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### **Knysna Municipality has no control when it comes to load shedding**

Knysna municipality has received numerous enquiries from residents and businesses regarding load shedding. Load shedding occurs when Eskom declares an emergency. Once the emergency is declared the stage (1, 2 and 3) of load shedding applied by Eskom is based on the generation that is required country wide.

Chairperson of the Planning, Infrastructure and Development Committee, Councillor Louisa Hart said "the load shedding schedule is available on our website and residents are also welcome to contact the municipality for it. However it is important to note that we do not have a say when it comes to load shedding, Eskom is solely responsible and makes all the decisions."

"We can only inform the public if Eskom notifies us timeously and communicates with us as to which stage of load shedding they will be implementing. At times we are told there will be load shedding but it does not occur or it occurs at a later or different time. So it is extremely difficult to be 100% correct".

"We appeal to everyone to continuously save electricity by switching of all non-essential appliances", Ms Hart concluded.

To view the load shedding schedule visit:

<http://www.knysna.gov.za/wpcontent/uploads/2013/01/Schedules-Load-Shedding.pdf>

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