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## **Central Province endorse move to Federalism**

Central Province participants have endorsed the move from unitary system to Federalism for Solomon Islands, dubbed as sending a strong message to the nation that Central Province is ready for the change.

After four days of intensively reviewing the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands in Tulagi from Monday 27 to Friday 31 July 2015, all participants which included Members of the Provincial Government fully endorsed this Draft.

Central Province Premier, Members of the Provincial Assembly (MPAs), professional legal persons, government officials, church, women, youth and chief representatives from Central Province participated in the weeklong awareness program.

While endorsing the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 Draft Federal Constitution, participants unanimously endorsed the change to Federalism on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

After the endorsement, Consultant Lawyer Reginald Teutao thanked all participants for their impressive contributions to the 2nd 2014 Draft Federal Constitution.

He said that he was particularly impressed and humbled to see the Premier and his Deputy showing full commitment to the awareness by attending all the meetings.

Mr. Teutao said this round of Central Province consultation had a good turn out and he thanked all participants for their continuous attendance, which showed seriousness to this process.

Participants are eager to see the final process through to the ratification of the proposed Federal Constitution.

The awareness program was hosted at the Education Conference room in Tulagi, Central Province from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

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