

**Media statement****20 August 2014****North West Housing Corporation resuscitated**

MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements Collen Maine informed the North West provincial legislature that the current administration has taken a decision to reverse the winding down process of the North West Housing Corporation. MEC Maine said the gesture will resuscitate the corporation with the main aim of addressing current challenges of housing and proper settlement of communities within the province.

According to MEC Maine the pronouncement was made by Premier Supra Mahumapelo, during the State of the Province Address. He said that a task team has been established to conceptualize the status the corporation should take such as either a housing agency or entity.

It is envisaged that the corporation would be used as an alternative housing programme to expedite housing delivery particularly on Social Housing and Financially Linked Individual Subsidy Programme. The institution will also be utilized to establish and develop new cities in response to the call made during the State of the Province Address. "Engagements within the sustainable human settlements sector are still ensuing to avoid any potential duplication," said MEC Maine.

About R15 million has been set aside for functionality of the North West Housing Corporation in this maiden financial year.

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