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Dear Mr De Jager,

WATER TEST RESULTS FOR SEEKOEI ESTUARY AND JBAY WWTW

Thank you for the letter indicating that, based on a technicality, the water tests would not be made available.

I would like to refer again to the public meeting held in Aston Bay Hall on the 15th of March 2023 that you attended. At this meeting, we as residents and concerned citizens were told by the Mayor, his Deputy, the MM and all his directors that these results would be made public on the KLM website as confirmed by the answer to Q 5. of the attached minutes. Why would there now be this secrecy and sub judice claims which in fact according to the article below are baseless excuses?

<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/government-officials-cannot-hide-behind-the-sub-judice-rule/>

KLM has, on multiple occasions, informed me and the community that it was safe to swim in these waters based on your water tests. It's in the best interest of the community to release these results as proof of KLM's claims that the Seekoei Estuary was safe; something we are disputing.

The Seekoei Estuary Forum was founded because KLM was not being transparent about the situation at the Estuary. Our website is an information site to combat misinformation and to make up for KLM's inaction and inability to take responsibility for, and be transparent about, the health of the estuary and the residents that use it. Currently, we have over 140 people that are part of the forum and we look to grow this support even further. None of them objected to my application for the water tests as officially asked on the Whatsapp group of the Forum on 22 July 2023. Please see attached.

The irony of it all is that our own taxpayer's money is spent on the water tests. Surely we as stakeholders should be respected in this matter as we cannot be expected to sit idly by and watch our environment being polluted and mismanaged.

Waiting in anticipation for your favorable reply.

Kind regards

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