised for agriculture for many decades, and this took place prior to the introduction of the OSCAE regulations, the proposed dam area should not require a permit in terms of the following as taken from the regulations: *“Provided that this Notice shall not apply to activities of a like nature carried out in the normal pursuit and within the existing extent, as at the date of this Notice, of agriculture or domestic gardening in areas utilised for the said purposes, ....”*.

Our understanding is therefore that no OSCAE permit will be required. In addition, this proposal is going through a Basic Assessment process in terms of NEMA, which will provide sufficient information relating to the environmental impacts. Please would you clarify and advise if you agree with this or not.

Regards

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