

PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS & PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE ADOPTION BILL 2018 (BILL NO. 32 OF 2018)

The Parliament Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights, established pursuant to Standing Order 110 of the Standing Orders of Parliament, is currently reviewing the **Adoption Bill 2018 (Bill No. 32 of 2018)**.

The Adoption Bill 2018 (Bill No. 32 of 2018) aims to:

- provide for inter-country adoption and to ensure the processes followed for such adoption practices considers the best interest and protection of the child as paramount considerations; and
- address the adoption process as a whole such as screening of prospective adoptive parents and the matching and placement of adoptive children.

The Committee will be conducting public consultations on the mentioned Bill in the following dates, venues and at the following times:

DATE	PROVINCE	VENUE/VILLAGE	TIME
Sunday 26 January 2020	Macuata	Firewalking Temple,Vunivau, Labasa	6pm - start
Monday 27 January 2020	Macuata	Naduri Village	7pm - start
Tuesday 28 January 2020	Cakaudrove	Yaroi Village Hall, Savsavu	2pm - start
Wednesday 29 January 2020	Bua	Coboi Primary School, Vatubogi	5pm - start

Copies of the Bill are available on the Parliament website (www.parliament.gov.fj).

For further information please contact Committee Secretariat staff, Mr. Jackson Cakakcaka on email: jackson.cakackaka@parliament.gov.fj or telephone 937 8274. Furthermore, it is requested that persons wishing to make a submission at the above-mentioned venues, are to contact the above-named Committee Staff.

Hon. Alvick Avhikrit Maharaj Chairperson