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Democratic Alliance Media Advisory

DA to protest discriminatory Mpumalanga dress ruling, and hand over memorandum

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On Tuesday, 21 April 2015, the Democratic Alliance will march to the Mpumalanga Legislature to hand over a memorandum to the Speaker, Thandi Shongwe, against discrimination in the Mpumalanga Legislature.

DA Mpumalanga Interim DAWN Leader, **Tarnia Baker MP,** DA Mpumalanga Chairperson, **Jane Sithole MPL**, DA Mpumalanga Caucus Leader, **Anthony Benadie MPL** and DA National Spokesperson, **Phumzile Van Damme MP**, will lead the protest and handover.

On 31 March 2015, in a legislature sitting, an ANC member of the Legislature compared a dress worn by the DA's Jane Sithole (Click here for photo) to a dress worn by sex workers.

The Speaker then ruled that Sithole's dress was not in line with the decorum of the house and proceeded to order Sithole to cover herself up.

The DA will register its opposition to this discriminatory and unlawful ruling, and will hand over a memorandum to the Speaker urging better respect for the rights of women.

Members of the media are invited attend as follows:

Date: 21 April 2015
Event Time: 10:00
Protest gathering: The Grove Shopping Centre, R40 White River Road, Nelspruit
Memorandum handover: Mpumalanga Legislature building, Officer of the Speaker.

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