



[MINUTES OF MEETING]

2026-01-0014 - Kinetic Catamarans, Knysna, Western Cape on February 3, 2026

Project: Kinetic Catamarans – Basic Assessment (Pre-application)

Reference: RE: 2026-01-0014

Date: 03 February 2026

Location: Microsoft Teams

Chair: Jessica Christie (Eco Route)

Minutes by: Justin Britton (Eco Route)

1. Purpose of Meeting

To discuss the proposed Kinetic Catamarans development in Knysna, with specific focus on:

- Verification of site sensitivity;
- Alignment of specialist study requirements with the Site Sensitivity Verification Report (SSVR); and
- Clarification of next steps prior to submission of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR).

2. Project Overview

Justin Britton presented an overview of the proposed development, noting:

- The site is located within an established industrial area;
- The development footprint is largely transformed;
- The site is located adjacent to the Knysna Estuary and within proximity to a protected area; and
- The proposal includes both the new yacht manufacturing facility and upgrades to the Sea Cadets facility.

3. Site Sensitivity and Specialist Studies

- Justin Britton motivated that a Site Sensitivity Verification Report was compiled in accordance with Government Notice 320 (GG 431 10 of 20 March 2020) to verify actual on-site conditions.
- It was noted that the SSVR disputes the need for multiple specialist studies flagged by the web-based Screening Tool, given the highly transformed nature of the site.
- Questions were raised by DFFE regarding specific screening tool triggers, including Activities 17 and 19, and the definition of a watercourse.
- Justin confirmed that all proposed works are confined to an existing disturbed footprint and remain landward of the surveyed high-water mark.

4. Environmental Considerations

4.1 Aquatic and Coastal Context

- The proximity to the Knysna Estuary and national park was acknowledged.
- Justin confirmed that strict development boundaries will be enforced and that no works will extend beyond the public footpath or into estuarine vegetation.

4.2 Visual Impact

- Concerns were raised regarding increased building height and potential visual impacts.

- It was noted that the site is located within an industrial precinct.
- DFFE indicated that if a Visual Impact Assessment is excluded, this must be clearly motivated in the BAR.

4.3 Climate Change Risk

- Dr Vanessa Weyer queried flood risk and sea-level rise implications.
- Justin confirmed that the proposed development will be elevated to mitigate flood risk and that climate change considerations are addressed in the BAR.

5. Sea Cadets Facility

- It was confirmed that the Sea Cadets building forms part of the application.
- DFFE acknowledged that upgrades to this facility could contribute positively to the area and improve integration with surrounding land uses.

6. Next Steps and Process

- Justin requested clarity on whether additional specialist studies would be required.
- Wayne Hector advised that the Department cannot provide binding confirmation during the meeting.
- DFFE will provide formal comments **after submission of the Draft Basic Assessment Report**.
- Meeting minutes are to be submitted to DFFE within **two weeks** of the meeting.

7. Action Items

Action	Responsible	Timeframe
Finalise and submit Draft Basic Assessment Report	Justin Brittion	As per programme
Submit Minutes of Meeting to DFFE	Justin Brittion	Within 2 weeks
DFFE to provide formal comments on DBAR	DFFE	After DBAR submission

8. Close

The meeting was concluded with agreement that the process should proceed to submission of the Draft Basic Assessment Report, after which the Department will formally respond on specialist study requirements.