



Better news on water

THE city has significantly improved on its water losses during the past six months, and the single-biggest culprit remains antiquated infrastructure.

Speaking on behalf of the city's water services, Younis Kader said a water and electricity loss team had reduced the city's water losses to 30% – a 10% improvement since August last year.

'Of the 30%, about 10% is owing to theft and meter-reading problems, while the remainder can be attributed to leakages on account of old pipes and

reticulation systems,' Kader said.

He said the city's water was regarded as among the best in the country, despite problems with faecal pollution in the Umsunduzi River.

Kader said a stand-off between the Msunduzi Municipality and Umgeni Water over the Darvil waste water works had not helped matters. 'While the capacity is okay, the system is battling with the condition of the infrastructure and are under pressure to maintain and upgrade facilities,' he said.

