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## Chairperson's Foreword

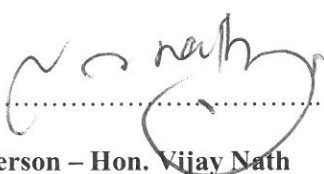
The Fiji Meat Industry Board is mandated to protect and preserve the Meat Industry in Fiji with the core function to construct and operate public slaughtering facilities so that people in Fiji get safe and hygienic meat for consumption. FMIB practices humane slaughtering in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act with the use of captive bolt stunning for ruminants and electrical stunning for pigs.

2014 was a challenging year for the industry with poor supply of livestock being a major contributing factor towards FMIB's struggles. The Committee in its recommendations stresses the importance of all relevant stakeholders working together to increase production capacity.

While hearing submissions from stakeholders, the Committee was made aware of the need to review the Meat Industry Act and recommends that this process be carried out at the soonest.

I would like to thank our Committee Members who were part of the team that produced this report: - Deputy Chair Hon. Veena Bhatnagar, Hon. George Vagnathan, Hon. Filipe Tuisawau and Hon. Inosi Kuridrani. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Parliamentary Staff, Ms. Priya Chand, Ms. Lia Korodrau and Ms. Komal Khushboo who have given us invaluable support.

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs, I commend the Review report of the Fiji Meat Industry Board 2014 Annual Report to Parliament.



Chairperson – Hon. Vijay Nath

## **1.0 Introduction**

### **1.1 Background**

The Fiji Meat Industry Board (FMIB) was established in 1976 under the Meat Industry Act 1969 and had been assigned various key functions, some of which were inclusive of but not limited to constructing and operating public slaughtering facilities, taking necessary steps for the protection, preservation and expansion of the meat industry in Fiji and purchasing, trading or dealing with livestock, meat and its by-products. In the year 2006, FMIB was officially designated as a Commercial Statutory Authority.

FMIB works with the vision to become a recognized provider of quality and value added meat products. As stated in their Annual Report, FMIB is committed to meet international standards with their slaughtering services in the fields of safety, hygiene and quality. Further, they intend to respond to the needs of diverse markets through humane practices and technological advancement. As expected of any Commercial Statutory Authority, FMIB intends to promote growth through customer satisfaction, high ethical standards and good business practices while ensuring that employee's welfare remains paramount.

### **1.2 Committee Remit and Composition**

The Committee is made up of five (5) Members of Parliament, three (3) of which are Government members and two Opposition members. According to Section 109(2)(a) the Standing Committee is responsible to look into matters related to economic development, finance, banking and taxation.

## 2.0 Findings and Recommendations

1. Despite recording a profit of \$182,971.00, which is majorly attributed to the sale of 1 acre land to the Ministry of Health for the sum of \$350,000, the Committee notes that FMIB's financial position still remains weak. The total income of \$3,851,263.00 in 2013 decreased to \$3,282,080.00 in 2014.

Taking into consideration the poor financial performance of the industry and the deteriorating conditions of the abattoirs, the Committee strongly concurs with the FMIB 2013 Annual report recommendation of the previous committee to divest and privatize FMIB which could result in more efficient and sustainable abattoirs operating throughout the country.

2. The Committee noted in the FMIB 2014 Annual Report the option of privatization (see recommendation 1), and the need to separate the regulatory function from the slaughterhouse and related operations. The Committee is of the view that the above necessitates a thorough review of the Meat Industry Act 1969 and therefore recommends that it be done expeditiously.
3. As per the FMIB report, the committee notes that there is continuous decline in livestock supply which results in FMIB operating under capacity. The Committee recommends that FMIB coordinate with the Ministry of Agriculture and other relevant stakeholders to improve livestock production.
4. The Committee further notes that Fiji also has the potential to develop specialty beef under its own brand (Fijian Grown and Fijian Made) and recommends that FMIB work closely with Fiji Development Bank or other agencies to replicate similar initiatives as has been done for Tilivalevu Beef Scheme.
5. The Committee notes the importance of having professional expertise at the Board level and recommends the Board to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to give a holistic approach towards revamping of the Meat Industry.

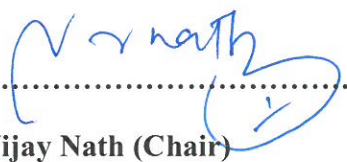
### **3.0 Gender Analysis**

Gender is a critical dimension to parliamentary scrutiny. Under Standing Order 110 (2) the Committee is required to ensure full consideration to the principle of gender equality so as to ensure all matters are considered with regard to the impact and benefit on both men and women equally. The Committee recommends that future Annual reports must be inclusive of gender analysis.

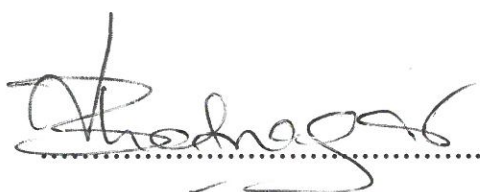
## **4.0 Conclusion**

To conclude, the Committee feels that the Fiji Meat Industry Board has immense potential which if carefully explored will be beneficial to the Industry. Shortage of livestock is a serious issue which must be addressed by all stakeholders in order to improve performance of the industry.

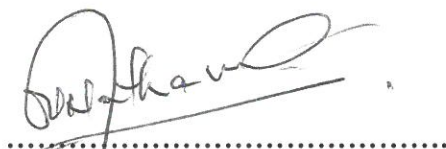
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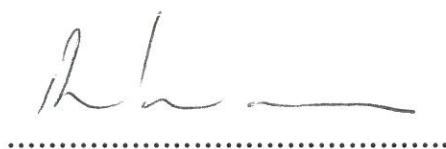
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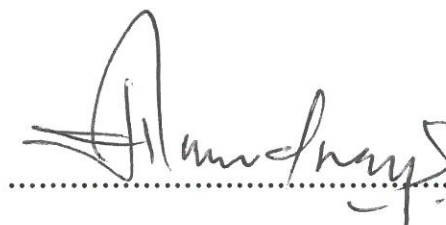
**Hon. Veena Bhatnagar (Deputy Chair)**

  
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**Hon. George Vegnathan (Member)**

  
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**Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau (Member)**

  
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**Hon. Inosi Kuridrani (Member)**



## FMIB PRESENTATION ANNUAL REPORT 2014

### VISION

To be a recognized provider of quality and value added meat, protein and their by-products.

### MISSION

- FMIB is committed to provide slaughtering and processing services in facilities that are internationally benchmarked for safety, hygiene and quality. We will respond to the needs of diverse markets through humane practices, technological efficiency and adding value to meat and protein products.
- FMIB will expand the meat industry in Fiji by being involved with stakeholders in forward and backward integration activities.
- In doing so, FMIB believes in continuous business success and growth built upon customer satisfaction, high ethical standards, good business practices and concern for the welfare of our employees. We are committed to fulfilling our responsibility to the government, the environment, our suppliers and the community in which we operate.

### Statutory Functions of the Board

The Fiji Meat Industry Board was established in 1976 under the Meat Act Cap 237 of 1970.

The function of the Fiji Meat Industry Board is to:

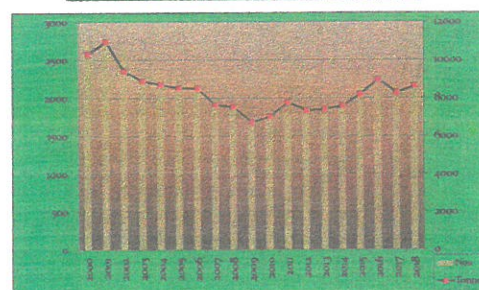
- Construct and operate public slaughtering facilities
- Take steps deemed for the protection, preservation and expansion of the meat industry in Fiji
- Borrow funds as and when required to effectively discharge its function.
- Purchase funds as and when required to effectively discharge its function
- Purchase, trade or deal in livestock, meat and its by products.

In September 2005, The Fiji Meat Industry Board was designated a Commercial Statutory Authority (CSA). Its outlook and approach to abattoir service and products have always been commercial in perspective.

Cattle Slaughter Numbers and Weights 2000 - 2018

Year	No.	No.	No.	(T)
2000	8263	2476	31979	1676
2001	8222	2557	30959	2769
2002	8245	2583	30928	2346
2003	8729	1982	8972	2231
2004	8733	1894	8677	2172
2005	6482	1940	8423	2138
2006	6834	1869	8494	2124
2007	8945	1739	7575	1908
2008	8899	1642	7541	1889
2009	8106	1512	6688	1688
2010	8251	1972	7223	1788
2011	8128	1996	7231	1840
2012	8115	2009	7174	1823
2013	8912	2181	7163	1849
2014	8285	2384	7889	1895
2015	8956	2515	8471	2043
2016	8917	2404	8327	2240
2017	8992	2483	8361	2008
2018	3969	2819	8798	2156

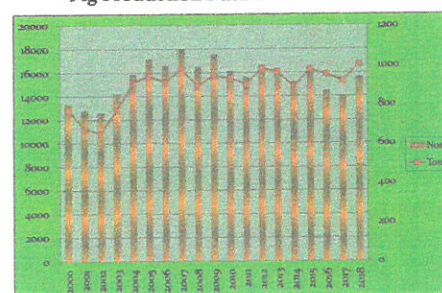
Cattle Slaughter Data 2000 - 2018



Pig Slaughter Nos &amp; Weights 2000 - 2018

Year	Serve Nos	Yield (Nos)	FMB (Nos)	FMB Tons
2000	10802	2558	13332	772
2001	10614	2183	12767	671
2002	10439	2167	12806	620
2003	11135	3092	14217	768
2004	11785	4572	15858	808
2005	12464	4741	17135	943
2006	12299	4343	16632	911
2007	13980	3950	17934	977
2008	12284	4548	16832	891
2009	12172	5190	17562	946
2010	11148	4957	16125	931
2011	10214	5376	15588	899
2012	12149	4596	16659	980
2013	11839	4270	16199	957
2014	13245	3963	17048	887
2015	11924	4245	16181	878
2016	10374	4699	14472	862
2017	9090	5175	14082	817
2018	10564	6272	15634	1004

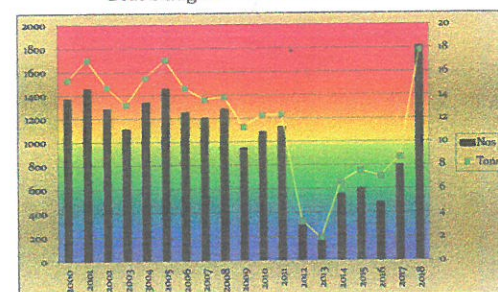
Pig Production Data 2000 - 2018



Goat Production Nos &amp; Weights 2000 - 2018

Year	Serve (Nos)	Yield (Nos)	FMB (Nos)	FMB (Tons)
2000	462	671	1372	15.3
2001	1199	249	1483	17
2002	1140	139	1288	14.7
2003	1046	67	1113	13.2
2004	1311	30	1341	15.5
2005	1493	55	1458	17
2006	1193	61	1254	14.6
2007	911	195	1207	13.62
2008	893	299	1243	13.83
2009	341	685	946	11.18
2010	6333	452	1065	13.16
2011	672	487	1129	13.32
2012	131	182	293	3.30
2013	136	34	169	2.92
2014	483	75	558	6.59
2015	835	48	643	7.54
2016	497	79	496	7.88
2017	580	212	861	8.47
2018	640	174	814	17.77

Goat Slaughter Data 2000 - 2018



## Finance

- Total Income \$3,282,080
- Other Income \$350,000
- Net Profit \$182,971
- Total Assets \$3,078,528
- Total Liabilities \$1,695,022
- Total Equity \$1,383,506

## Ways to strengthen Meat Industry

- Review of Breeding Policy
- Review of Livestock Nutrition Policy
- Review policy on importation to safe guard the local industry.
- Agricultural Assistance directed towards new farms
- Establishment of Cluster Beef Farm (Upper Navosa)
- Revitalization of Beef Scheme
- Assistance from Lending Institutions
- Upgrade of both Abattoirs to HACCP

Issues Faced by FMIB

- Grading of Carcass
- Slaughter Fees
- Cattle/Pig Numbers
- Bone Out/Delivery
- Bush Slaughter
- Capital Grant/Government Assistance

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