

BILL NO. 39 OF 2016

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE WATER RESOURCE TAX PROMULGATION 2008

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Water Resource Tax (Budget Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) This Act comes into force on 1 August 2016.

Schedule 1 amended

2. Schedule 1 to the Water Resource Tax Promulgation 2008 is amended by—

(a) in the table—

(i) deleting “0.11” and substituting “1”; and

(ii) deleting “15.0” and substituting “18”; and

(b) deleting “15 cents” and substituting “18 cents”.

WATER RESOURCE TAX (BUDGET AMENDMENT) BILL 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Bill and is only intended to indicate its general effect)

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Water Resource Tax Promulgation 2008 (**'Promulgation'**) provides for the imposition of tax on the extraction of water resources.
- 1.2 Section 5 of the Promulgation states that a water resource tax (**'tax'**) is to be levied upon the extraction of water in its natural state, including artesian water, natural mineral and spring water from an underground water table or deposit and emerging from a spring tapped at one or more natural or bore exits.
- 1.3 Schedule 1 to the Promulgation specifies the rates for the tax according to the litres of water extracted on a monthly basis.
- 1.4 For up to 3,499,999 litres of water extracted on a monthly basis, the rate is 0.11 cents per litre of water. For 3,500,000 litres of water and more extracted on a monthly basis, the rate is 15 cents per litre of water.
- 1.5 The Water Resource Tax (Budget Amendment) Bill 2016 (**'Bill'**) seeks to amend the Promulgation to increase the rates from 0.11 cents per litre of water to 1 cent per litre of water, and from 15 cents per litre of water to 18 cents per litre of water.

2.0 CLAUSES

- 2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides the short title and commencement provisions. If the Bill is passed by Parliament, the new Act will be cited as the Water Resource Tax (Budget Amendment) Act 2016 and the new Act will come into force on 1 August 2016.

2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill amends Schedule 1 to the Promulgation by—

- (a) in the table—
 - (i) deleting “0.11” and substituting “1”; and
 - (ii) deleting “15.0” and substituting “18”; and
- (b) deleting “15 cents” and substituting “18 cents”.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 The Promulgation comes under the responsibility of the Minister responsible for finance.

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