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Hi Paula

Greetings from a snowy Rosetta .

As an intro I am James Berning from Springvale Farm and will be affected by the Quarry and the Pipeline .
 I read probably only a small portion of the two documents . However I feel I got the gist of what's going on .
 At the same time there are a lot of issues and comments and I will list them numerically for reference purposes.

1. Are issues made previously still relevant .
2. Issues raised during the last pipeline construction were not dealt with and still today this farm has 3 badly constructed dams made from excess soil ; erosion and noxious weeds . To this day these issues are outstanding . Who is responsible ? DWAF or Umgeni . Maybe these old problems should be sorted before the new problems arise and hopefully we are not left with a new load of empty promises (agreements ; deals or whatever) as previously .
3. The quarry alone needs a huge amount of clarification - the problem being that a contractor will be involved and it appears that the contractor would have to make the final decision to use the quarry or bring in from another source . It seems like the issues need to be taken up with the contractor . Hopefully there will be a bit of consultation long before they rush in . When is the earliest that this could happen ?
4. I believe the pipeline will be well supervised with fines for misdemeanors . The person responsible for this during the last pipeline construction was always unavailable and impossibly inefficient . Hopefully this will be averted this time around .
5. These issues can all be resolved with consultation and good work ethics . The go between people that the landowners consult with before the contractors arrive need to show their faces long before and I feel the

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landowners need to see their credentials and ascertain that they have the capabilities to ensure that the whole operation is carried out with minimum conflict . Who fires them if they can not perform ?

I realise that this project is going to happen and wish to cooperate with the relevant people , which can only happen through dialogue .

Yours faithfully

James Berning