



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

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – INVESTMENT FIJI BILL 2022 (BILL NO. 5 OF 2022)

The Parliament Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights (**'Committee'**) had been referred the Investment Fiji Bill 2021 (Bill No. 3 of 2021). The Investment Fiji Bill is the result of the review of the investment framework in Fiji, including old laws such as the *Foreign Investment Act 1999*. In this review, changes were introduced, including the removal of Investment Fiji's function to issue Foreign Investment Registration Certificates ('FIRC') and its power to conduct investigation and inspections, a realignment of the functions of Investment Fiji had to be conducted in order to complement the changes.

Therefore, the Investment Fiji Bill 2022 ('Bill') was introduced to realign the mandate and functions of Investment Fiji to that of a promotional agency, and which would enable Investment Fiji to move away from being a regulator of foreign investors in Fiji and to focus primarily on the role of being a promotional agency for attracting both foreign and domestic investors to invest in Fiji.

The Committee is currently reviewing the Bill and as part of this review, it will be conducting a public consultation on the Bill by inviting interested persons or organisations to send in their written submissions via e-mail through the following e-mail addresses: ira.komaisavai@legislature.gov.fj and jackson.cakacaka@parliament.gov.fj. The Committee will also be having in-person submissions in various communities around Fiji, and 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
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.

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 (www.parliament.gov.fj).

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