

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED POLITICAL REFORM LAWS

The Vanuatu Government is intending to bring in laws to regulate:

- political parties,
 - candidates standing for election to Parliament, and
 - the movement and affiliation of Members of Parliament,
- for the purpose of reducing political instability and enhancing the integrity of Parliament and its members.

The proposed political reform package of the Government consists of one new law, an amendment to the Constitution, and amendments to two existing laws.

The four proposed Bills are:

1. A new law, the Bill for the Political Parties (Regulation) Act
2. An amendment to the Constitution, The Constitution (Seventh)(Amendment) Act
3. Bill for the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act
4. Bill for the Charitable Associations (Incorporation)(Amendment) Act

The Government wishes to seek the views of members of the public on this proposed political reform package.

The Prime Minister, Hon. Charlot Salwai Tabimasmamas, introduced the proposed political reform package in Parliament on the 18th of December 2018 and asked all MP's to consult with their constituents and obtain their views regarding the proposed package. The Prime Minister said,

“These draft Bills which I am introducing are not for the Government alone but for the nation. So everyone has to give their views on them”.

You can read the entire speech given by the Prime Minister when he was introducing the proposed political reform package in Parliament on the 18th of December 2018 here (in Bislama): <https://www.gov.vu/bi/pablik-infomesen/735-presentation-blong-bill-blong-political-parties-regulation-act-no-of-2018-wetem-ol-consequential-bills>

You can view the proposed draft Bills here: <https://www.gov.vu/en/public-information>

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3. *Bill for the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act*
4. *Bill for the Charitable Associations (Incorporation)(Amendment) Act*

If you have any queries or need more information about these proposed Bills or the proposed political reform package, please contact The Principal Electoral Officer on email cvatu@vanuatu.gov.vu or telephone 23914.

To make submissions on the these proposals, please submit to:

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The deadline for submissions is the 15th February 2019.