

# FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)*

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RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS)

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON CAPE TOWN'S MARINE OUTFALLS

DUE DATE: 21 NOVEMBER 2023

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We, the Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers & Residents Association (FHVRRRA), object to all un-tertiary treated marine outfalls as they pose a significant health risk to our communities.

We do not feel that dilution is the solution to pollution.

Removing the various nutrient loads by just screening through a 3mm grid to remove solids and then maceration before it is released is not the same as being treated. The bacteria, pharmaceuticals and harmful chemicals must also be removed to qualify as "reducing potential deleterious ecological and / or human health effects of discharged effluent" including Simon's Town and Miller's Point marine outfalls. Tertiary treatment would allow water to be recycled into the City's drinking water purification system in our water shortage Cape Town. Cape Town's population increased 79% between 2016 and 2021, yet its dam capacity in that same period increased only 15%.

The City's three marine outfalls off Green Point, Camps Bay and Hout Bay have been subject to breaks. Further extensions out to sea are not the preferred option.

We applaud Environment Minister Barbara Creecy giving effect to the right to just administrative action by ordering that the public participation process be held again for the granting of Coastal Water Discharge Permits (CWDPs). We believe that no permit should be issued for allowing any discharge in a Marine Protected Area as this contravenes the provisions of the Marine Living Resources Act. Biologically significant pharmaceuticals have been found in our coastal fish.

## SUMMARY

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