



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS ON THE ONLINE SAFETY BILL (BILL NO. 7 OF 2018)

The Parliament Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights (“the Committee”) has been tasked with scrutinising and making necessary amendments to the above-mentioned Bill, which was referred to the Committee by Parliament pursuant to Standing Orders 51 and 110(1)(a).

The Online Safety Bill (Bill No. 7 of 2018) seeks to promote online safety to cater to the increase of reports on harmful online behaviours such as cyberbullying, cyber stalking, Internet trolling and exposure to offensive or harmful content, particularly in respect of children.

The Bill seeks to increase awareness and education on responsible online behaviour and the use of personal information. It also provides an avenue whereby individuals, parents, legal guardians or representatives of such individuals can take to have their concerns dealt with. Furthermore it creates new offences to deter irresponsible and harmful online behaviour.

The Committee invites members of the public and key stakeholders wishing to express their views on the above-mentioned Bill to lodge written submissions through email addresses ira.komaisavai@parliament.gov.fj or jackson.cakacaka@parliament.gov.fj.