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Dear Sir

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the difficult task you and your colleagues pursue in order to create equality, freedom and justice amongst all the peoples of this country. It is logical to assume that two of these principles, namely equality and justice, would also apply to those detained in terms of the mental health act of 1973. (as amended)

At this present moment the detention of Dr. Badenhorst du Toit at Weskoppies Hospital still remains a source of great anger and frustration for myself and those associated with him in his former professional capacity. Dr du Toit is of completely sane mind and fully responsible for his every action, yet despite this, he is denied equality and justice based on merit and further, denied his freedom by bureaucratic professionals who rule supreme at Weskoppies Hospital. Dr du Toit is a professional of the highest standing whose continued detention denies the new South Africa benefit from a potentially valuable contribution.

Five years ago, Dr du Toit was committed to Weskoppies Hospital after being involved in a shooting accident relating to a love triangle involving his spouse. Incomplete evidence presented at his subsequent trial led to the present unacceptable state of affairs. It would definitely be in the interests of both Dr du Toit and society that the states case against him be re-opened with a view to his immediate release.

I sincerely request you, sir, to circulate this letter amongst interested members of your congress. Verification of facts contained in this letter and any further information may be obtained telephonical from Weskoppies Hospital (Tel no. 327-3355) (012). Dr A.E. Loën is the senior psychialist responsible for Dr du Toit.

This urgent matter has already been brought to the attention of the following state departments:

- i) The office of the State President.
- ii) The minister of Home Affairs
- iii) The minister of Justice
- iv) The Attorney-General
- v) The Health services branch (T.P.A)
- vi) Minister of Health



Unfortunately it appears that this matter receives little attention from these state departments and is referred back to medical professionals at Weskoppies Hospital who are solely responsible for the present state of affairs regarding the detention of Dr du Toit.

If democracy is to succeed in the new South-Africa, then those in the civil service who have little understanding of regard for this concept, should be brought to a sobering awakening to the realities of the new and dynamic situation we all now find ourselves in.

From yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Scheepers', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DR. L. SCHEEPERS

Copies of this letter to:

1. Media (New Nation)
2. Weskoppies Hospitals Head Office
3. Minister of Health