



LEIWATER

As we all know South Africa has been in the grip of one of the most prolonged, severe, and devastating droughts to have hit the country in many years, if not in living memory. It will be understood, too, that the Overberg, including Greyton, has not been immune or exempt from this calamity and continues to suffer a severe water shortage. Furthermore, and unfortunately, an imminent relief from the drought within the Overberg area is neither predicted nor anticipated.

It will be appreciated that the provision of potable water must at all times take precedence over the demands of leiwater users in respect of their individual allocations. This is in fact provided for in the regulations (2(1) (a) of Theewaterskloof Municipality Leiwater By-law).

Due to the prevailing drought conditions the Greyton water supply has for some time been, and continues to be, insufficient properly and adequately to meet both the potable water needs of all inhabitants and visitors, and also to provide an adequate supply and fair distribution of leiwater to all leiwater users.

Accordingly during January 2017 in order to safeguard and maintain the supply of potable water, and when the continued provision of leiwater threatened to impact negatively on the supply of potable water, the provision of leiwater was suspended on 24 January 2017.

On two occasions and when it was thought to be safe to do so, the supply of leiwater was reinstated for short periods. In both instances the reinstatements were very quickly found to be unsustainable and the suspension of the supply of leiwater was again put in place and continues to prevail to the present.

The Greyton water supply is regularly monitored and checked by officials and technicians of Theewaterskloof Municipality. As and when it may be determined that the water supply is sufficient adequately to meet the need for potable water and, in addition, is also sufficient to ensure an adequate and fair distribution of leiwater to all leiwater users, the supply of leiwater will be reinstated without unnecessary delay.

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