

**Democratic Alliance Johannesburg Media Statement  
DA City of Johannesburg  
DA PR Councillor Patricia Rasilingwane**

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**DYSFUNCTIONAL STORM WATER DRAINS CAUSE FLOODING AT KAALFONTEIN**

Contractors come and go but one thing remains, the storm water drain problem.

According to Kaalfontein community members every time contractors are called in to fix the storm water drains which are not functioning in the area, the problem worsens.

“Residents want to know how the government expects them to come in and out of their houses. Will government organise boats or life jackets for them to swim to their homes, or perhaps be flown in and out by a helicopter?” asks DA PR Councillor Patricia Rasilingwane.

The water currently does not flow into the storm water drain; instead it runs to Fleetcrest Street in Ext 22, where it eventually comes to a halt, causing flooding.

“The frustrating part about the flooding is that it will cause other problems, in no time it will damage the tar. When the government is already failing residents, how and when will government hear the grievances of the people and start delivering on unfulfilled promises?” asks DA PR Cllr Rasilingwane.

The DA urges the City of Johannesburg to lodge an investigation into the previous projects that were supposedly carried out as an attempt to fix the storm water drains.

Community members say that the contractors did a terrible job and should be held accountable for causing a great inconvenience to residents.

“It is very vital for the government to select competent people and award tenders according to competency. Had this been done, the community of Kaalfontein would not be experiencing these problems,” says DA PR Cllr Rasilingwane.

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The Fleetcrest Street in Kaalfontein Ext 22 is completely covered in water endangering the lives of those who attempt to cross. This is a severe case of lack of service delivery as it poses danger to the community.

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