

# High Court employees' water issue

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“THE water quality is terrible, and we are forced to carry our own water to work every day,” says an employee at the Pietermaritzburg high court who added that they are frustrated at the lack of urgency shown from the court manager regarding their grievances.

The employee, who wishes to remain anonymous in fear of backlash, has stated that their water is kept in water tanks which have not been maintained or cleaned regularly.

The employee said that when they pour water into their glasses it is clear to see that particles of dirt and other substances are evident.

“Residue forms when you let the water stand for a minute or so. We do not even want to drink this water that is made available to us anymore and carry our own water from home now,” said the employee.

After speaking to management they were told the water is the way it is currently because management is fixing the water tanks, but according to the employee the water tanks have not been cleaned for a few years.

“Management is not taking our issue seriously. All we are asking for is for there to be no dirt in the water we drink so that we can go about our jobs without this issue hanging over our heads,” said the employee.

When the *Maritzburg Fever* checked in to see if the situation had been tended to we were told

by an employee that the court manager had logged a call with the Department of Public Works to assess the water tanks. No comment was received from the department.



The water with particles remaining after letting it settle.

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