

PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE. LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

FURTHER PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Parliament Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights is currently reviewing the following Bills and Report:

- 1. the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 50 of 2020);
- 2. the Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 51 of 2020);
- 3. the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 52 of 2020); and
- 4. the 2018 General Election Joint Report by the Electoral Commission and the Supervisor of Elections

The *Electoral (Amendment) Bill, Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) Bill,* and the *Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) (Amendment) Bill,* aims to amend the *Electoral Act 2014, Electoral (Registration of Voters) Act 2012* and the *Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act 2013,* respectively. These amendments aims to reflect the changes recommended by the Electoral Commission and Fijian Elections Office which is also based on the Multinational Observer Group's report on the 2018 General Elections.

The 2018 General Election Joint Report by the Electoral Commission and the Supervisor of Elections provides a comprehensive report on the work of the Electoral Commission and the Fijian Elections Office, headed by the Supervisor of Elections during the election period in 2018. Appended to the Joint Report are the 2018 General Election Final Report by the Supervisor of Elections and the 2018 General Election Final Report by the Multinational Observer Group.

In that regard, the Committee will be conducting further public consultations on the mentioned Bills in the following areas and venues and therefore invites any interested person or institution to attend the public consultations and provide their views and comments on the Bills and the Joint Report.

Date	Venue	Village/ Settlement	District	Province	Time
Tuesday 6 April, 2021	Mr. Ramesh Kapoor's Residence, Urata, Bulileka	Settlement	Labasa	Macuata	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7 April, 2021	Draladamu Primary School	Settlement	Labasa	Macuata	5:00 p.m.
Thursday 8 April, 2021	Visoqo, Namuka & Wavuwavu Primary School, Wavuwavu	Village and Settlement	Labasa	Macuata	10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Friday 9 April, 2021	Vunivere	Settlement	Labasa	Macuata	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 10 April, 2021	Basoga	Settlement	Labasa	Macuata	4:00 p.m.
Sunday 11 April, 2021	Valelawa Primary School	Settlement	Dreketi	Macuata	4:00 p.m.
Monday 12 April, 2021	Korokadi Primary School	Village	Bua	Bua	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 13 April, 2021	Cogeloa Village	Village	Wainunu	Bua	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 14 April, 2021	Somosomo, Taveuni Island	Village	Cakaudrove	Cakaudrove	5:00 p.m.

Thursday 15	Vuna, Taveuni Island	Village	Vuna	Cakaudrove	11:00 a.m.
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Friday 16	Bagasau Village	Village	Cakaudrove	Cakaudrove	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday 17	Mr. Zakir's Residence,	Settlement	Labasa	Macuata	5:00 p.m.
April, 2021	Tabia				
Sunday 18	Waiqele	Settlement	Labasa	Macuata	9:30 a.m.
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For any further information please contact the Committee Secretariat, via phone number; <u>9908 595</u> or email <u>ira.komaisavai@parliament.gov.fj</u>. A copy of the Bills and the Joint Report can be found on the Parliament website, via the links: http://www.parliament.gov.fj/bills/ and http://www.parliament.gov.fj/annual-reports-other-reports/#other_reports.

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