

# Turning the tap

THE ISSUE of the increase of water and electricity in the Caprivi is creating some division among the people. The one group is prepared to spend every cent they have on these rates, and the other group is reluctant to do so.

The thing is that repairs on taps, toilets, bathroom drains and even inlet pipes are ineffectively done, thus resulting in the wastage of kilolitres of water. I wonder why the maintenance office are so interested in the number of kilolitres rather than the number of repairs to the water system.

I believe every official working for a certain authority is a civil servant and thus entitled to the benefits due to civil servants, but one wonders when one sees in the Caprivi that some civil servants are given about 500 units of electricity free of charge, while the other group of civil servants have to pay for it.

The one group gets all the privileges, while the other group is suffering. Is this what the Namwi Foundation calls cooperation and peace? This is rather the promotion of discriminatory hatred among the people.

Unless certain people start to work for the interests of the majority, then they can forget about cooperation and peace of mind among the suffering majority.

I would therefore suggest that irritating things are done away with, such as the unnecessary increase in rates for water and electricity, with purposeful disregard for the cost of living; the withholding of workers increments and the ineffective maintenance work done in the townships.

The Caprivi Administration is being turned into a 'language' laboratory by virtue of the qualifications of certain people, and neither are the present leadership popular among the people.