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**THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT**

(Cap. 31)

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION AND TERMS OF  
REFERENCE**

WHEREAS it is a matter of public welfare that a Commission of Inquiry be appointed under the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act to inquire into certain matters of concern to the Government

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint a Commission consisting of suitable persons to fulfil requirements of the said Commissions of Inquiry Act.

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 3 of the said Commissions of Inquiry Act, I, SOLOMON SUNAONE MAMALONI, Prime Minister, do hereby issue Commission appointing -

TREVOR MARXWELL (CHAIRMAN)

PHILLIP FUNIFAKA

BILL TITIULU

to be Commissioners for the purposes of the said Inquiry with the following terms of reference -

1. To investigate and report upon -
  - 1.1 land allocations made by the Hon Francis Orodani, MP and/or officers of the Ministry of Lands during the period from 24 June 1993 to 4 September 1996.
  - 1.2 whether the said land allocations were made in accordance with the laws of Solomon Islands and in particular, but not limited to The Land and Titles Act (Cap. 93).

- 1.3 whether the said lands were developed in accordance with the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1979.
  - 1.4 whether any decisions of the Minister or the Commissioner for Lands or any other official was induced by other than proper considerations.
2. To investigate and review generally and report upon -
    - 2.1 the operation and procedures of the Office of the Commissioner for Lands and recommend change where necessary.
    - 2.2 the operation and procedures of the Office of the Registrar of Titles and recommend change where necessary.
  3. To investigate and report upon any and all agreements entered into between the Government of Solomon Islands and landowners in the Catchment Area of the Komarindi River or persons purporting to act on behalf of the said landowners and in particular -
    - 3.1 whether the agreements were negotiated and agreed in accordance with the Laws of Solomon Islands.
    - 3.2 whether payments made pursuant to any such agreements were made and disbursed according to law.
  4. To investigate and report upon -
    - 4.1 the investment of funds under the control of the Commodity Export Marketing Authority and to advise whether such investment or expenditure was in accordance with the law and the public interest.
    - 4.2 the decision of the Commodity Export Marketing Authority to abandon the Point Cruz Copra Depot and to establish in its place a depot at Yandina and further whether such action was in accordance with the Laws and the public interest.
  5. To investigate and report on any other matters or thing pertaining to the aforementioned Terms of Reference with special reference to any criminal or corrupt activity, official misconduct

impropriety which may have caused or been capable of causing prejudice in favour of or against any person that may appear to the Commissioners to just and proper to be reported on in the public interest.

Issued at Honiara this twenty-fifth day of October 1996.

SOLOMON SUNAONE MAMALONI  
Prime Minister

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