



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

CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

The Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights has commenced its review of the ***Heritage Bill (Bill No. 25 of 2023)***.

On 21 November 1990, Fiji became a party to the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and National Heritage, which was adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ('UNESCO') General Conference in 1972 ('**World Heritage Convention**').

Fiji, as a State party to the World Heritage Convention, is required under the World Heritage Convention to adopt legislative and administrative provisions to give effect to the World Heritage Convention. Therefore, the Heritage Bill 2023 ('Bill') provides for the domestic application of the World Heritage Convention in Fiji.

The Bill provides for the recognition and management of places having potential and actual world heritage values, establish the Fiji Heritage Council ('**Council**'), establish the Fiji Register, provide for the management and operating trust funds for places registered in the Fiji Register, implement Fiji's obligations under the World Heritage Convention and provide for other matters that are necessary for the administration of the new legislation.

In that regard, the Committee will be also conducting public consultation meetings in the following areas and on the following dates and cordially invites any interested person or institution wishing to provide their views and comments on the Bill, to attend the public consultation meeting.

Day/Date	Venue	Starting Time
Mon. 16 Oct. 2023	Naseuvou Village Hall, Naitasiri (Sovi Basin)	2:00 p.m.
Tues. 17 Oct. 2023	Volivoli Village, Sigatoka (Sand Dunes)	2:00 p.m.
Wed. 18 Oct. 2023	Momi Village (Momi Battery)	2:00 p.m.
Fri. 20 Oct. 2023	Levuka Town Council Hall (Levuka Town Port)	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 21 Oct. 2023	Levuka Town Council Hall (Levuka Town Port)	10:00 a.m.
Mon. 23 Oct. 2023	Provincial Administrator Conference Room, Savusavu Town	2:00 p.m.
Tues. 24 Oct. 2023	Somosomo Village, Taveuni	2:00 p.m.
Wed. 25 Oct. 2023	Waisali Village (Waisali Forest Reserve)	2:00 p.m.
Thur. 26 Oct. 2023	Nakanacagi Village Hall, Dreketi	2:00 p.m.

For any query, please contact the Committee Secretariat through e-mail address: jackson.cakacaka@parliament.gov.fj or anare.vugakoto@parliament.gov.fj and mobile: 9908 595

A copy of the Bill can be found on the Fiji Parliament website, via the link: [Bill-No.-25-Heritage-Bill-2023.pdf \(parliament.gov.fj\)](https://www.parliament.gov.fj/Bill-No.-25-Heritage-Bill-2023.pdf)

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