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Seven Months to Fix Clogged Council Drain

Corinda residents concerned about a partially blocked stormwater drain and debris in parkland at Neata Street Corinda have been told by Council that it will take seven months to fix.

The Councillor for Tennyson, Nicole Johnston, residents had approached her with concerns about the drain and asked for Council assistance to clean it out.

“The head of the Lord Mayor’s local ward recovery committee, Cr Margaret De Wit, has said that it will take seven months to fix a clogged drain in the middle of one of Brisbane’s worst wet seasons in a known flooding area. That’s just an unbelievable and unconscionable response,” Councillor Johnston said.

“Cr De Wit has advised all flood affected Councillors that her role was to prioritise flood recovery efforts but then when asked to reconsider the timeliness of Council’s response to clean up requests says that’s not her job. Who’s job is it if not the head of the local ward flood recovery committee?”

“The priority is fixing damaged neighbourhoods not fighting with Canberra over who will pay.”

“While Council delays cleaning storm water drains damaged during the floods, local communities remain at risk from further flooding during the summer wet season.”

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