

# Empty Promises On *Smelly Tamariskia*

ALLOW me to air my dissatisfaction about the unfavourable odour in Tamariskia and Mondesa townships.

The inhabitants of these towns face a huge problem which is the never-ending smell of what seems to be human excreta. The smell is worst in the houses situated in the place known as 'Old Tamariskia'. I want to ask the Town Council of Swakopmund about the removal of the controversial sewage dam from the middle of the residential area.

As a matter of fact the former white municipal council was blamed for building the sewage dam among residences of the blacks. But after the white council was voted out of power and the current councillors vowed to remove it if they were elected, nothing happened.

It seems these were just empty promises. The explanation that there is not enough money to remove the sewage dam is not fair as we pay our

rates and taxes as other home owners and are entitled to breathe fresh air as others do. Imagine waking in the night and finding your house smells like someone has just defecated on the floor and after investigation you find the whole house smells like that. It might affect us in other ways too as we are obliged to constantly use air fresheners to make things bearable. At present Swakopmund is undergoing structural changes and the town will receive tourists and would-be homeowners and I can assure the Council no one would like to stay in such conditions.

Please convey my request to the town council to look for a suitable site to relocate the sewage dam - before someone becomes sick and considers claiming huge sums of money from our already 'poor' town council.

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