



FIJI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Public Hearings: 2006 General Elections and Voting Rights

The Fiji Human Rights Commission has appointed an Independent Team to inquire into **whether and to what extent the right to vote of the people of Fiji was protected during the 2006 Elections.**

General Terms of Reference for the Inquiry are as follows:

- To provide an overview of international human rights laws on the right to register and to vote by secret ballot and review whether laws, policies and institutions of Fiji comply with them.
- To receive submissions from members of the public, including those in minority and disadvantaged groups, on their experiences of voting in the 2006 elections.
- To receive submissions on whether Fiji's voting processes and practices are effective.
- To recommend changes to policy, practice and law to ensure full protection of the right to register and to vote by secret ballot.

Public hearings will be held at the following venues and times:

Day & Date	Time	Venue/Location
Suva Tue 21st August 2007	9am – 12pm 1pm – 6pm	Civic Centre, Lower Auditorium, Victoria Parade, Suva
Sigatoka Wed 22nd August 2007	9am – 12pm 1pm – 6pm	Provincial Office Conference Room, Lawaqa Road, opposite the General Post Office, Sigatoka
Lautoka Thu 23rd August 2007	10am – 12pm 1pm – 6pm	Provincial Office Conference Room, Provincial Administration Bldg, Tavewa Avenue, Lautoka
Ba Fri 24th August 2007	10am – 12pm 1pm – 6pm	Provincial Office Conference Room, Koronubu Hse, Koronubu Street, Ba

Nadi Sat 25 th August 2007	10am – 1pm	Provincial Office Conference Room, Koroivolu Avenue, Nadi; opp Court House; next to Nadi Police Station
Labasa Mon 27 th August 2007	9am – 12pm 1pm – 6pm	Commissioner Northern's Conference Room, Macuata House, Labasa
Nabouwalu Tue 28 th August 2007	11am – 12pm 1pm – 4pm	Provincial Office Conference Room, Naulumatua House, Nabouwalu
Seaqqa Wed 29 th August 2007	11am – 12pm 1pm – 4pm	Provincial Office Conference Room, Tahir Building, Seaqqa
Savusavu Thu 30 th August 2007	9am – 12pm 1pm – 6pm	Provincial Office Conference Room, Satish Lala Building, Savusavu
Taveuni Fri 31 st August 2007	11am – 3pm 4pm – 7pm	DO Office Conference Room, Waiyevo, Taveuni
Nasinu Mon 3 rd September 2007	9am – 12pm 1pm – 6pm	Nasinu Town Council Conference Room, Valelevu, Nasinu
Nausori Tue 4 th September 2007	9am – 12pm 1pm – 6pm	Vunimono School Hall, next to National Fire Authority, Nausori

Written submissions can be sent to: **Elections Inquiry, Human Rights Commission, Private Mail Bag, Suva** or deliver to **Level 2, Civic Tower, Suva, Tel: 3308 577.**

Deadline for written submissions is: August 27th 2007.