

OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TRADITIONAL LEADER: CHIEF LUNGELO. NOKWAZA

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To: Mr Waseem Matthews

SUBMISSION RELATING TO CUSTOMARY INITIATION BILL

Having noted that Section 11 of the Customary Initiation Bill makes provision for establishment of Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committees that must consist of representation from the houses of traditional leaders and

Taking into cognisance that in the Western Cape the Nguni traditional leadership is not covered by legislation recognising traditional leadership in South Africa and there is no Provincial House of Traditional Leaders:

The traditional leadership of people of Nguni origin in the Western Cape propose that:

- a) There should be an insertion in clause 3 which follows immediately after clause 11 (3)(a) recognizing representation of communities that practice cultural / customary initiation in the Western Cape. The clause should read as follows:

‘Two members appointed by the Premier in consultation with traditional / cultural leadership of communities practicing cultural initiation’. The two members must be persons who have undergone cultural initiation with unquestionable authority and clout to speak on behalf of the custodians of cultural initiation in the Western Cape.

- b) Furthermore, it is proposed that in tandem with the national legislation, the Western Cape Provincial Government should enact Cultural Initiation legislation vesting authority to the Premier of the Western Cape to determine through consultation with traditional and cultural leadership of communities that practice customary initiation how they will be presented in the Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committee or related structure agreed upon to serve the same purpose.

Regards



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