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**Submission on the Traditional Courts Bill by the Nobumba Local
Development Forum**

Nobumba is one of villages in Ngqushwa municipality, it consist of about 360 house holds with a population of 260 residents and forms part of ward 9.

As a community we have not been consulted on the Traditional Courts Bill other then hearing it from NGO's. We don't acknowledge the traditional courts bill and don't want to be under chiefs. As a community we will not tolerate to be under the administration of traditional leaders.

Presently we are governed by our own rules and regulation and community structures decide that needs to be done.

We believe that as a community we do have capable leaders who are able to hear minor cases and that the status quo should remain where courts perform their functions without fear of favour.

We believe that most of the chiefs are illegitimate and do not have the support of communities they are suppose to service. The traditional leaders are only interested in their own benefit and not those of the community and doubt their capacity to perform the envisaged functions.

We emphasize the fact that there will be no cases in their community handled by the chief because they have their own structures for certain issues within the community e.g. Community Policing Forum which deals with crime and other issues concerning the law.

As a community we request that the bill be withdrawn, proper consultations should take place and that investigations be undertaken to validate the legitimacy of some traditional leaders.