

GREATER TABLE VIEW ACTION FORUM

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Re: Milnerton Lagoon Clean Up

We thank you for asking for suggestions as to the clean up options for cleaning up the Milnerton lagoon. Firstly it must be stated that the Milnerton Lagoon is not an isolated waterway. The Milnerton Lagoon will cannot be cleaned unless The City addresses the similar problems found in the Diep River and the Table Bay Nature Reserve.

It must also be stated that the expensive clean up of these waterways would not be required if the City of Cape Town had not have been negligent in polluting theses waterways in the first place.

1. The first step in the cleaning of these waterways must be the a realization and admission as to where the responsibility for this pollution is.

- a) The City of Cape Town must stop bringing out plan after plan and actually start service delivery.
- b) The City must admit they are responsible for this pollution.
- c) The City must hold to account those City Managers, officials and political leaders to account for the environment terrorism they have carried out and been responsible for.
- d) The City must use the full force of policy, by laws and national legislation to hold these people to account in order that it serves as a deterrent to others. We would like to see legal charges against The City Manager, Mayor, Alderman, Mayoral Committee Members, Director of Water & Sanitation and Director of Environmental Management and Spatial Planning.
- e) Commission an independent enquiry into the Environment Management an Spatial Planning department. To determine what went wrong, what mistakes were made and what lessons could be learned.
- f) Commission an independent enquiry into the Water & Sanitation Department. To determine what went wrong, what mistakes were made and what lessons could be learned.
- g) Should the City attempt to cover up these actions and not admit responsibility it would demonstrate a lack of management and leadership. The City cannot manage its responsibility with not practicing consequence management.

2. Act to Stop Additional Pollution

- a) Immediately implement a moratorium on new connections to the Potsdam Waste Water Treatment Plant
- b) Immediately implement a moratorium on new land use applications and planning applications. Halt all current applications.
- c) Ban the use of private waste water treatment plants.

- d) Fast track the upgrades to the Potsdam Waste Water Treatment Plant.
 - e) Development to start only when an independent team of specialist have confirmed that the Potsdam Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrades are complete and the plant is able to treat the required load.
 - f) Appoint an independent body to assess the Water & Sanitation Department and ensure that the staff running the Potsdam Waste Water Treatment Plant are competent to do so.
 - g) Open the public participation for the Blaauwberg District Plan draft. Ensure that City officials listen to comments by the public. In short ensure that the same mistakes are not made.
3. Clean Up Lagoon
- a) Once we have stopped the increase in pollution and stopped the reckless development sanctioned by the City of Cape Town. The clean up can begin.

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