

Subject: Icasa Draft Numbering Plan

Good day,

I'm writing to you to explicitly declare my opposition **of Regulations 1 and 6A of ICASA Draft Numbering Plan relating to Biometric Data** on the Grounds of Violation of **Bill of Rights Chapter 2 - Section 14 relating to Privacy of Correspondence and Violation of Popi Act Personal Information which include Biometric Data, ID Document, Personal Correspondence and Financial Information.**

This whole process smacks of tagging and ownership. I want to make it very clear, that I, a free woman and human being, will not submit to being "tagged," and treated as "chattel" or as a "personal commodity" of those behind, what I and many others perceive as a very sinister scheme. I am not prepared to sacrifice my human rights and freedoms for "safety" again. I learned that lesson well in 2020, when I gave up some of my human rights (namely: to work, make a living and sustain myself) for three weeks in April 2020, for safety's sake. The end result being that three weeks turned into two years! And we are **still** being treated as mindless and foolish slaves (because if we were considered to be citizens, we would not be subjected to this rubbish!), who are expected to obey these draconian violations of our human rights and common law freedoms. I assure you, that if given a chance, we – South African citizens - are capable of taking responsibility of our own actions and will once again be able to sustain ourselves.

This process will make every man, woman and child even more vulnerable to identity theft – which is already a huge problem worldwide. We have seen numerous cases where not only banks, but mobile communication services and other companies have been hacked and people have lost much of their hard-earned living, because adequate safety measures were not theft/hack proof. And government is also definitely not immune from this scourge. Our very own president had his tablet stolen from his own people! Our nation's Parliament was broken into. Everyone will be made vulnerable by this as the criminal element has always found

a way to circumvent all protective measures. I am also not convinced that “block-chain” is unbreakable and unhackable. Therefore, I am not prepared to give so much of myself into the hands of governments, banks, communication companies – or any other entity. And to ask, demand or even to decree this – is unjust and criminal.

I refuse to relinquish my human rights! And I want to make it perfectly clear, that since I, AND EVERY OTHER MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD of South Africa, are not commodities, chattel or slaves, WE are not for sale - no matter who the buyer is.

I trust you will not allow this proposal, or any other similar proposals to see the light of day.

Mary-Anne