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I am of the opinion that all groundwater usage should be licensed and regulated.
I that doesn't happen, then the criteria for licensing and regulation should be reduced from 75L/s to about 10 or 20 L/s.
I believe that environmental usages should receive first priority.

In my rural area a new development has come in and ignored the legal requirements for: surface water licensing; septic system installations; and riparion area regulation.
The development gets away with these violations of Acts and Regulations because the authorities that are charged with enforcement do not have the resources to do so.
New Acts and Regulations without enforcement are just window dressing, so the politicians can appear to be doing something, without really making significant improvements. So the revised Water Act is a waste of time without effective resources for enforcement.

Regards
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