

**IN THE MALEKULA ISLAND COURT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**  
*(Civil Jurisdiction)*

**Civil case 3724 of 2023**

**BETWEEN: BOTOBRENG WANIEL  
WALLA VILLAGE, NORTHEAST MALEKULA**  
**Claimant**

**AND: WALLA COUNCIL OF CHIEFS  
MTAIN JEAN NOEL  
NEMTENMAL ROGER  
SERAKE JOSELITO**  
**Defendants**

**DATE OF HEARING: 29 APRIL 2025**

**DATE OF DECISION: 05 MAY 2025**

**BEFORE JUSTICES: JUSTICE Joses Lingi(CHAIRPERSON), JUSTICE BAIACK  
TOLISH, JUSTICE PATISSON**

**CLERK: COLLYNE TETE MAKI**

**PARTIES: DEFENDANTS – PRESENT IN COURT**

**CLAIMANT – PRESENT IN COURT**



## **BACKGROUND BLONG KES**

Kes ia emi bin filed long 12 July 2023 we kleimen emi kleim se election blong vilij council we oli jusum ol council emi no strt follem kastom.

Issue bifo long kot ia emi "*blong wan man blong holem wan position insaed long vilij counsel yu mas be wan jif or blad laen blong jif*"

Evri parties oli toktok mo presentem toktok blong olgeta long kot.

## **AFTA WE KOT I HAREM TOKTOK BLONG OLGETA PARTIES KOT I FAENEM MAOT SE: -**

1. By law blong counsel emi talem se yu mas be wan blad laen blong jif blong hollem wok long counsel
2. Kleimen emi bin pat long wan foma counsel long past yia we haf blong memba blong council ia oli no blad laen blong wan jif i no olsem we emi kleim mo talem se bae yu mas wan jif or blad laen jif
3. Vilij counsel process blong taem oli set ap or appointed bae oli mas be witness we i gat ol hae authority tu oli witnessem we i gat wan memba blong Malmetenvanu, wan polis ofisa mo sam nara gavman representative tu oli present long taem ia mo luk appoinmen blong niu counsel

## **AFTA WE KOT I MEKEM OL FINDINGS IA KOT I MEKEM ODA SE: -**

### **KOT ODA**

1. Botobreng Waniel emi mas stop blong interfere wetem ol vilij counsel long wok we oli stap wandem mekem long community or vilij blong Walla
2. Eni long ol parties emi no happy wetem decision ia emi gat 30 dei stat tedei kasem 30 May 2025 blong apil i ko long Majistret kot



Dated at Lakatoro this 05 May 2025

BY THE COURT



Justice Patisson PETER



Justice Baiack Tolish



Justice Joses Lingi

