VISION

The Limpopo Legislature is a representative and consultative body, a vanguard of people’s aspirations and interests towards a democratic, non-sexist, non-racial, united and prosperous society.

MISSION

The Legislature is an autonomous institution and an agent for transformation that strive to:

- Defend, strengthen, deepen and maintain democracy
- Make quality laws and policies for the citizens of the province
- Have effective and meaningful participation of the citizens in the law-making processes
  - Articulate the needs and desires of the citizens
- Be a transparent, consultative and accountable institution
- Maintain norms set nationally for eradication of racism and gender imbalances
- Ensure provision, retention of competent skills and efficient utilization of human resources.
Guidance on the submission of Petitions:

What is a petition?

A petition is a written request or complaint made by one or more members of the public. It can be a complaint about services provided by government departments or institutions.

Who can petition the Limpopo Legislature?

Any person irrespective of colour, race, gender etc., may petition the Legislature, including juristic persons (Associations, Corporations, Companies).

How do I know if my matter qualifies as a petition?

Not all submissions made to the Legislature will be petitions. The Limpopo Petitions Act No 4 of 2003 defines the scope of issues that may be considered as petitions and those that may not.

For a matter to be considered as a petition it must:

- Be a matter within the powers of the Limpopo legislature
- Be a matter within the powers of the Provincial government
- Be a matter assigned to a Member of the Executive Council within the Province
- Relate to a Local Government within the Limpopo Province.

The Limpopo Legislature may refuse/reject a petition that is:

- Illegible
- Does not reflect the name and contact address of the petitioner
- Has not been signed by the petitioner
- Concerning a matter pending in a court of law
- Originating from a prisoner and is connected to his/her case
- Involving the subject matter that is before a Commission of Inquiry and other relevant bodies.

The Petition Form

- A petitioner must submit a petition in writing
- There is a prescribed form designed for petitions if the space provided is not enough the petitioner may use separate sheets of paper to write his/her submissions on
- A petitioner may use his/her preferred official language
- The Committee may allow a petitioner to supplement a written petition with oral submissions
- Petition forms are obtainable/available from the Public Participation Unit.

How do I submit a petition?

A petition may be submitted to the Public Participation Unit in hard copy (by post or hand delivery) or submitted to a Member of the Limpopo Provincial Legislature (MPL) at Constituency Offices.

Processes to be followed by the Limpopo Legislature

The Public Participation & Petition Committee is responsible for considering all admissible petitions lodged with the Limpopo Legislature. The Committee may recommend the referral of a petition, in whole or in part, to the Speaker for consideration by any of the following persons or bodies:

- The Legislature
- Petition Committee of the Legislature
- Member of the Executive Council of the Province
- The Municipal Council of local government in the Province
- An institution supporting constitutional democracy mentioned in Chapter 9 of Act No. 108 of 1996.
- Take any other action.

The following should be clearly indicated:

- The name of the petitioner
- The physical or postal address of the petitioner
- The district and local municipality
- Name and address of a witness
- The concerns/actions and suggestions requested/proposed by the petitioner.

LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE PETITION FORM:
ADDRESS YOUR PETITION TO:
The Secretary, Limpopo Legislature, Private Bag X9309, POLOKWANE 0700.
Tel: (015) 633 8008

This form provides for the right to submit a petition to the Provincial Legislature of Limpopo, as contemplated in sections 4 and 17 of the Limpopo Petitions Act, 2003, to read with section 17 of the Constitution, 1996.

Name and Surname of the Petitioner(s)/Association/Organisation/Group

Postal Address

Residential Address

Contact Number

Name of Local Municipality

Name of the local Traditional Leader/Village/Location/Suburb/Street Name and Number

Name of your Ward Councillor and Ward Number

Statement of complaint/request/representation or submission (more information can be supplemented by attaching an Annexure herewith)

What do you want the Legislature to do

Where have you taken your complaint/request/submission before approaching the Legislature?

Did you have any response from bodies to whom you had taken your matters before? If yes, give the details thereof

Signature: ______________________ Date: ______________________

Witness

Signature: ______________________ Date: ______________________