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ATTENTION: MINISTER KGOSIENTSO RAMOKGOPA

Dear Minister Ramokgopa,

**RE: INVITATION FOR JOINT OVERSIGHT TO MUNICIPAL LOAD SHEDDING
MITIGATION PROGRAMMES**

The load shedding crisis is the single biggest issue affecting the lives of South Africans at present. It is going to require a monumental effort on the part of not only government, but all of us pulling together to find solutions to minimise its impact in the short term and eliminate it entirely in the long-term.

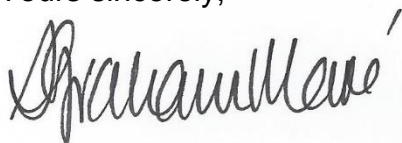
You have been undertaking oversight visits at various power stations across the country, as well as having engagements with role-players and stakeholders as part of your mandate to find solutions to ending this crisis. While you have identified the multitude of factors that are the cause of the rolling blackouts, it appears that there are very few solutions available.

DA-governed municipalities have been proactive in identifying, constructing and launching innovative solutions to address the electricity crisis and protect citizens, either through reduced stages of load shedding or a move towards ending loadshedding altogether. These municipalities include George, Stellenbosch and the City of Cape Town, amongst others.

I believe that it will be an insightful, proactive and useful exercise to engage with the officials in these Municipalities as you develop your plan to address the load shedding crisis.

Should you be amenable to this invitation, I look forward to engaging on suitable dates for these visits.

Yours sincerely,



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DA SHADOW MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY