



# Special Select Committee

## Inquiry into Short Bus Routes in Honiara

National Parliament of Solomon Islands

### Invitation to make a submission to the inquiry into the short Bus routes in Honiara

On 11 April 2013, a petition from the Young Women Parliamentary Group (YWPG |) that contained 4133 signatories from residence of Honiara requesting Parliament to take effective action on the ROAD TRANSPORT BOARD under the Ministry of Infrastructure and Development to regulate public bus transportation and ban unfair short bus routes was presented to Parliament by Honourable Douglas Ete, Member of Parliament for East Honiara Constituency. The petition was unanimously supported by Parliament and was referred to a Special Select Committee to further inquire into the matter.

The Committee in undertaking this inquiry wishes to invite the public of Honiara including business houses to make written submissions that contains evidence, particularly in relations to how the short bus routes affects you as an individual or an organisation. In a nutshell the committee would like to get evidence on matters such as

- The operation and ownership of public bus services in Honiara
- How the short bus routes came about and how it affects you as an individual or your business
- Economic and social impact of short bus routes on Honiara commuters
- The role of responsible authorities in this matter and
- Suggestions on how you would like to see this issue regulated

As a rough guide written submissions should be as short as is consistent with conveying the relevant information. It is usually helpful if submissions can be confined to six pages or less. Paragraphs should be numbered for ease of reference. A summary of the points at the start of the submission is sometimes helpful.

You can get the Terms of Reference of the inquiry and other relevant information on making submissions from the officers and addresses that are provided in this advertisement.

**The closing date for submissions is 17 May, 2013.**

Submissions are confidential until they are made public by the Committee, which might occur during the inquiry or when the report is tabled in Parliament at the end of the inquiry. This means no one, including the author, may distribute the submissions unless the Committee authorizes it. If your submission contains information you do not wish to be made public, please be sure to clearly mark it 'CONFIDENTIAL'. The Committee will consider all requests for confidentiality, but is not obliged to grant a submission confidential status if it determines that it is not in the public interest to do so.

Guidelines on how to prepare a submission can be found at the Parliament website. <http://www.parliament.gov.sb> and are also available from the secretariat at the National Parliament.

Submissions should be sent to: The Chairman, Special Select Committee Inquiry into the Short Bus Routes in Honiara, National Parliament of Solomon Islands, PO Box G19, HONIARA; or alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to [committees@parliament.gov.sb](mailto:committees@parliament.gov.sb)

Public hearings will commence on the 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Details will be made available in the media and the parliament website. Witnesses would also be duly informed.

If you would like further information about the inquiry or making a submission, please contact the Secretariat to this Special Select Committee by email: [wilson.orisi@parliament.gov.sb](mailto:wilson.orisi@parliament.gov.sb) and [emily.kupenga@parliament.gov.sb](mailto:emily.kupenga@parliament.gov.sb) or phone (677) 23424.

Yours sincerely,

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**Chairman**