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Comments on the Kwezi V3 Engineers Report on Ndlambe IWMP

The report is a step in the right direction but requires better data input especially with regard to population dynamics and growth of housing. There is also inaccurate data with regard to current services. Most comments will be confined to the BRM/Kenton/Marseille/Ekuphumleni area.

The population figures on page 2 of Section 2 are nonsensical as there has been a huge growth in building plans passed and imminent developments in the area. BRM alone has over 600 erven in the pipeline for new developments with more to come. Cannon Rocks has approximately 600 and Boknes has grown exponentially over the past 5 years. RDP houses in the area BRM/Kenton are in the region of 1500 for the current period 2004/2010 and yet the population growth is only estimated at 426. This half a person per new erf or RDP house.

The current waste collection service figures given are inaccurate. Business site are not services twice a week. Reports from businesses in the Industrial area claim that this is closer to once a month at best. There is a claim in the report that Ndlambe services 29,000 properties but yet there are only 17,105 households of which 3,459 are claimed to be rural which are not serviced. This does not make sense. Another factor which is not taken into account is that a large proportion of the houses are holiday houses and the owners are absent for 11 months of the year.

There is so much disparity in the figures that the deductions made, i.e. waste generation, are also in question as their foundation is flawed. The current BRM waste site is 4.2 Ha in size and was only registered in 2000. The site is overused, as building rubble is also disposed of at the site which is now a positive landscape feature. The site will not last its planned 10 year life span at current rate of use. Burning at the site in terms of the permit is not allowed. This is not the case as frequently the smoke fills the Bushman's River Valley. The site is also unacceptably close to residential areas and areas demarcated for urban development in the SDF. The site was not fenced for a considerable period 2004 to 2006 because fences were burnt. Vandalism has degraded the site and the recycling facilities are broken down. The site is not locked which has exacerbated the situation. Almost all of the temporary permit regulations have been violated.

Waste recycling facilities should be re introduced and suitable building rubble sites identified for the interim period. There are several caste structures in the area which could be filled with "clean" building rubble.

The details of the equipment are not through. No mileages, cost of repairs over time, values or replacement costs and in the case of tractors, models are reported. Most of the space is taken up with photographs of vehicles rather than a status report. There is no detail of where skips are deployed. Temporary collection sites need to be identified i.e. weekend domestic refuse and garden refuse collection points (most towns have these).

There is no shortage of personnel during the year. It is claimed that 4 street sweepers are employed. No street sweeping has been observed in the past 4 years. Temporary staff needs to be employed in peak season for approximately 4 weeks. There is, however, a shortcoming in management and supervision of waste disposal during the year.

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Illegal dumping is on the increase. Classic examples of dumping occur where areas are not maintained by the municipality. The Ndlambe bylaws need to specify spot fines and admission of guilt fines for dumping and these need to be advertised. The garden refuse site at Ekuphumleni needs to be closed and rehabilitated as soon as possible as it is illegal.

There are no maps available with the report. Details of sites, temporary sites, distances all need to be specified and size of sites with life spans need to be tabulated.

The whole report is flawed because of the assumptions on population dynamics and poor data. First class work is a prerequisite for an IWMP and the whole situation needs to be researched properly before any meaningful planning can be done. The report is dated June, 2007 and the scope of work outlined in May, 2007. The two are not in line with one another because there are many omissions eg. Best practices, garden refuse options, recycling and waste mineralization, cost effective solutions, role players (should include neighbouring land owners and ward committees)

A proper planned waste management site should be identified for Cannon Rocks/Boknes/BRM/Marselle/Kenton/Ekuphumleni in the area radius of 5 km of the Boknes/BRM/Alexandria cross roads. The site should be a modern, sizable, properly managed site with recycling, waste separation and composting facilities. Waste should be separated i.e. plastic, glass, metal, paper and organic into separate colour coded bags at source. Garden refuse should be chipped and composted. A pilot recycling project should be introduced immediately to sort waste at source with incentives. This could act as training and research for the new site. Possible a small proportion of the surplus could be used for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

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