

Some truths can't be watered down

The water department's slogan, "Water is Life", means there's no life for mankind, animal or plant without water.

It's winter now and most parts of the country have started to experience minimum or no rainfall at all.

Meanwhile, we're seeing an unusual time in our lifetime – the country in the grip of coronavirus infections and people dying.

Central to the fight against this virus is ensuring that there's proper hygiene.

The World Health Organisation has advised that regularly washing hands with soap reduces the virus' spread.

It's unavoidable that people should ask questions about water availability, especially in water-stressed areas.

The main question is: how does one balance washing one's hands regularly with using water for normal house chores and with agricultural and industrial purposes?

South Africa is one of the driest countries in the world. Now is the time to unite and save water to save lives.

If we fail to use water sparingly, we will all be fish out of the water.

Every drop counts.

■ *Marcus Monyakeni*