



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **REVIEW OF THE FOREST ACT 1992 AND RELEASE OF THE DRAFT FORESTRY BILL 2025**

The Ministry of Forestry wishes to inform the general public that the Forest Act 1992 has undergone a comprehensive review in line with Fiji's evolving environmental, social, and economic context. As a result of this review, a Draft Forestry Bill 2025 has been prepared and is now available for public review access and awareness.

This legislative reform has been informed by rigorous and inclusive consultations with key stakeholders across government, industry, civil society, landowners, and resource users. The process has ensured that the proposed Bill reflects contemporary best practices in sustainable forest management, aligns with Fiji's international commitments, and supports the economic empowerment of forest-dependent communities.

The Draft Forestry Bill 2025 and the summary of the key changes to the legislation, can be accessed through the official Ministry of Forestry website on this link:

<https://www.forestry.gov.fj/index.php>

The Ministry welcomes further engagement and feedback between 4<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July as we work towards finalizing a robust and future-ready Forestry Act that meets the needs of all Fijians.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Principal Executive Support Officer of the Ministry of Forestry via email on [elragigia@gmail.com](mailto:elragigia@gmail.com) or phone on 8960865.

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