



REFORM NEWS

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NEWS IN BRIEF

FEEDBACK IN PROGRESS

Rennell Bellona, Malaita and Temotu Provinces are yet to complete their feedback.

Renbel will be doing its feedback on Bellona Sector before completing the phase.

Malaita is yet to cover the Outer Islands and Temotu will doing the Pele Sector. Depending on the speed of finance, & weather, all teams should be able to complete early this year.

PREMIERS UPDATED ON REFORM PROGRESS



Minister MPGIS (5th Left) Premiers and Resource Personnel from Government Ministries at Buala Premier's Conference 2010. Photo: Bradford Theonomi, Island Sun

Premiers in the 2010 Buala Conference were informed that Constitutional Reform towards Federalism is progressing in a steady but sure pace to completion.

Prime Minister Danny Phillip announced in his opening speech in the Conference that the National Coalition for Reform and Advancement (NCRA) Government is keen to see the entire process play out. In addition, the Constitutional Re-

form Unit's (CRU) Consultant Lawyer Mr. Reginald Teutao did a 15-minute presentation of the Constitutional Reform Program to the Premiers on Friday 22 October 2010.

He talked about the program's current activities, and the ongoing negotiations between NCRA Government and CRU in pushing this agenda forward. Mr. Teutao also briefed the Premiers on the Maritime Boundaries proposed for States-to-be.

Those representing the Constitutional Reform in the Premiers Conference were Consultant Lawyer Mr. Teutao and Media Officer Ms. Marilyn Maeta'a.

The team gave hand-outs to the Premiers including the Provincial Nominees' reports on the Maritime Boundaries meeting held in June 2010; informative brochures; the revised State Maritime Boundaries maps and supporting documents of these maps.

Reform in Pictures



HCC (Outgoing Lord Mayor) Andrew Mua contributing his point in the HCC Feedback on the 1st 2009 Draft Federal Constitution. (Right)



Member Chief Dennis Lulei making a point during Congress Executive Meeting on 28 September 2010. (Left)



Reginald Teutao (CRU Consultant Lawyer) giving his Presentation during the 2010 Buala Premiers' Conference. (1st Below Right)



Lambi Participants during the Guadalcanal Feedback on 2009 Draft Federal Constitution. (1st Below Left)



Participants during the HCC Feedback on 2009 Draft Federal Constitution (2nd Below Left)



Prime Minister Danny Phillip launching the NCRA Policy Statement 5 October 2010. (2nd Below Right)

Photos by: Marilyn Maeta'a, CRU Media

HCC COMPLETES FEEDBACK

After major financial setbacks, Congress' Honiara City team finally completed its feedback of the 2009 Draft Federal Constitution in December 2010.


In a 33-paged Minute, the team reported details which participants of the feedback wanted to see in Draft Federal Constitution.

Two meetings were held, one



from 20—24 September, and the other from 29 November—3 December 2010.

In all, 50 participants took part in the feedback activity, and they represented various communities around Honiara City.

Areas discussed during this feedback were, Foundation provisions, National Security; Resources & Customary Rights; Governance; Capital City; Amendment of the Constitution; Federal Revenue Arrangements; State Powers; Development aspects; and Federal Parliament. 

CONSTITUTIONAL CONGRESS MEMBERS

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Editorial

ACHIEVING REFORM

Originally designed to complete a new constitution, the Reform took its form with the approval of Cabinet Paper C [2006] 5.

It has now reached its completion phase according to Constitutional Congress' Terms of Reference (TOR); to complete a final content; prepare a detailed report setting out the reasoning for that content; and recommend an appropriate ratification procedure to bring into effect the new constitution.

To this effect, Congress is focusing on activities that will encompass the whole spectrum of Constitutional Reform; such as the State Boundaries dialogue; the feedback and review of the Draft Federal Constitution. The Project aims for completion by 2013. 🔄

ISABEL UNWAVERINGLY SUPPORTS CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM



Sir George Lepping receives Isabel's Report from Chief Lulei.

Isabel Province has, despite all odds, continued to work hard to seeing through the process of Constitutional Reform in Solomon Islands.

On various meetings, prominent leaders, both civic and traditional, of Isabel Province have expressed the desire to see a Federal System implemented by the end of the Reform.

These leaders' unwavering support were made clear during various Constitutional Reform meetings.

In its Report the 'Isabel Provincial Feedback Minutes', Congress' Provincial team leader Chief Dennis Lulei acknowledges leaders in times past who have rendered their work to self-reliance, harmonized traditional and civic leadership, and Federalism support.

Congress' Isabel team has completed its feedback of the 2009 Draft Federal Constitution.

It is currently pursuing dialogue with Malaita & Choiseul Provinces' for the State Maritime Boundaries, focusing on the Special Areas such as Ramos Island & Arnavon Island respectively. 🔄



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THIS QUARTER'S CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER
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Joint CC & EPAC Executive meets with Prime Minister Danny Phillip (Courtesy call).

SEPTEMBER
20

HCC Congress team holds first feedback over 4 days, which ends on 24 September.

OCTOBER
25

CRU participates in the weeklong Buala Premiers' Conference.

NOVEMBER
29

HCC Congress team has the second feedback meeting for three days.

For more information:

If you would like to know more about these & other documents, contact CRU EPS Ms. Stella Pitiveke on spitiveke@pmc.gov.sb.