

MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

REVIEW OF THE QOLIQOLI (FISHING GROUNDS) COMPENSATION POLICY

The Ministry of Indigenous Affairs invites **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** from suitably experienced and qualified firms/consultants to conduct the Review of the Qoliqoli (Fishing Grounds) Compensation Policy.

Demonstrated experience and competence in understanding the perceived and multi dimensional impact of indigenous rights and obligations with particular reference to the use of coastal resources will be required. A critical outcome of this Review will be the development of a Policy framework that will focus on these three broad objectives:

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- Create wealth for both the *'qoliqoli and user'* of these resources
- Maintain land and environmental sustainability for the generations to come; and
- Maintain social stability amongst all communities in particular the *'qoliqoli owners'*.

Applicants must submit a full account of relevant qualifications & background experiences preferably in the conduct of similar Policy reviews, with at least two (2) appropriate references. Fees /commission to be charged must be clearly stated. A thorough and practical knowledge of current Fishing Grounds (Qoliqoli) compensation system and the practice and mechanisms applicable in other jurisdictions (eg. New Zealand, Canada & Papua New Guinea) is required. A comprehensive Work plan aligned to the Terms of Reference of the Review must be submitted.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) is available on the Fiji government website www.govnet.fj or Ministry of Indigenous Affairs website www.fijianaffairs.gov.fj . For additional information contact Mrs.Asena Raiwalui on telephone 3100909 ext 1030; email AsenaR@govnet.gov.fj at the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs.

Application will close on **Wednesday 24th February, 2010 at 3pm** and should be addressed to the:

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