

## 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 on the Anti-Doping Bill (Bill No. 1 of 2024), Child Justice Bill (Bill No. 4 of 2024), Child Care and Protection Bill (Bill No. 5 of 2024) and Natural Disaster and Risk Management Bill (Bill No. 6 of 2024).

The **Anti-Doping Bill 2024** (**'Bill'**) seeks to establish a national anti-doping organisation namely the Drug-Free Sport Fiji for the purpose of implementing and coordinating anti-doping activities in Fiji effectively. (<u>Bill-No.-1-Anti-Doping-Bill-2024.pdf (parliament.gov.fi</u>))

The **Child Justice Bill 2024** ('**Bill**'), seeks to repeal the provisions of the Act that deal with children in conflict with the law (formerly known as juveniles). The Bill provides a more comprehensive framework for the special treatment of children at all stages of the child justice process, from the point of their initial contact with the police through to trial, rehabilitation and reintegration into the community and to their families. (<u>Bill-No.-4-Child-Justice-Bill-2024.pdf (parliament.gov.fi)</u>)

The **Child Care and Protection 2024** ('**Bill**') replaces the child protection sections of the Juveniles Act 1973 ('Act'). It outlines what the country will do to promote the wellbeing of children and to protect them from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation. The intension of the Child Care and Protection Bill is to provide a more comprehensive framework for child welfare services, and in particular to better guide the work of the Ministry responsible for child welfare ('**Ministry**') in preventing and responding to child abuse. (<u>Bill-No.-5-Child-Care-and-Protection-Bill-2024.pdf (parliament.gov.fj</u>))

The **National Disaster Risk Management Bill 2024** ('**Bill**') seeks to repeal the Natural Disaster Management Act 1998 and to make provision for disaster risk management governance arrangements to ensure clarity and efficiency in response to new hazards and disasters. (<u>Bill-No.-6-National-Disaster-Risk-Management-Bill-2024-.pdf (parliament.gov.fj))</u>

In that regard, the Committee invites any interested person or institution to provide their views and comments on the Bill. Views and comments are to be **provided in written form** and can be submitted through electronic mail. All submissions to be addressed as follows:

The Chairperson Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights Parliament of the Republic of Fiji

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It is important to note that written submissions on the *above-mentioned Bills* should be received by 4pm, <u>Friday 28 July 2024</u>.

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