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A bitter life for all

SIR - The suspension and subsequent disgraceful treatment meted out to the gentlemen of the Department of Nature Conservation, Messrs Anderson, Koen and Herman, elicit a multitude of reactions ranging from surprise, amazement, anger, indignation, contempt, frustration and depression.

Frustration and depression because we have to watch the values which most South Africans hold dear and which are enshrined in our Constitution constantly

being spurned by those set in authority.

And then we also have our worries concerning themselves with senseless and costly name change issues - all this while thousands of our people starve, the health services disintegrate and our education department churns out barely literate young people. So much for "A better life for all"!

Please Lord forgive them - they know not what they do.

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Something stinks

SIR - My deepest respect to Mark Anderson for having the courage of his convictions in resigning from the Department of Tourism, Environmental Affairs and Conservation.

Because of the official stupidity (a commodity not in short supply, Einstein) Kimberley may now lose a world-class ornithologist.

It is ludicrous to consider that because a man voices a diverse opinion, he and two colleagues should be suspended.

Is there perhaps a hidden agenda to line some official's pocket?

Mark did not lodge an objection to the building project, only his views on the pollution of Kamfers Dam and the possible danger to the flamingos.

It's a health hazard in any case.

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