



## FIJI PARLIAMENT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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### Call for Written Evidence for Standing Committee on Natural Resources

The Fiji Parliament **Standing Committee on Natural Resources** is considering the second reading of the Aquaculture Bill.

### Background

The Committee will report to the Parliament on the Aquaculture Bill. The Bill is to ensure the protection of the marine environment and the biodiversity within that environment. The Bill shall provide for the management and development of aquaculture to ensure long term benefits to the people of Fiji.

### Call for Evidence

**The Committee is calling for written submissions in order to inform it's deliberations on the Bill. The Committee would like to hear from any interested stakeholders who have views that they wish to share.**

### Bill Documents

Bill Summary is available on the Parliament website: [goo.gl/4QZt3r](http://goo.gl/4QZt3r)

### Standing Orders

Pursuant to Standing Orders 109 (c) the Standing Committee on Natural Resources is mandated to look into matters that relates to forestry, agriculture, mining, environment, fisheries, water and marine services.

As per **Standing Order 112(1) (a to i) & Standing Order 112(2)** the standing committee has same powers as those of the high court in the production of documents and evidence.

### How to submit written evidence

Interested parties are invited to keep to a word limit of 1,000 words and to focus their submission on the key issues listed above.

Deadline for submissions is **20<sup>th</sup> May 2016**. It would be helpful to submit written evidence before that above date if possible so that it can be considered by the Committee. Please send your written submissions by email to the Secretary on email: [akanisi.rumasakea@parliament.gov.fj](mailto:akanisi.rumasakea@parliament.gov.fj) or by post to **PO Box 2352, Government buildings, Suva.**

Parties interested in giving **Oral submission** can contact Akanisi Rumasakea on email: [akanisi.rumasakea@parliament.gov.fj](mailto:akanisi.rumasakea@parliament.gov.fj) or call on **33225690** or on mobile no: **9908974**

## Written Submission Guidance

It will assist the committee if those submitting evidence adhere to the following guidelines.

Each submission should:

- State clearly who the submission is from, i.e. whether from yourself in a personal capacity or sent on behalf of an organization, for example the submission could be headed 'Written evidence submitted by 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- Be concise – we recommend no more than 1,000 words in length.
- Begin with an executive summary in bullet point form of the main points made in the submission. Please use Calibri font 12pt if possible.
- Include a brief introduction about yourself/your organization and your reason for submitting evidence.
- Have numbered paragraphs.
- Include any factual information you have to offer from which the committee might be able to draw conclusions, or which could be put to other witnesses for their reactions.