



FJI LAW REFORM COMMISSION

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTMENT
OF PART-TIME LAW REFORM COMMISSIONER(S)
TO REVIEW FIJI'S *ONLINE SAFETY ACT 2018* AND ASSOCIATED LAWS IN RELATION TO
ONLINE HARM AND CYBER ABUSE.**

1. BACKGROUND

The Online Safety Commission, Fiji in collaboration with the Fiji Law Reform Commission (FLRC) established under the *Fiji Law Reform Commission Act 1979* ("the Act") and entrusted to undertake the systemic review, reform and development of the laws of Fiji, jointly invites **expressions of interest** from individuals or project teams to review the *Online Safety Act 2018*, in accordance with Section 5(2)(c) of the Act.

This Review, in two Parts, was referred to the Fiji Law Reform Commission, by the Attorney General, Hon. Graham Leung on the 14th March 2025, in consultation with the Online Safety Commission and in recognition of prior work of the National Anti Porn Taskforce, co chaired by the Hon Deputy Prime Minister, Manoa Kamikamica, as Minister for Communications, with Hon. Minister for Women, Hon. Sashi Kiran.

2. OBJECTIVE

The primary objectives of the review include:

- Conducting a gap analysis of the *Online Safety Act 2018* in comparison with comparable laws.
- Determining the adequacy of the Online Safety Act's objectives to address various forms of cyber abuse.
- Proposing subsequent amendments and a comprehensive review to relevant legislation, including the *Telecommunications Act 2008*, *Child Care and Protection Act 2024*, *Child Justice Act 2024*, *Criminal Procedure Act 2009*, *Crimes Act 2009* and other relevant legislation, to ensure comprehensive protection against online harms.
- Engaging in community consultations and stakeholder meetings to gather input from various sectors.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The successful consultant/project team will be responsible for:

- **Part A: Gap Analysis and Review of the *Online Safety Act 2018***
 - Analyse inconsistencies or gaps and assess the current objectives.
 - Explore the potential for expanding the scope and powers of the Online Safety Commission.
- **Part B: Review of Relevant Legislation**
 - Evaluate the *Telecommunications Act 2008*, *Child Care and Protection Act 2024*, *Child Justice Act 2024*, *Criminal Procedure Act 2009*, *Crimes Act 2009* and other relevant legislation in terms of cyber abuse and online safety.
 - Propose necessary amendments or new provisions to support interjurisdictional operations.
- Conduct community consultations and targeted stakeholder meetings.

4. **QUALIFICATIONS**

The ideal consultant or project team should possess the following qualifications:

- Proven experience in legal reform, particularly in the area of online safety, cyber law, or related fields.
- A strong understanding of the legislative landscape regarding online safety in Fiji and comparable jurisdictions.
- Ability to conduct thorough research and analysis.
- Experience in stakeholder engagement and community consultation processes.
- Strong written communication skills, with the ability to produce clear and comprehensive reports.

5. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Interested parties are invited to submit the following documents:

- A brief proposal outlining your approach to the review, including methodologies and timelines.
- A curriculum vitae or résumé detailing relevant experience and qualifications of the consultant/team members.
- Contact information for at least two professional references.
- A budget estimate indicating your expected fees for completing the review.

Terms of Reference

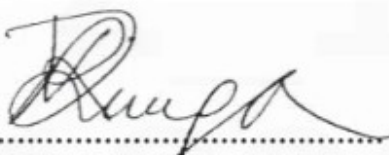
A Terms of Reference and Information Package can be obtained from the Fiji Law Reform Commission website at <https://flrc.gov.fj/> under "Public Notice". Further information on duties and responsibilities and other related matters can be obtained directly from the FLRC by contacting Senior Legal Officer Mr. Leighton Fatiaki or Legal Officer Mr. Nakulanikoro Naqicatabua on telephone numbers 679 3303900/3303646 or through email at fijilawreformc@gmail.com

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Applications Close on **Wednesday 19th March 2025.**

Signed: 
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