

In honour of wealth, beauty and warmth of the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature A Home for All

The main task of the Speaker is to ensure the integrity, independence and impartiality of the institution. The Speaker is elected by the house and is accountable to the house. Four distinct roles of the Speaker can be identified:

- Political management (internal and external)
- Overseeing of administration
- Treasury of the legislature (performing functions in terms of the relevant legislation)
- Representation.

The Deputy Speaker is elected by the house and is accountable to the house. The Deputy Speaker will act in the absence of the Speaker and perform all functions and responsibilities of the Speaker.

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

The Northern Cape Provincial Legislature building is a true architectural reflection of the Northern Cape. The Northern Cape Provincial Legislature conveys an atmosphere of balance, rationality, security, tranquillity and humanity.

It should make its visitors feel free to enter and be safe and protected once inside. The building captures the spirit and aspirations of the people of the Northern Cape by its unique, evocative family of forms and the interrelation of volumes and spaces.

It houses all the MPLs, support staff, a library, a debating chamber, a VIP restaurant area, a curio shop and an additional area, the Patlelo, the people's square.

This expansive space is a symbol of openness, where ceremonies of legislature

and government take place and where announcements are made. It acts as the public foyer of the legislative assembly where people can petition the legislature.

The tower dominates the Patlelo in front of the legislature which is primarily a landmark that serves functional needs.

It serves as a pulpit for formal speakers as well as aspirant impromptu speakers. The tower is also significant in that it is a tourist attraction landmark. The building is an open-plan structure.

A NEW BEGINNING

The origin

The Northern Cape Provincial Legislature wanted an identity that would transcend social, political and economic conditions, and will endure over time as administrations come and go. It was therefore clear that the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature needed to build a strong and effective brand in an effort to create and market an effective and dynamic legislature.

Through this initiative the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature believed it was essential that the people of the Northern Cape easily identify the legislature apart from the rest of government. The Northern Cape Provincial Legislature is a special institution in the South African governance system with a unique and extremely important role. It cannot afford to be confused with other government departments or agents. Nor can it afford to be taken for granted.



Searching for an identity with which the citizens as a whole could identify was a daunting task.

The Northern Cape Provincial Legislature, in honouring its constitutional obligation, embarked on programmes of public participation in all five regions to find the perfect solution. This task included research; visiting institutions, museums and churches; and reading books in order to ensure that the institution develops a truly representative symbol.

An emblem was designed that captures the role and values of the institution. It also recognises the wealth, beauty and warmth of this province.

Both by process and design, the emblem acknowledges the cultural, ethnic and religious diversity that is democratically represented in the institution. The people must understand that they have access to this institution and its members who are elected to articulate their plight and views in governance and ensure that their lives are consistently improved.

The new Northern Cape Provincial Legislature emblem was designed to reflect and acknowledge the natural, cultural and environmental landscape of the province while maintaining the essence and values of this august institution. The Northern Cape Provincial Legislature tower is a landmark for tourists travelling the Northern Cape.

Just like the circle, there is no end to this institution's capacity to care about the plight of its people. The circle shows the provincial legislature as a beacon of hope to all its citizens. A watchful eye depicts its overseeing function and the sun gives life to a new dawn. The San symbolises the richness of our heritage. The constitution is the cement that holds our house together, prepared to protect and defend.

Water, soil and mineral resources are the lifelines for many in this province. The *lepatata* symbolises the calling on all the people to come and take part in the legislative process.

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