## **EXTRAORDINARY**

# **GOVERNMENT OF FIJI GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT**

No. 30 FRIDAY, 24th JUNE 2022

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## STATE LANDS ACT 1945

# State Lands (Leases and Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 16(5) and 41 of the State Lands Act 1945, I hereby make these Regulations—

#### Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the State Lands (Leases and Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on the date the State Lands (Amendment) Act 2022 comes into force.

### Part 4 inserted

2. The State Lands (Leases and Licences) Regulations 1980 is amended after regulation 43 by inserting the following new Part—

#### "PART 4—COMMITTEE TO ASSIST DIRECTOR OF LANDS

#### Committee

- 44.-(1) Pursuant to section 16(4) of the Act, a committee comprising the following members must be set up to determine any contravention of section 16(1) and (1A) of the Act-
  - (a) permanent secretary responsible for housing and community development as the chairperson;

- (b) permanent secretary responsible for land; and
- (c) Solicitor-General or his or her nominee.
- (2) The committee may from time to time co-opt any other person to be a member of the committee to advise and assist the committee in carrying out its functions.

#### Committee to confirm contravention

- 45. The committee must, prior to any re-entry of land and cancellation of any lease, licence or approval notice of lease, confirm to the Director of Lands—
  - (a) whether there is a contravention of section 16(1) and (1A) of the Act;
  - (b) whether there are any encumbrances on the land;
  - (c) the lessee of the land and his or her current address or location, if known;
  - (d) the occupant or occupants of the land; and
  - (e) any other background information as the committee deems necessary.

#### Committee to publish public notice

46. Where the committee has confirmed a contravention of section 16(1) and (1A) of the Act under regulation 45, the committee must then publish a public notice to this effect.

#### Issuance of lease, licence or approval notice of lease

47. Where the Director of Lands has cancelled a lease, licence or approval notice of lease pursuant to section 16(4) of the Act, the committee must also advise the Director of Lands on the terms and conditions on which the Director of Lands may issue a lease, licence or approval notice of lease over the re-entered land.".

Made this 24th day of June 2022.

J. USAMATE

Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources