



P.O. Box 3708, Rundu

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Directorate of Transportation & Infrastructure
Ministry of Works & Transport
Windhoek

Dear Mr. Lewis Andreas

RE: OBJECTION LETTER TO A ROAD CONSTRUCTION FROM SIKO VILLAGE TO GCARUHWA VILLAGE.

The Maurus Nekaro conservancy has a management committee consisting of sixteen (16) members including one Ukwangali T.A representative. The current quorum for management meetings stands 10. At a meeting held on 26 June 2025, it was not a management committee meeting for the conservancy but one convened by the Musese Constituency Regional Council's office, at which platform a decision could not be made as it was not a regularly called meeting by the communal conservancy management committee. The road construction is an important development in the conservancy and the constituency at large, which is a welcome one, but it is not in line with the conservancy's Game Management and Utilization Plan and its zonation. The conservancy is not against the road construction but would prefer an alternative route of Nepara road that connects to the powerline or electrical poles that goes up to Gcaruhwa village. This is because in the wildlife exclusive zone of any conservancy, no other activities are allowed to take place. This is so, to enable

breeding of wildlife and hunting activities to take place in the area. The conservancy already has a hunting agreement in place with JJ Hunting Safaris (a hunting operator). Allowing this activity pass through the wildlife exclusive zone would be a direct confrontation with the operator as it would be deemed the same as a conservancy breaching its hunting contract with the operator. Having a road pass very close to the Paranyime and right through the wildlife exclusive zone will lead to the conservancy losing its only source of income with hunting being the main source. Members employed in the conservancy will be negatively affected as animals will be forced to move out of the area. The conservancy will not only be in breach of the contract or hunting agreement that is already in place but the disturbance and presence of people and moving vehicles, which will be too much and likely result in wildlife being forced to move out of the area. The conservancy has already been supported to drill two boreholes at Paranyime and Siparangwe, the two boreholes that are closest to the Siko/Gcaruhwa road. There other two boreholes in the exclusive area for wildlife are Magongo and Sipwi water points.

It is for this reason that we as a conservancy management committee object to the road construction going through the Siko/Gcaruhwa road and propose for an alternative road from Nepara road as a best one since it is already cleared and goes straight to Gwaruhwa clinic and won't affect hunting activities.

Your understanding in this matter is very much appreciated

Sincerely Yours

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