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**Submission on the Traditional Courts Bill by the Ndlambe Residents Association**

Ndlambe village is part of the Ngqushwa municipality and is in ward 8. It is situated in the lower Fish River area and has an estimated household of about 400 houses and about 2600 residents. The community members fully depend on utilizing land as source of income, small projects like poultry and the rest depend on social grants and child support grant.

This community agrees with one thing, that government does what it wants and pleases.

There were no consultations before the development of this bill, we do not understand why the introduction of the bill since we are not clear of the role of traditional leaders in our rural communities.

The bill is not different to the one of Traditional Councils, their rights are being violated by the government so what the government is doing its like DEATH AMONGST THEMSELVES.

The role that is being played by the chief in the village is very destructive, stop development from taking place and is convinced that if this bill is passed chaos and death will take place within our village.

As a community we are divided because of the role played by this chief, instead of him uniting the community the community is constantly fighting due to his presence.

As a community we do not recognise the imposed chief on us and that we are convinced that he does not have the skills, capacity and knowledge to implement the task given to traditional leadership in the bill.

We therefore recommend:

- Proper and broader consultation should be held with affected communities
- That we don't want to be under the rule of traditional leadership

As a community we believe in this slogan "One nation – one municipality not One nation One Traditional community" so this community is saying they want to live like that, they are in a democratic country and do not want to be part of a traditional leadership.