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## MEC Macie's reaction to killing of eight people in Pienaar

"We condemn this barbaric and senseless loss of lives in the strongest possible terms. We are once more appealing that the police be given space and time to get to the bottom of the shootings. The perpetrators must be urgently arrested.

We are imploring on all members of the public who may have information to come forward and assist the police. This incident yet again brings into a sharp focus the challenges posed by gun violence in this country.

We are again calling on liquor traders to always prioritise the safety of their patrons. We further extend our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and we also wish those who were injured a speedy recovery."

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