



PETITONS

2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017

SUMMARY OF PETITIONS

PETITIONS	
YEAR	TOTAL
2014	1
2015	12
2016	3
2017	2
TOTAL	18

PETITION REPORTS—2014

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1	<p>Introduction of a service fee</p> <p>Petition presented on the introduction of a service fee to be charged to all guests and bills for the purposes of supplementing the incomes of tourism industry workers in Fiji from the prescribed services stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Hotels and all types of operators providing accommodation; (b) rental car operators; (c) inbound tour operators; (d) recreation, entertainment, cinema, eateries; (e) bars and night clubs located within an area recognised as an integrated tourism on-clave; (f) event management operators; (g) all water sports; (h) under water activities; (i) skydiving; (j) hot air balloon rides; (k) river safaris; and (l) Charter flight services. <p>Petition signed by 690 petitioners who are tourism industry workers in Suva, Coral Coast, Nadi, Denarau and the Mamanucas.</p>	10-12-2014	Hon. Viliame Gavoka	Economic Affairs			<p>The Committee Report was tabled on Wednesday 22-03-2017 by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs, Hon. Lorna Eden as—</p> <p>“Report on the Petition to Introduce Service Fee in Tourism Industry”</p> <p align="right">PP 100 of 2016</p>	<p>Tabled on 10-12-2014 and was referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs on 9 February 2015 upon the appointment of the Members of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs</p> <p>The contents of the report be debated upon on a future sitting date pursuant to SO121 (5)</p> <p>Yet to be set down for debate in Parliament</p>

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1	<p>Referendum - Fiji flag</p> <p>Petition presented on the new Fiji flag signed by approximately 1500 Fiji citizens from all walks of life (that is; rugby players, British Army officers, high school students, civil servants, market vendors, lawyers, doctors, tertiary students) demanding that the House make consultation with the people via referendum before any changes to the flag are effected.</p> <p>As presented by Hon. Gavoka: "That the Parliament request the Honourable Speaker to appoint and convey a relevant committee within seven days, they will then report to the Parliament within 14 days of it being convened on a process and an approach to holding a referendum by June 2015."</p>	12-02-2015	Hon. Viliame Gavoka	Justice, Law and Human Rights				<p>Tabled and referred on 12-02-2015 to the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights</p> <p>This has yet to be tabled in Parliament</p> <p>The Hon. Prime Minister has informed publicly that the Fiji Flag would not be changed at this time</p>
2	<p>Preservation of Shirley Park –</p> <p>Petition presented in regards to the preservation of the Shirley Park with 500 petitioners (Lautoka residents) supporting the petition. As presented by the Hon Nawaikula, the purpose of preserving the park lies in its uniqueness of its location which has been targeted by commercial people.</p>	12-02-2015	Hon. Niko Nawaikula	Natural Resources	Ministry of Local Government, Housing and Environment		The Committee Report was tabled on Tuesday 19-05-2015 by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources, Hon. Joeli Cawaki	<p>Tabled and referred on 12-02-2015 to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources</p> <p>The contents of the report be debated upon on a future sitting date pursuant to SO121 (5)</p> <p>Yet to be set down for debate in Parliament</p>
3	<p>Distribution of Native Land Leases –</p> <p>Petition presented in regards for a review to be done by iTLTB on the distribution of lease to personal accounts and the land rent premised on Unimproved Capital Value.</p> <p>As presented by Hon. Matanitobua, the petition asks for the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji, to instruct the iTLTB to stop and review the effects of lease distribution to personal accounts and introduce a new lease structure which reflects the open market rates and prices, based on improvements (development and economic activity) on the land area."</p>	14-5-2015	Hon. Ratu Suliano Matanitobua	Economic Affairs	Ministry of iTaukei Affairs		The Committee Report was tabled on Wednesday 22-03-2017 by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs, Hon. Lorna Eden as— "Report on the petition for TLTB to review the distribution of lease to personal accounts and the land rent premised on unimproved capital value" PP 101 of 2016	<p>Tabled and referred on 14-05-2015 to the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs</p> <p>The contents of the report be debated upon on a future sitting date pursuant to SO121 (5)</p> <p>Yet to be set down for debate in Parliament</p>
4	<p>Payment on Full Share of Royalty –</p> <p>Petition presented by Hon. Mosese Bulitavu from the landowners and citizens of Fiji demanding the Honourable Prime Minister to fulfill his promise made at Nawailevu in 2011 when he opened the bauxite mine in respect of the payment of full share of royalty.</p>	14-05-2015	Hon. Mosese Bulitavu	Natural Resources	Ministry of Land and Mineral Resources		The Committee Report was tabled on Wednesday 10-02-2016 by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources, Hon. Joeli Cawaki as— "Report on the petition by the landowners of Nawailevu, Bua for the payment of full and fair share of royalties for the mining of bauxite" PP 55 of 2015	<p>Tabled and referred on 20-05-2015 to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources</p> <p>The contents of the report be debated upon on a future sitting date pursuant to SO121 (5)</p> <p>Yet to be set down for debate in Parliament</p>
5	<p>Vaturu Dam –</p> <p>Petition presented by Hon. Viliame Gavoka signed by 500 members of the Mataqali Navuke, Mataqali Nasanaulu, Mataqali Naivua and Mataqali Nalotawa and owners of the land where Vaturu Dam sits today. Hon. Viliame Gavoka requested if Parliament could look into the arrangement that was signed by them, approved by their parents some 40 years ago regarding the allocation of this land and the relevant compensation.</p>	20-05-2015	Hon. Viliame Gavoka	Natural Resources	Ministry of iTaukei Affairs		The Committee Report was tabled on Wednesday 10-02-2016 by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources, Hon. Joeli Cawaki as— "Report on the petition regarding the Vaturu Dam" PP 56 of 2015	<p>Tabled and referred on 20-05-2015 to the Natural Resource Committee</p> <p>The contents of the report be debated upon on a future sitting date pursuant to SO121 (5)</p> <p>Yet to be set down for debate in Parliament</p>
6	<p>Conditions of Work at Grand Pacific Hotel</p> <p>Petition presented by Hon. Viliame Gavoka from the staff and former staff of Grand Pacific Hotel in Suva to look into the conditions under which they work</p>	20-5-2016	Hon. Viliame Gavoka	Justice, Law and Human Rights				<p>Referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs on 20 March 2017</p> <p>Currently being scrutinised by the Committee</p>

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7	Severity of punishment by LTA – Petition presented by Hon. Aseri Radrodro highlight on the severity of punishment meted by LTA officers and the punishments - charging of offenders, fining offenders, awarding demerit points and the offenders licenses and suspending a license for six months for the same traffic offence. Also highlighted was the double punishment system being unconstitutional and breaches rights of a person, equality and freedom from discrimination under Section 26(1) of the Constitution.	06-07-2015	Hon. Aseri Radrodro	Justice, Law and Human Rights Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Affairs on 20 March 2017	Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport		The Committee Report was tabled on Monday 24-04-2017 by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights, Hon Ashneel Sudhakar as— “Report on the Petition to Remove the Discriminatory Double Penalty System, Ill Treatment, and Illegal Booking on Drivers by LTA Officials” PP 68 of 2017	Tabled and referred on 06-07-2015 to the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights The contents of the report be debated upon on a future sitting date pursuant to SO121 (5) Yet to be set down for debate in Parliament
8	Rotuma Bill 2015 and Rotuma Lands Bill 2015 – Petition presented by the Leader of Opposition on the Rotuma Bill and Rotuma Lands Bill of 2015 asking the Chamber to stop and defer the further tabling, reading and passing into the law the two current bills before Parliament with respect to Rotuman Island and the Rotumans.	08-07-2015	Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa	Social Affairs	Office of the Prime Minister			Tabled and referred on 08-07-2015 to the Standing Committee on Social Affairs The Committee is still considering the Petition Yet to be tabled in Parliament
9	Transforming Nadroga/ Navosa High School to a Technical College – Petition presented by the Hon. Viliame Gavoka signed by the parents and the community in Nadroga/Navosa, asking Government to review and rescind its decision to transform Nadroga/ Navosa to a Technical College.	09-07-2015	Hon. Viliame Gavoka	Social Affairs	Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts		The Committee Report was tabled on Wednesday 26-08-2015 by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Hon. Viam Pillay	Tabled and referred on 09-07-2015 Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Affairs The contents of the report be debated upon on a future sitting date pursuant to SO121 (5) Yet to be set down for debate in Parliament
10	Review/ Redress of the 2015 Police Back Pay – Petition presented by Hon. Karavaki requesting Parliament to review and redress a vast anomaly present in the recent Police Back Pay of 2015. The Hon. Member further elaborated on a Job Evaluation Exercise in 2004 that was carried out by the Government awarding a 30% pay increase to the Police Officers, also including the other members of the Disciplined Forces. As compared to this year it was carried out and the confusion surrounding the payment has become unmanageable. Therefore the Member requested that the Parliament assist in the matter.	24-08-2015	Hon. Semesa Karavaki	Justice, Law and Human Rights				Tabled and referred on 24-08-2015 to the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights The Committee is still considering the Petition Committee to finalise the report as it is still being considered
11	Acquisition of Land - Tokatoka Nakabasi, Navisabasaba Village – Petition presented by Hon. Gavoka on behalf of the people of the <i>Mataqali Lewe / Nadroga, Yavusa, Yavusa Louvatu, Tokatoka Nakabasi</i> , who reside in the village of Navisabasaba asking Parliament to look into their request in terms of the land they live on.	24-08-2015	Hon. Viliame Gavoka	Social Affairs	Ministry of iTaukei Affairs		The Committee Report was tabled on Tuesday 09-02-2016 by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Hon. Viam Pillay as— “Report on the petition of Navisabasaba Village, Nadroga” PP 7 of 2016	Tabled and referred on 24-08-2015 to the Standing Committee on Social Affairs The contents of the report be debated upon on a future sitting date pursuant to SO121 (5) Yet to be set down for debate in Parliament
12	Petition by the Yavusa Navauvau – Petition presented by Hon. Gavoka regarding a piece of land of some 4286 acres known as Tovatova Black Block which is today a State Land requesting Parliament to convene an appropriate Committee to look into this matter and address this request by the people from the Yavusa Navauvau.	25-08-2015	Hon. Viliame Gavoka	Justice, Law and Human Rights	Ministry of iTaukei Affairs		The Committee Report was tabled on Wednesday 28-09-2016 by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights, Hon. Ashneel Sudhakar as— “Report on the petition by Yavusa Navauvau” PP 18 of 2016	Tabled and referred on 25-08-2015 to the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights The contents of the report be debated upon on a future sitting date pursuant to SO121 (5) Yet to be set down for debate in Parliament

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1	<p>Petition for Parliament to Accommodate the Request for Construction of the Nasali-Vutia-Nukui social Road,Rewa in the 2016 National Budget</p> <p>Petition presented in regards to the construction of access road in the Rewa Delta, The Petition has 842. In this respect, Madam Speaker, with the undersigned, they have said 842 of them, petition the Parliament of Fiji to direct according to the appropriate powers within the Standing Orders that a relevant Committee review the concerns and request petitioned herein for consideration or construction of the social road and prioritising of the same, beginning in the 2016 National Budget. Madam Speaker, I hereby submit this petition for your consideration which you rightly referred to in an earlier debate that a petition is an ancient right.</p>	9-2-2016	Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa	Social Affairs				
2	<p>Re-establish the Great Council of Chief</p> <p>Hon. Gavoka presented the Petition and wished that it be referred to a Standing Committee</p>	25-4-2016	Hon. Viliame Gavoka					The petition was defeated
3	<p>Petition to have tuition fee free for University and Technical Colleges</p> <p>The subject of the petition, Madam Speaker, is that, we provide free tuition at our three universities and all technical colleges for all our students in our country.</p>	1-6-2016	Hon. Viliame Gavoka					The petition was defeated

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1	Village by-Laws Draft Village By-Laws in its current form, content and process against our rights as indigenous peoples as defined by ILO 169 and UNDRIP	8-2-2017	Hon. Niko Nawaikula					Votes Cast: Ayes - 14 Noes - 30 Not Voted - 5 The motion was defeated
2	Issue in regards to the Penang Mill operations Petition by Cane Growers of Rakiraki	23-3-2017	Hon. Prem Singh					Votes Cast: Ayes - 16 Noes - 26 Not Voted - 8 The motion was defeated