

	<p>Assessment Report, including the mitigation and monitoring measures as identified, which are to be contained in the EMPr.</p> <p>2.8. A signed copy of the full Agricultural Agro-Ecosystem Assessment must be appended to the Basic Assessment Report or Environmental Impact Assessment Report.</p>
<p>MEDIUM SENSITIVITY RATING - Land capability evaluation values of 6 – 7.</p> <p>Medium sensitivity areas are likely to be very marginal arable land.</p>	<p>3. Agricultural Compliance Statement</p> <p>3.1. The Agricultural Compliance Statement must be prepared by a soil scientist or agricultural specialist registered with the SACNASP.</p> <p>3.2. The compliance statement must:</p> <p>3.2.1. be applicable to the preferred site and proposed development footprint;</p> <p>3.2.2. confirm that the site is of "low" or "medium" sensitivity for agriculture; and</p> <p>3.2.3. indicate whether or not the proposed development will have an unacceptable impact on the agricultural production capability of the site.</p>
<p>LOW SENSITIVITY RATING - Land capability evaluation values of 1 – 5.</p> <p>Low sensitivity areas are likely to be non-arable land, and is therefore land onto which most development should be steered.</p>	<p>3.3. The Agricultural Compliance Statement must contain, as a minimum, the following information:</p> <p>3.3.1. details and relevant expertise as well as the SACNASP registration number of the soil scientist or agricultural specialist preparing the statement including a curriculum vitae;</p> <p>3.3.2. a signed statement of independence by the specialist;</p> <p>3.3.3. a map showing the proposed development footprint (including supporting infrastructure) with a 50m buffered development envelope, overlaid on the agricultural sensitivity map generated by the screening tool;</p> <p>3.3.4. calculations of the physical development footprint area for each land parcel as well as the total physical development footprint area of the proposed development including supporting infrastructure;</p> <p>3.3.5. confirmation that the development footprint is in line with the allowable development limits contained in Table 1 above;</p> <p>3.3.6. confirmation from the specialist that all reasonable measures have been taken through micro-siting to avoid or minimise fragmentation and disturbance of agricultural activities;</p> <p>3.3.7. a substantiated statement from the soil scientist or agricultural specialist on the acceptability, or not, of the proposed development and a recommendation on the approval, or not, of the proposed development;</p> <p>3.3.8. any conditions to which this statement is subjected;</p> <p>3.3.9. in the case of a linear activity, confirmation from the agricultural specialist or soil scientist, that in their opinion, based on the mitigation and remedial measures proposed, the land can be returned to the current state within two years of completion of the construction phase;</p> <p>3.3.10. where required, proposed impact management outcomes or any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the EMPr; and</p> <p>3.3.11. a description of the assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge or data.</p> <p>3.4. A signed copy of the compliance statement must be appended to the Basic Assessment Report or Environmental Impact Assessment Report.</p>