

APPENDIX 1

(FAKALAH 1)



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WE, GEORGE TUPOU V by the Grace of God, of Tonga, King :

TO all to whom these presents shall come We sendeth Greetings :

WHEREAS WE are empowered pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Royal Commission Act 1960 (as amended) [Cap. 4] of the 1988 Revised Edition of the Laws of Tonga] to issue a Commission whenever We deem it advisable for the public welfare :

WHEREAS WE are of opinion that it is desirable for the public welfare to issue a Commission to inquire into all matters whatsoever concerning the land laws and practices of our Kingdom

NOW THEREFORE WE do hereby establish a Commission under and in terms of the aforesaid Act, to be known as the **Royal Land Commission**, to inquire (without changing the basic land tenure of our Kingdom) into all matters whatsoever concerning the land laws and practices of our Kingdom with a view to providing more effective and efficient practices; and to report thereon to Us in Council with all due expedition, but in any event on or before 30th November 2011, together with recommendations (including draft primary and subordinate legislation to give effect to their recommendations.)

AND WE do hereby

- (a) appoint part-time as Commissioners Baron Fielakepa (Chairman), Lord Tupou, Kahungunu Barron Aleaki and Robina Nakao.
- (b) appoint as full-time Secretary to the Commission Mrs. Gloria Pole'oa :
- (c) appoint that the quorum for the Commission shall be two :
- (d) direct that the Commission shall Consult widely and publicly concerning the matters to be inquired into by them :
- (e) direct that Deliberations of the Commission shall not be held in public :
- (f) direct that the Commission shall be held in Tongatapu or elsewhere and at such time, date and place as the Commissioners shall determine :
- (g) direct that all other matters whatsoever shall be determined by the Commission :

AND so We bid you heartily farewell.

DONE at Our Court in Nuku'alofa on the Ninth day of October in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight in this the Third Year of Our Reign.