

Democratic Alliance statement by  
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# DA pressures Joburg into providing electricity to informal settlements

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The DA welcomes the announcement by Johannesburg MMC for Infrastructure and development, Matshidiso Mfikoe to electrify the majority of informal settlements across the city.

MC Mfikoe's announcement comes in the wake of a DA request to the Human Rights Commission to investigate rights violations in a number of informal settlements, which the commission agreed to investigate.

However, the DA is concerned that this is just another empty promise. The people of Johannesburg have been lied to for too long. They deserve an honest government.

That is why a DA government would not just roll out electrification, but also improve water supply, sanitation and implement plans to formalise and/or upgrade these settlements.

And we would keep our promises.

The DA's vision for Johannesburg is firmly entrenched in the principles of holistic governance. We have a clear understanding that services cannot be delivered in isolation of one another – something Mayor Tau and MMC Mfikoe clearly misunderstand.

Where we govern, the DA has made major strides in improving the plight of the poor, providing the most comprehensive basket of free services to those who are most needy.

In less than three months Johannesburg's voters will have the opportunity to vote for change that stops corruption, improves services delivery, and builds communities where people have access to basic services.

Because where the DA governs, life is better.

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