



## **BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVERMOND**

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### **Storm water provision for new developments in BRM Village**

Dear Sir,

Several residents are concerned about the storm water control measures with the new developments taking place in BRM village. A proper storm water plan down stream of the 'then' proposed developments was supposed to take place. This has apparently not happened and it is possible that the safety of all of the houses below the developments could be compromised. The area affected is from Salie/Umthati Streets down through Hertzog Street to the lower part of Main Street, Park Street and River Road.

Ndlambe Municipality was alerted to the possible problem and it was raised in the original proposal for the development. It was understood that there would be a storm water control plan down stream of the vlei. It is now apparent that the storm water is lead into the existing drainage without any provision for the upgrading of the down stream storm water control.

The essence of the concern is that a 750mm storm water pipe leads into a system that has only a 600mm storm water pipe. The village area can barely cope with the storm water at present and with the new developments and the developments in Marcelle and Klipfontein will all contribute to far greater runoff which is an increasing and real threat to the village.

We would appreciate an intervention to see that the storm water control plan is introduced prior to any of the developments or proposed developments are completed. The risk to the municipality would be unacceptable as it would open up a case of liability if the village was flooded. A current case in point is the St Francis Bay problem which is being investigated after the fact.

We are willing to point out the constraints of the system and possible problems. These issues were discussed with the former Director of Infrastructure, Mr. W. Patterson. We look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,

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