



Joe Gqabi District Municipality on plans for nationwide shutdown

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The Joe Gqabi District Municipality does not support the planned nationwide shutdown organised by the Economic Freedom Fighters and therefore urges ordinary people of our district not to participate in the planned nationwide shutdown scheduled for Monday 20 March 2023.

Executive Mayor Nomvuyo Mposelwa has expressed deep concern over a call for the nationwide shutdown, which is distractive not only to the economy of the district but also of the country at large.

“Whilst the public has a democratic right to embark on protest action the Joe Gqabi District Municipality does not support acts of civil disobedience and the actions of select few, which are aimed at infringing on the constitutional rights of the majority of our people” said Executive Mayor Nomvuyo Mposelwa.

The Joe Gqabi District Municipality is of the view that South Africans can engage each other on differences through meaningful dialogue and through appropriate platforms. The planned nationwide shutdown will affect education curriculum, taxi industry, farming community and economic growth negatively.

The Joe Gqabi District municipality would like to encourage political parties, civil society, business and the society at large to work together in strengthening our democracy to create a better South Africa.

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