

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

*Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd
(Ballengeich Colliery Rehabilitation Project)
Newcastle Local Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal Province*

Notice is hereby given that Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd (Reg. No. 2001/003104/07) has applied for an Integrated Water Use Licence in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).

The Section 21 water uses applied for include:

- 21(c) & (i) — Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse and altering the bed, banks, course, or characteristics of a watercourse;
- 21(d) — Engaging in a Stream Flow Reduction Activity (SFRA);
- 21(f) — Discharging waste or water containing waste into a watercourse;
- 21(g) — Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource; and
- 21(j) — Removing, discharging, or disposing of water found underground if it is necessary for the efficient continuation of an activity or for the safety of people.

The proposed project entails the rehabilitation of the defunct Ballengeich Colliery, situated approximately 15 km south of Newcastle at the confluence of the Horn and Ngagane Rivers, through the implementation of a passive Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) treatment system comprising Anoxic Limestone Drains, a Successive Alkaline Producing System (SAPS), and constructed wetland units. The project further includes the rehabilitation of the existing discard dump, upgrading and lining of Pollution Control Dams, construction of a flood protection berm, and the refurbishment and operation of the Ballengeich Siding as a coal screening and storage facility. The project is located on Portions 10, 11, 14, 19, and 25 of the Farm Ballengeich 3299 HS, Newcastle Magisterial District, KwaZulu-Natal Province.

M2 Environmental Connections (Pty) Ltd (MENCO) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Consultant to conduct the Public Participation Process in terms of the National Water Act, 1998.

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register and submit written comments regarding this application within 60 calendar days of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before [31 August 2026 — 60 days from publication].

For further information or to obtain a copy of the Background Information Document (BID), please contact:

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