

# 'What A Swakop Disgrace'

SWAKOPMUND is one of the oldest towns and one of the biggest tourist attractions in Namibia. However, as soon as it starts to rain, even only a few drops, the streets of this town turn into instant salt pans. The mud has to be sprayed off the cars as soon as possible, otherwise the car disappears from underneath you as the rust eats its way through. It is forbidden to clean the mud off your car in the streets and nobody knows what to do with the salt drenched gypsum on their erven which in fact belongs to the Municipality. To steam clean your car in Windhoek costs N\$70.

Only a small portion of Swakopmund has tarred or interlocked streets. I, as a rate and taxpayer of the town, would like to know when and whether the council will replace this mess with properly

tarred roads. Every small town in Namibia, whether it is Otavi or Outjo, has more kilometres of tarred road than Swakopmund and I am sure their rates and taxes are not as high as ours.

Since the Prime Minister now owns a property in the new extension, no one would be surprised if the council decides that the road leading to his mansion should be tarred/interlocked. Thankfully then a few people will be able to share a decent road.

If the town of Swakopmund looks like a pigsty, what about Mondesa and Tamariskia? Why is it that Walvis Bay has tarred roads and Swakop not?

Hopefully the town council will reply through the press on what their intentions are.

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