



BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVERMOND

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Municipal Manager
Ndlambe Municipality
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Proposed sub division and rezoning of portion 4 of Marselle 348 and remainder Farm 371 Alexandria District. Notice 184/2006 10th July, 2006 Talk of the Town.

Dear Sir,

We as the ratepayers at Bushman's River Mouth are concerned about the proposed subdivision of the property because of several reasons. These include the EIA process and the moratorium on new developments agreed to between the Ndlambe Municipality and the parties present at a meeting held at the Kenton Municipal Offices on new reservoir at Kenton being only 2.5 megalitres. The MIG proposal needs to be upgraded to a minimum of 5 megalitres. We understand that MIG funding grant as per the IDP is only R3,5m which would fund a storage capacity of approximately 3 to 3.5 megalitres.

The current position is that there are two 2 megalitre storage tanks and that they run dry in the December period when demand reaches 2.8 to 2.9 megalitres per day. This is partially caused by the lack of capacity of the ACBW which is 1.9 megalitre per day (capacity should increase to around 3 megalitres per day with new RO plant fully utilized) which causes a gradual rundown over a 5 to 6 day period. If there are any breakdowns or electricity failures that position is grossly affected and theoretically water runs out in less than 36 hours.

There were interruptions of water supply to Merry Hill and Ekuphumleni for 7 days last December, 4 to 5 days at Kenton and to a lesser extent at Bushmans and Marcelle. This was because the reservoir had run out of water and water runs to the lowest points. The overhead tank at Kenton had run dry because of pumping problems i.e. single in place of tandem pumping and lack of water in the reservoirs. A greater storage in the overhead tank would be a nice to have but is not the core of the problem. If necessary larger pumps could be employed in the short term until funding is available for a larger facility.

The problem and potential problems will only increase if we do not increase the storage capacity dramatically i.e. more than double the storage capacity. This will afford breathing space in the event of power interruption or mechanical breakdown. We strongly recommend that in the light of an extra 1500 RDP houses (the first of which will be constructed this year), the numerous proposed and new developments (and additional 1000 erven), notwithstanding the numerous houses that have been built this year. It is imperative that a large increase of water storage capacity is the prime concern now and for the next 2 to 5 years. We need to plan for the medium to long term and not try and put out fires.

If MIG funding is limited to R3.5m because of numerous bureaucratic issues the ACWB could always take out a loan to fund the greater storage capacity as they did with the extended RO plant and if and when funding becomes available via developers, with the proposed levy which is being formulated by yourself, it could be paid off.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Johann Smuts

Chairman Bushman's River Ratepayers Association.
Cc Richard Pote

