

EVERGREEN BERGVLIET

Water restrictions

I found a letter, a copy of which is attached, in my pigeon hole at the clubhouse some days ago.

My initial reaction was to ignore it as it was unsigned and I do not respond to letters from people who do not have the courage of their convictions to identify themselves.

However, there is a clear inference from the contents of the letter that Evergreen is driven either by dishonesty or corporate greed insofar as the current water restrictions are concerned.

The gardens on the common ground in our village are watered from a borehole using either the irrigation system or hoses connected to the irrigation system. The letter is correct in pointing out that the irrigation system is used at night but this is neither clandestine nor dishonest. The borehole water is also used during the day, quite openly, as I, myself, have observed.

Furthermore, the City of Cape Town's media release on 18 October 2016 makes it clear that restrictions on water and irrigation systems apply only to drinking water "from municipal supply".

The use, by our village, of an irrigation system supplied from borehole water is, therefore, completely legal and in compliance with the current water restrictions.

In conclusion, I feel it is a pity that the attached letter was anonymous. The Management Committee attempts to keep residents informed of developments and concerns which can be addressed either at the Residents' meetings (without Amdec officials present) or by direct contact with any resident member of the Committee. No one will be victimised for raising matters and, by doing so, factual errors or mis-understandings can be dealt with openly and transparently. Many residents have contacted me about their concerns and often they can be resolved amicably and within a short time.

David Walker
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