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### **AL Jama-ah raises concerns about the quality of water in Atteridgeville and Hammanskraal**

The Al Jama-ah party is raising questions about the quality of water for residents and the poor treatment of sewage water provided to residents in Atteridgeville and Hammanskraal in Gauteng.

At a Portfolio Committee meeting on Water and Sanitation today, the party's leader and Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks has called for a review of the norms and standards for water quality and whether there is indeed compliance with lower standards.

The party says officials found guilty of harming the country's rivers and waterways must be convicted in terms of the NEMA Act. "Sewage pollution is worse than climate change. It is unacceptable that the poor are forced to buy clean drinking water as the water from their taps are contaminated," says Hendricks.

Recently the municipalities in Tshwane have been urged to conduct a drinking water analysis on the status of drinking water following outbreaks of typhoid.

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