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To: The DA CoGTA Spokesperson for the National Council of Provinces  
Hon Igor Scheurkogel MP

Dear Igor

Re: Dissolution of Makana Local Municipality a national CoGTA imperative

I tabled a motion in the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature to dissolve the collapsed Makana Local Municipal council on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July this year, citing the fact that the municipality now meets the threshold for mandatory intervention under Section 139(5) of the Constitution, having demonstrated persistent financial failure and a complete inability to provide basic services as required under Section 152 of the Constitution. (Please see attached my debate notes).

Predictably, the ANC provincial government rejected to motion in its entirety, as they believe Makana is improving, even thriving, and dissolving the council would be tantamount to aborting all the good work done to turn the municipality around. This is farcical as municipal services have entirely collapsed.

I am therefore urgently requesting that this matter be taken up at the national Council of Provinces and in the National Ministry of CoGTA, to ensure national oversight and immediate intervention. I have also requested that our Eastern Cape Spokesperson to the NCOP, Hon Henni Britz MP, table a motion without notice to ensure that the matter is placed on record.

I hope this is in order.

Yours faithfully

Hon Jane Cowley (DA Constituency Leader for Frontier Constituency)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Cowley'.