

Mr C Geyer
Enviro Africa
Somerset West

Dear Sir,

WWTW & Sewer: Postmasburg
DENC Ref No: NC/ EIA/20/ZFM/TSA/POS1/2014

Thank you for promptly adding me to the I&AP list.

I have been residing at the address listed below for 25-years and during this time experienced the shortcomings of the current pumped sewage system on a first-hand basis.

Without elaborating in detail on the tribulations that the inhabitants of West Street had to endure, I would like to state the following points about the current system and the proposed project:

1. Against:

- a. The pumps and its control system have proved to be unreliable and subject to frequent malfunctioning.
- b. Sometimes the system is incapacitated for prolonged periods.
- c. During such periods effluent overflows freely into the vlei.
- d. At several positions the slope of the river is such that multiples of 100m³ of water dams up and subsequently becomes putrid with concomitant weeks long stench.
- e. Seepage into, and contamination of, the ground water table occur.
- f. The capacity of the current system is inadequate and is being overwhelmed during peak flows.
- g. Several other factors such as cost and maintenance are not addressed.

2. In favour:

- a. The pong will go away.
- b. The waste water will run with gravity and also a fair distance out of town.
- c. The new system will save a lot of energy (electricity) and thus save money.
- d. It will have better sustainability during prolonged power interruptions or outages.
- e. The laying of pipes on the South side of the river bank will have a minimal environmental impact.

Kind Regards



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Raw sewage damming up

