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Chief Whip of the Majority Party
Honourable Magqashela
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Dear Hon. Magqashela

RE: Taking Legislature to the People – Letsema Legacy Projects

I write this letter in my capacity as the Chief Whip of the Opposition to express my dismay regarding the Letsema Legacy Projects which have been selected for the TLTP Programme in Buffalo City.

At 09h11 on Thursday, 23rd October 2025, my office received an email from Ms Keka requesting the allocation of members for the Letsema Legacy Projects scheduled for Friday, 24th October 2025. The email was accompanied by the details of the projects to be visited.

I would like to place it on record that before this email this morning, we were not informed of which projects were selected and what the projects would be. We were also not consulted to provide input on which communities would be visited and which projects would be invested in.

Given that these project visits are intended to support the upliftment of ALL communities that require support, we find it egregious that low-income communities in Parkridge, Parkside, Pefferville, CC Lloyd, the greater Buffalo Flats Community including Egoli, 7de Laan, Vergenoeg and Fynbos, as well as Breidbach and Schornville in Qonce, have been completely ignored. These communities already feel that they are ignored and invisible to our Provincial Government, and based on the list of projects provided, they are clearly ignored and invisible to the Provincial Legislature.

In view of the above, the Democratic Alliance Caucus will be boycotting the Letsema Legacy Projects to be visited on Friday, 24th October 2025. We will instead be embarking on our own self-funded project in Parkridge where we will be handing over catering equipment for feeding schemes.

Accordingly, we request your office to formally investigate why the Multi-Party Whips Committee was not consulted in determining the projects to be visited. Further to this, we call on your office to ensure that the Multi-Party Whips Committee be consulted in the future and that all communities are included as part of the legislatures outreach programmes.

We trust that this matter will receive the urgent attention it deserves and look forward to your favourable response in this regard.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

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Hon. Yusuf Cassim, MPL
Chief Whip – Democratic Alliance
Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature

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