
AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned
NAFISA KARANI-DESBOIS

do hereby make oath and say

I am a major female currently with identity number 6703300193086 currently residing at 16 Balmoral Road, West Beach, Cape Town, 7441.

The facts contained herein are within my own personal knowledge and are to the best of my belief both true and correct unless specifically otherwise indicated

I have lived at my current residence in West Beach, for just over 3 years.

For at least the last 3 years a pair of Egyptian Geese have nested in the green space between the complexes, Mont Serrat and Balmoral Heights on Balmoral Road, in West Beach.

In the years 2023 and 2024 I became aware of severe cruelty towards these geese at the hands of certain people living at the complexes mentioned above and the complex of San Martine which is behind the green space.

I have strong reason to believe that the geese (goslings) have been illegally removed for the last 3 years and are being caught by nets and boxes by certain residents because they were no longer sighted. Last year when this happened, the geese for 2 weeks were in distress on rooftops calling for their goslings. It was a very sad sight, they were frantic.

I have been in contact with several residents from both complexes who have witnessed the "catching" of the goslings but are too afraid to be named or say anything to the trustees of the 2 complexes from fear of intimidation. However, I have a statement from a previous resident of Balmoral Heights who has emailed me her confirmation witnessing the illegal removal of the goslings, which email has been attached to this affidavit.



I have also been in regular contact with a caring individual Mr Carl Pappayani over the last 3 years, who lives in the complex Mont Serrat and between the 2 of us, we have tried very hard to prevent the illegal removal or harm of the nesting geese and their goslings. Only to be intimidated and be faced with utter disregard to our request not to harm them.

In 2024 when the geese had nested, I contacted the Chairperson of the trustees last year, at Balmoral Heights, and raised this issue and he was extremely aggressive and blatantly told me that "they should not be nesting there, they should just be rid of because they dirty the swimming pool in the complex".

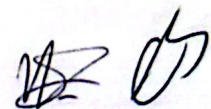
This year when the geese arrived (latter part of July 2025) to nest (they have not yet had their goslings) I, at my own cost, had boards printed, and pamphlets, to create an awareness that they should not be harmed and be allowed to nest.

I went at midday on the 26th of July 2025 with my husband and placed the boards in the greenspace and handed a few of the pamphlets to residents on Arundel Road, as they have sight of the greenspace, to create an awareness and to alert the authorities if they notice any untoward behaviour towards the geese.

The boards were removed by 6pm the same day by a resident and a trustee from Mont Serrat, namely Mr Fred Hawley and was approached by Mr Carl Pappayani who asked why he is removing the board, and he became very aggressive and said that he will also remove the geese and didn't care what the resident thought about him removing the boards. He placed the boards in his car and drove off. I have his car registration details. He also removed water bowls that were placed for the geese.

This year I contacted our local Councilor Mr. Jonathan Mills to raise this issue of citizens being cruel in his area of jurisdiction and requested his help to assist in navigating this matter in the interest of protecting nature and specifically the Egyptian Geese in question. His office fully supports our efforts to prevent any cruelty to wild animals in our area. I also lodged further a complaint with Cape Nature Conservation and the Cape of Good Hope SPCA.

Towards the end of both 2023 and 2024, all the goslings have been abducted, apparently by underground operators (who nevertheless advertise openly on social media).



Each year that the goslings have been abducted, both parents spend several weeks hunting for their babies and trying to locate them. Witnessing their extreme distress day in and day out as they call out from every elevated spot is utterly heartbreaking.

I am happy to stand up in a court of law to testify that cruelty has been acted upon towards the Geese who are protected under the Cape Nature Ordinance and desperately would like the protection of these wild animals to be respected by residents and not be harmed deliberately in any way

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME AT WEST BEACH ON THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST 2025, THE DEPONENT HAVING ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SHE KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT,

THAT THE DEPONENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO TAKING THE OATH AND THAT THE DEPONENT CONSIDERS THE OATH AS BINDING ON HIS CONSCIENCE

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Balmoral Heights - Geese removal

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1 August 2025 at 19:25

Good evening

My name is Daniela de Bruin, and in 2019 I resided in Balmoral Heights, West Beach - I rented an apartment there for 3 years.

I was aware of a pair of mated geese that according to another resident had been coming there for years to nest and rear their babies. That first year it was so wonderful for me to see the family wander around, they had 9 babies that year, and I even rescued 3 from the pool as they could not get out and a few of us tenants had arranged for a small bodyboard to be anchored to the side to help the babies jump out.

The following year, 2020, there were new owners who had bought 2 or 3 apartments and were residing in them and they did not like the geese at all - they complained they made a noise and a mess around and inside the pool. After a week or so the parents brought the babies to the pool, it was late at night and I was sitting on my balcony and I noticed two men arrive in a bakkie (now you can only be allowed into the property by a tenant opening for you) and they had crates and nets - I saw them herding the geese and when I asked what they were doing there (I asked a few times but with no reply) they eventually admitted they were there to catch the geese. They tried for a few minutes to catch them and the parents were very angry and upset, trying to attack the men to protect their young.

I told them the men that they had no business doing so and their reply was that they were instructed by an owner of one of the properties. Myself and two other tenants got involved and argued with them and with the owner who came out to say he had given the instructions and the men left without the geese.

But a week or so later I witnessed the grandson of one of the owners running around with a box trying to catch the babies - once again the parents were very distraught, and I told the child to stop (he said to me that his granny told him he must catch the geese). I went to speak with her and said it was not right and they must stop - but she didn't as another week went by when I came home to find the parents alone, the babies gone.

I immediately went back to the lady and asked where the babies were - she said she had taken them to the vlei and left them there - I was so incredibly sad and angry, and to watch the parents walk around and call for their young was so heartbreaking.

The following year a pool cover was installed to deter the geese from accessing the pool and all the bushes were cut back and inspected for the nest but wasn't found. I moved out in June and so do not know what happened to the new hatchlings.

I do hope that something can be done to protect these animals and preserve their habitat and nesting rituals. The majority of the tenants who were there when I resided at the complex loved seeing the geese, and yes they made a noise and a mess but that's nature and we should be accepting of that.

Kind regards
Daniela de Bruin

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