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# 6. Privacy

#### **6.1 Introduction**

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#### 6.6 Children's privacy protection

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The website address of this website is: <a href="http://www.mpumalanga.gov.za/">http://www.mpumalanga.gov.za/</a>

Contact details of website owner:

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