

THE ELUXOLWENI CHARITABLE TRUST

(Childrens Shelter – Place of Peace and Forgiveness)

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**THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY
MS TAMI MAKULUMA
PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE – SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
PRIVATE BAG X0051
BHISHO
5605.**

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SUBMISSION ON THE CHILDREN'S BILL.

Firstly I would like to commend you on the manner how you dealt with the bill thus far. I fully support the Bill with the exception of Shelters being under Chapter 14.

Let me give you some background of our organization. We are a registered organization with the Department of Social Development (Reg. No 016-132 NPO) and is subsidized at R316.20 per child per month and a subsidy of R5 871,00 towards once Social Worker's salary. We have a staff component of 14 members, 5 volunteers and a budget of just under R900 000,00 per year.

I, David Boyce Claassen, is the Project Manager of the Shelter and works closely with the Children's Institute Working Group on the Amendment Bill. I am an Executive Member of the National Alliance for Street Children, Treasurer of the Provincial Alliance of Street Children and Chairperson of the Cacadu District Alliance for Street Children.

From Project level up to National level, are we opposing the fact that Shelters should be under chapter 14. We rather support the idea that Shelters should be under Chapter 13 in the Amendment Bill. I/We know that you get different types of Shelters, like Drop-in Shelters and those that only supply food in the form of a soup-kitchen, but from my and Eluxolweni's point of view, we definitely needs to be under Chapter 13.

REASONS:

- See attached my data to the Province and the type of service that we are rendering;
- Our service is a 24-hour service with staff 24-hours around the clock on duty.

TRUSTEES

Mr Rob Beer (Chairperson); Miss Nontulhuzelo Faku; Mrs Thelma Henderson;
Adv. Andrew Lang; Mr John Porter; Dr Nonnso Stubbs

ELUXOLWENI SHELTER.

DATA FOR THE PROVINCE:

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION: *ELUXOLWENI CHARITABLE TRUST.*

LOCATION, LOCAL AND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY:

EX TRANSNET BUILDINGS

OFF ANDERSON STREET

GRAHAMSTOWN MAKANA MUNICIPALITY CACADU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY.

TYPE OF SERVICE OFFERED:

[THIS IS A SHELTER rendering the services of a CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRE]

1. Is a facility for the provision of residential care which provides basic services like feeding, clothing, caring, primary health care, schooling and is a 24 hour facility
2. Offers a therapeutic programme designed for the residential care of children outside the family environment, which include a programme designed for
 - (a) the reception, care and development of children on a share basis with the parent;
 - (b) the reception and temporary safe care of children pending their placement;
 - (c) the reception and temporary safe care of children to protect them from abuse or neglect;
 - (d) the reception and temporary care of trafficked or commercially sexually exploited children;
 - (e) the reception and temporary safe care of children for the purpose of
 - (i) observing and assessing those children; (assessment could be from 3 - 9 months as some children have developed intense mistrust and the total stay could be up to two years or more.)
 - (ii) providing counseling and other treatment to them; or
 - (iii) assisting them to reintegrate with their families and the community;
 - (f) the reception, development and secure care of children with behavioural and emotional difficulties;
3. In addition to our residential care programme, we offer –
 - (a) the treatment of children for addiction to dependence-producing substances; or
 - (b) any other service that may be prescribed by regulation.

REGISTERED ORGANIZATION:

REGISTRATION No: 016 – 132 NPO.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN CATERED FOR: 55.

We are registerd for 55 Children / We are presently subsidized for 35 Children]

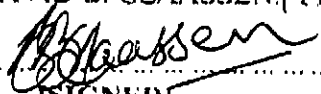
- I also attach some paper cuttings(news clips) about successes we had. Eg. children at University, children who went abroad to present our country and province. children that perform each year at the National Art Festival in Street Art.

Please let me know about future hearings seeing that I am prepared to make an oral presentation on this issue. Contact number: 083 297 7968.

Thanks in anticipation.

Yours truly,

DAVID B. CLAASSEN. | PROJECT MANAGER |


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