



This would be unfortunate, particularly for those organisations that have already completed their assessments. More importantly, the opportunity to achieve a regional benefit to all utilities and the Communities would be missed.

We have reached a point where a decision needs to be made as to whether the project should continue and, if yes, how do we encourage participation/completion. It is important that all participants clearly understand that this project is an essential part of your own planning in terms of the CDEM Act, as follows:

**Section 60 Duties of lifeline utilities** states that;

Every lifeline utility must –

- (a) ensure that it is able to function to the fullest possible extent, even though this may be at a reduced level, during and after an emergency:

To meet this mandatory requirement, utilities must have a clear understanding of where their vulnerabilities are and to take proactive measures to reduce or eliminate them. To achieve this obligation requires an assessment of the fragile links in your infrastructure and a prioritisation to enable realistic programmes to be developed to undertake physical works to improve them.

The WELG Project simply aims to put your individual assessments together to identify major infrastructure vulnerabilities across the Region and provide a coordinated approach to rectifying them, especially where there are interdependencies between utilities and funding may be an issue.

The following page is a questionnaire for assisting decision making, at the next meeting on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007, in terms of where we go from here.



# Utility Vulnerability Assessment & Prioritisation Project Questionnaire

Have you completed your utility assessments? Yes No

Have you started your utility assessments? Yes No

If yes, when are you intending to complete your assessments? .....

If no, when are you aiming to complete your assessments? .....

Do you want assistance with your assessments? Yes No

Do you intend completing your assessment? Yes No

Do you see value in the Vulnerability Project? Yes No

Can you suggest ways in which WELG staff and/or members may be able to assist? Perhaps an on-site meeting with you to physically work through until completed?

Comments: .....  
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