



BILLS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

Date: 7th August 2014

INQUIRY INTO THE FAMILY PROTECTION BILL 2014.

Call for Submissions

The National Parliament of Solomon Islands 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 **Family Protection Bill 2014** that is now before Parliament. The Committee hopes to collect these submissions as evidences of the inquiry into the Bill and present them in a report to Parliament.

One of the functions of the Bills and Legislation Committee under Standing Order 71 of the Standing Orders of the National Parliament of Solomon Islands is to review all draft legislation prepared for introduction into Parliament.

The closing date for submissions is at the close of business on **15 August 2014**.

Copies of the bills can be accessed under “*what’s new in parliament*” on the National Parliament website (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 is liable to any civil or criminal proceedings concerning the information disclosed to the Committee for the purpose of the hearing. 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 whether it is from an individual or organization. Clearly state in your submission if you or your organization intends 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
- Pages should be numbered to help the Committee in referring to the submission during oral evidence.

Submissions should be sent to: The Chairman, Bills and Legislation Committee, National Parliament of Solomon Islands, P.O. Box G19, Honiara; or alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to the Committee Secretary at 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 or phone (677) 28520.



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