



## BILLS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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### NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014

### INQUIRY INTO THE BUSINESS NAMES BILL 2014 (No.11 of 2014)

#### Call for Submissions

The Solomon Islands National Parliamentary Bills and Legislation Committee is calling for written submissions from individuals, groups and organizations who wish to express their views, knowledge or experiences in regards to the **Business Names Bill 2014** that is now before the National Parliament. The Committee hopes to collect these submissions as evidences of the inquiry into the Bill and present them in a report to the National Parliament.

The Bills and Legislation Committee is established under section 71 of the National Parliament Standing Order to;

- a) *Examine such matters as may be referred to it by Parliament or the Government;*
- b) *Review all draft legislation prepared for introduction into Parliament;*
- c) *Examine all subsidiary legislation made under any Act so as to ensure compliance with the Acts under which they are made*
- d) *Monitor all motions adopted by parliament which require legislative action*
- e) *Review current or proposed legislative measures to the extent it seems necessary*
- f) *Examine such other matters in relation to legislation that, in the opinion of the Committee, require examination; and*
- g) *Make a written report to each meeting of the Parliament containing the observations and recommendations arising from the Committees deliberations.*

The closing date and time for submissions is at the close of business on 16<sup>th</sup> May **2014** by 4pm.

Copies of the bills can be accessed under “*what’s new in parliament*” on the National Parliament website ([www.parliament.gov.sb](http://www.parliament.gov.sb)) or through request to the Committee Secretary.

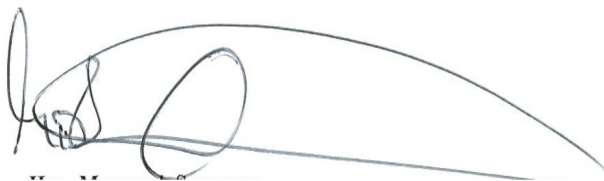
Submissions are confidential until they are made public by the Committee, which might occur during the inquiry or when the report is tabled in Parliament at the end of the inquiry. The evidences compiled in the presented report are also guarded under Parliamentary privileges. This means no one, including the author, may distribute the submissions unless it is authorized by the Committee. 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.

Any submission should state either whether it is from an individual or as representing an organization. It must be addressed to the Chairman, Bills and Legislation Committee. Mention in the submission if you or organization would like to appear before the Committee. When writing your submission the following can be used as a guideline:

- Put a summary of what you want to say at the beginning
- Be clear at the beginning if you support or disagree with the Bill
- Say why you support or disagree with the Bill
- Stick to the issue or issues. Talk about your points one at a time. Don't jumble them together
- Keep it simple, what you think and why you think
- Be truthful and provide information that supports what you are saying (Make sure your facts are right)
- Use bullet points to help make your points clear
- Provide information on what parts of the Bill concern you, and why you don't agree with them
- Paragraph should be numbered to help the Committee in refereeing to the submission during oral evidence.

Submissions should be sent to: The Chairman, Bills and Legislation Committee, National Parliament of Solomon Islands, PO Box G19, Honiara; or alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to the committee secretary at [ComSec@parliament.gov.sb](mailto:ComSec@parliament.gov.sb)

If you would like further information about the inquiry or making a submission, please contact the Secretary to the Committee, Mr. Jefferson Hallu by email: [jefferson.hallu@parliament.gov.sb](mailto:jefferson.hallu@parliament.gov.sb) or phone (677) 28520.



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Hon. Manasseh Sogavare

**Chairman**

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