

# Well done to city cleaning staff

I HAVE on several occasions in years gone by commented in these columns on the neglected and filthy state of the City of Choice, in particular the city's CBD.

This criticism has been levelled where it was felt to be appropriate. It is with considerable pleasure, then, that I've noticed a marked improvement in recent months, notably with the deployment of Extended Public Works contracted staff, spotted in action not only in the central precinct but as far out as Ritchie Road.

Too many people, while quick to criticise, are slow to offer compliments and encouragement where this is due, and with that in mind, I would like to offer

my congratulations and thanks to the Msunduzi Municipality for this commendable and encouraging progress. Well done!

Much remains to be done, but this is an excellent development.

At the same time, however, the matter of civic responsibility (or the lack of it) on the part of residents and visitors remains a problematic issue.

As long as people continue to litter and despoil our city, assuming that workers will be there to pick up after them, the spectre of the "City of Filth" will, sadly, remain.

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