



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI
STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – HERITAGE BILL 2021 (BILL NO. 3 OF 2021)

The Parliament Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights ('**Committee**') had been referred the Heritage Bill 2021 (Bill No. 3 of 2021). The *Heritage Bill 2021* ('**Bill**'), aims to establish a Fiji Heritage Council, which would be responsible for advising the Minister responsible for Heritage on matters regarding:

- the recognition and management of places in Fiji, which have potential and actual world heritage values;
- Fiji's obligations under the World Heritage Convention; and
- may also, among other things, develop policy direction to support Fiji's obligations under the World Heritage Convention.

The Committee is currently reviewing the Bill and as part of this review, it will be conducting a public consultation on the Bill in various communities around Fiji. In that regard, the Committee hereby warmly invites any interested person or organisation wishing to provide their views and comments, on the Bill to attend the public consultation meetings, which will be held in the following venues and on the following dates:

Date	Venue (Location)	Start Time
14 February 2022	Yaduataba Island	1:00 p.m.
17 February 2022	Lagalaga, Labasa	10:00 a.m.
18 February 2022	Seaqaqa Police Station, Seaqaqa	10:00 a.m.
22 February 2022	Savusavu	10:00 a.m.
24 February 2022	Kulukulu Primary School, Sigatoka	3:30 p.m.
25 February 2022	Momi Village, Nadi	11:00 a.m.
26 February 2022	Nadi Town Council Chamber, Nadi	9:30 a.m.
	Lautoka Mayoral Chamber, Lautoka	3:00 p.m.
27 February 2022	Ba	10:30 a.m.
28 February 2022	Rakiraki	4:00 p.m.
02 March 2022	Naitasiri	1:00 p.m.

Additionally, it is also important to note that any person or organisation intending to make a submission on the Bill on any of the abovementioned dates, is requested to contact the Committee Secretariat via the mobile phone number: (+679) **9908 595** or email addresses ira.komaisavai@parliament.gov.fj, ira.komaisavai@legislature.gov.fj or jackson.cakacaka@parliament.gov.fj and give an indication of their willingness to submit on the Bill.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the Fiji Parliament website, via the link: <http://www.parliament.gov.fj/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Bill-No.-3-Heritage-.pdf>

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