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By Margret Numanga, Committee Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE: To Tatou Vai Bill 2020 Consultation

The To Tatou Vai Bill Select Committee (TTVBSC) 2020 was established by Parliament on 08 July 2020, to review and consider the To Tatou Vai Bill 2020 and report its recommendations back to Parliament by 30 September 2020.

The membership of the Committee is as follows:

Chairperson	Hon Min Mark Brown
Members:	Hon MP Te-Hani Brown
	Hon MP Patrick Arioka
	Hon MP Agnes Armstrong
	Hon MP Terepai Maoate
	Hon MP Selina Napa
	Hon MP Albert Nicholas

Purpose

The purposes of the TTV Bill, are—

- to establish the Authority; and
- to recognise the Government's social responsibility in the supply of water; and
- to make the Authority financially independent so it can balance the need to be economically sustainable against the public's need for water by operating as a not for profit utility; and
- to recognise and embrace the role of the native landowners of catchments; and
- to encourage informed management and decision-making that balances the need for financial sustainability against the public need for water to be affordable; and
- to maintain a reliable and resilient water distribution network; and
- to require the Authority to be accountable to the Cook Islands Investment Corporation.

The Select Committee invites public feedback into the review of the To Tatou Vai Bill 2020. Interested members of the public and civil society organizations' and landowners on Rarotonga are cordially invited to attend the public consultation meetings to be held as follows:

1. **Teau-o-Tonga** – Tuesday 28th July, at the Sinai Hall, Avarua – 6:00 pm to 8.00 pm
2. **Puaikura** – Wednesday 29th July, at the Calvary Hall, Arorangi – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
3. **Takitumu** – Thursday 30th July, at the Titikaveka Sunday School, Titikaveka – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

A copy of the bill can be accessed online and is available for download from the Parliament of the Cook Islands website - <https://parliament.gov.ck> and Parliament Facebook Page, for public reading and awareness.

Expression of interest for submissions on the To Tatou Vai bill can be emailed or delivered to the Committee Secretary, Margret Numanga, email contact - margret@cookislands.gov.ck or address your submission to:

Committee Secretary
To Tatou Vai Bill Select Committee
Parliament of the Cook Islands
Rarotonga, Cook Islands.