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'KEEP WATERKLOOF RISK-FREE'

PUBLIC Works and Infrastructure portfolio committee chairperson Nolitha Ntobongwana has called on the South African Air Force and other stakeholders to ensure ongoing functionality and safety of the Waterkloof Air Force Base as a national key point.

The committee is in Gauteng on official oversight visits to various government entities.

"We can't have a national key point used by the president and ministers declared as a high-risk area because of the development of sinkholes,"

Ntobongwana said.

The committee found during its visit that several buildings at Waterkloof, which has a high-risk classification due to dolomitic soil conditions, had been demolished as a result of ground movement brought on by water ingress from wet services.

However, the committee was told the base was safe for use and that it was monitored regularly.

Ntobongwana called on all stakeholders to "work together to ensure that the base is fully safe for usage by members of the executive".

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