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MARKETING AUTHORITY  
BILL 2010**

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Entitled

**AN ACT** TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT,  
ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE TIMBER  
DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING AUTHORITY, THE LICENSING OF  
TIMBER HARVESTING, PROCESSING AND MILLING AND THE BASIC  
DUTIES OF COMMUNITY TRUSTEES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

**ENACTED** by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.

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## TIMBER DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING AUTHORITY BILL 2010

### PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

Short title and  
commencement

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Timber Development and Marketing Authority Act 2010, and commences on a date appointed by the Minister, by notice in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

**2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires –

“Authority” means the Timber Development and Marketing Authority established by section 5;

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Authority established by section 6;

“certificate of consent” means a certificate of consent issued under section 21;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Forests Resources appointed under section 3 of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap. 40);

“community” means any family line, clan, tribe, group, village or community that is entitled to own or exercise rights over customary land or resources within any customary land or that has the right to use, occupy, enjoy and dispose of customary land and any resources in it in accordance with customary usage;

“community company” has the meaning in the Companies Act 2009;

“community interest” has the meaning in the Companies Act 2009;

“customary land” has the meaning in the Land and Titles Act (Cap. 133);

“community trustee” means a person deemed to be a community trustee under section 23;

“council of chiefs” means a council of chiefs approved and registered under this Act;

“export permit” means an export permit issued under section 22;

“land dispute”, in relation to this Act, means a dispute over ownership and boundaries of land or over forest within such land;

“legal entity” includes any entity established under any law;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Forests;

“mill” means a sawmill, and includes any mechanically powered plant, machinery or equipment for converting unmilled timber into milled timber, but does not include any plant, machinery or equipment exempted under section 18(7) as not to be a mill for the purposes of this Act;

“milled timber” includes sawn timber, wood particles, wood pulp and veneer, produced in or by a mill in accordance with prescribed specifications; but does not include unmilled timber;

“provisional approval” means a provisional approval of an application for timber harvesting and processing licence given under section 17;

“sustainable harvesting” means harvesting of timber in a manner that ensures best selective timber harvesting consistent with the prescribed best environmental practices and standards or prescribed forest code;

“timber” includes trees, other than protected trees declared under section 27, when they have fallen or been felled, and all wood whether or not cut up, fashioned or hollowed out for any purpose;

“timber harvesting and processing licence” means a timber harvesting and processing licence issued under section 18;

“unmilled timber” means timber that has not been converted or processed into milled timber.

- Act binds Crown
3. This Act binds the Crown.
- Objects
4. The objects of this Act are –
- (a) to facilitate, promote and encourage timber development in rural areas;
  - (b) to facilitate, promote and encourage timber harvesting by communities;
  - (c) to facilitate, promote and encourage sustainable harvesting of timber;
  - (d) to facilitate, promote and encourage marketing of milled timber sustainably harvested;
  - (e) to enhance the value of timber harvested for the maximum benefit of the communities and Solomon Islands.

**PART 2 –ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TIMBER  
DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING AUTHORITY  
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Establishment of  
the Authority
5. (1) This section establishes the Timber Development and Marketing Authority as a body corporate.
- (2) Part VII of the Interpretation and General Provisions Act (Cap. 85) applies to the Authority.

- Establishment of  
the Board of the  
Authority
6. (1) This section establishes the Board of Directors of the Authority consisting of the following members –
- (a) the Permanent Secretary responsible for Forest or his nominee, as Chairperson;
  - (b) the Permanent Secretary responsible for Commerce or his nominee, as Deputy Chairperson;
  - (c) the Permanent Secretary responsible for Rural Development or his nominee; and



(d) two other members appointed by the Minister.

(2) The General Manager shall be the secretary to the Board.

(3) A person appointed under subsection (1)(d) shall have qualifications or experience in forestry and marketing or other prescribed qualifications or experience.

7. The members of Board are entitled to remuneration and travelling and subsistence allowance as the Minister may prescribe by regulation.

Remuneration

8. The Schedule sets out other provisions relating to the Board.

Other provisions  
for the Board

### **PART 3 – FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY**

9. The functions of the Authority are –

Functions of the  
Authority

- (a) to purchase timber sustainably harvested by communities;
- (b) to market and sell timber at the best international price, where possible, or otherwise facilitate marketing and selling of timber generally;
- (c) to advise communities on forest plantation management, best timber harvesting practices and timber export specifications;
- (d) to assist in the management and development of forest plantations;
- (e) to assist communities in reforestation programmes;
- (f) to provide financial assistance to communities for the purposes of achieving any object of or any function under this Act; and
- (g) to perform any other functions given in this Act or any other written law.

- 10.** (1) In performing its functions, the Authority has the following powers –
- (a) to enter into agreement with communities;
  - (b) to enter into agreement with any Provincial Government;
  - (c) to enter into agreement with timber buyers in Solomon Islands or from other countries;
  - (d) to enter into joint ventures or other legal arrangements for purposes of achieving the objects of this Act;
  - (e) with the approval of the Minister and the Minister responsible for Finance, to borrow funds from any financial institution, company or other sources for the purposes of achieving any object of or any function under this Act;
  - (f) to exercise any powers conferred on it under this Act or any other written law.
- (2) The Minister may, on the advice of the Commissioner, issue written guidelines to the Authority in relation to the objects of this Act, functions or powers of the Authority.
- (3) The Authority shall comply with the guidelines issued under subsection (2).

#### **PART 4 – ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE OF THE AUTHORITY**

- 11.** (1) The Authority may appoint a General Manager and other officers, employees, agents or consultants necessary for the purposes of carrying its functions and powers under this Act in accordance with the prescribed procedures.
- (2) The General Manager shall be responsible for the management and operations of the Authority, subject to any directions of the Authority.

- (3) The General Manager shall be appointed subject to the approval of the Minister.
- 12.** The funds of the Authority shall consist of –
- (a) moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purpose of this Act; and
- (b) moneys from other sources paid to the Authority.
- 13.** The Authority shall, before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July in each year, prepare and submit an annual report, including its audited financial statements, to the Minister for laying in Parliament as soon as practicable.
- 14.** Part VIII of the Public Finance and Audit Act (Cap.120) applies to the examination and audit of the accounts of the Authority.

Funds of the Authority

Annual reports

Audit

#### **PART 5 – LICENSING OF TIMBER HARVESTING AND PROCESSING**

- 15.** (1) No person shall harvest any timber and undertake any processing or milling of timber except with a timber harvesting and processing licence.
- (2) This section does not affect the operation of Part II of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap. 40) in respect of licences issued under section 5 of that Act.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to harvesting of timber or processing or milling of timber by owners or with consent of owners of the land for their own houses or other community structures or harvesting of trees for firewood or other domestic or traditional use.
- (4) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding 100,000 penalty units or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding four years.
- (5) Subject to subsection (2), a person who buys or receives timber harvested or milled in contravention of this Act commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding 100,000 penalty units or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding four years.

Prohibition of harvesting, etc without licence

**16.** (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap. 40) in respect of licences issued under section 5 of that Act, the procedures described in this Part apply when a community that owns customary land or person who owns a registered land elects to make an application for a licence under this Part.

(2) Communities wishing to harvest timber from their own customary lands or customary lands registered under the Land and Titles Act (Cap.133) for processing into milled timber to be sold may, in the prescribed form, apply to the Commissioner for a timber harvesting and processing licence.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a person who owns a registered land not being a community or tribal land may apply in the prescribed form to the Commissioner for a timber harvesting and processing licence in respect of timber within his registered land.

(4) Subsection (2), sections 18(2)(d) and 21 do not apply to an application under subsection (3).

**17.** (1) When an application is received under section 16(2), the Commissioner –

- (a) may first issue a provisional approval of the application, in prescribed form;
- (b) shall, in writing, direct the applicant to obtain a certificate of consent and to comply with any other requirements under this Act before a final determination of the application for the issuance of the timber harvesting and processing licence will be made; and
- (c) shall ensure compliance with any other prescribed procedures.

(2) The Commissioner shall not issue a provisional approval on the following grounds –

- (a) if the Director for Environment objects to the application on the ground that the application may have detrimental environmental implications;
- (b) if the Authority objects to the application;

- (c) if the interest of the Community will be harmed, prejudiced or unfairly affected;
- (d) if a licence issued under section 5 of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap. 40) is still valid.

(3) A provisional approval does not allow, permit or authorise the applicant or any other person to harvest timber or to undertake processing or milling of timber.

**18.** (1) Upon receiving written confirmation from the applicant in relation to compliance with section 17(1)(b), the Commissioner may, after consulting Director for Environment and the relevant council of chiefs, issue the timber harvesting and processing licence, with or without conditions or refuse the application.

Power to issue  
licence

(2) The Commissioner shall not issue a timber harvesting and processing licence unless the Commissioner is satisfied with all of the following conditions –

- (a) all timber harvested are to be processed locally in accordance with timber processing regulation;
- (b) land from which timber are harvested is to be replanted in accordance with any reforestation programme approved by the Commissioner or alternatively, any agricultural programme approved by the Permanent Secretary responsible for Agriculture;
- (c) the milled timber is to be sold at prices above the prescribed minimum prices;
- (d) certificate of consent has been issued.

(3) The timber harvesting and processing licence authorises the licensee –

- (a) to harvest timber by felling them;
- (b) to install or operate a mill; and
- (c) to process or mill unmilled timber.

(4) The timber harvesting and processing licence shall not authorise the felling and exportation of unmilled timber.

(5) The power of the Commissioner to issue timber harvesting and processing licence includes the power to vary, suspend or revoke the licence or to vary, suspend or revoke any conditions or to impose new conditions of the licence.

(6) Before suspending or revoking the timber harvesting and processing licence, the Commissioner shall give the licensee an opportunity to make representation as to why the licence should not be suspended or revoked.

(7) The Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, exempt a mill or class or description as not to be a mill for the purposes of this Act.

(8) A person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Commissioner under this section may appeal to the Minister who may affirm or vary the decision or revoke and make a new decision.

Transfer and  
assignment  
prohibited

**19.** (1) A timber harvesting and processing licence shall not be transferred or assigned.

(2) Any timber harvesting and processing licence transferred or assigned in contravention of subsection (1) is deemed to be revoked.

Council of chiefs

**20.** (1) Each ward or constituency shall have one registered council of chiefs consisting of not more than ten members approved by the appropriate Local Court and be registered with such Local Court, for the purposes of this Act.

(2) A council of chiefs may regulate its own procedures under this Part.

(3) The members of a council of chiefs are entitled to travelling and subsistence allowance prescribed by regulations and paid by the Ministry responsible for the administration of this Act.

Determination of  
consent

**21.** (1) A council of chiefs may, through public hearing, inquire into the rights and interest of all persons having such rights and interest in the land within its ward or constituency to determine whether or not such persons support or consent to the proposed timber harvesting and processing licence.

(2) When undertaking such inquiry under subsection (1), the council of chiefs shall take into account the following matters –

- (a) the timber harvesting and processing proposal;
- (b) any proposed reforestation or agricultural development programmes;
- (c) registration of a community company or other legal entity;
- (d) transfer of rights, interest or benefit in timber to the community company or other legal entity;
- (e) preservation or distribution of timber royalties in the event of land dispute;
- (f) the nature of any land dispute consented for settlement by the council of chiefs pursuant to the Customary Land Records Act (Cap. 132) or Local Courts Act (Cap.19) without affecting the proposed timber harvesting and development plan.

(3) If the council of chiefs is satisfied that majority of the persons having rights and interests in the land support or consent to the proposed timber harvesting and processing licence, the council of chiefs shall, in the prescribed form, issue a certificate of consent signed by all the members of the council of chiefs setting out –

- (a) a list of all persons having a right or interest in the land; and
- (b) a list of all persons having a right or interest in the land who appeared before the council setting out whether or not such persons support or object to the proposed licence.

(4) A certificate of consent shall be binding on all parties on matters consented to.

(5) A council of chiefs shall determine any other issues in dispute and settle any land ownership and boundary dispute pursuant to the procedures under the Customary Land Records Act (Cap. 132) or the Local Courts Act (Cap.19), but otherwise shall, with the majority consent of persons having rights and interests in the land, refer any unresolved land dispute to the appropriate authority.

(6) A person aggrieved by any determination made under subsection (5) may, in the prescribed procedures, appeal to Customary Land Appeal Courts established under the Land and Titles Act (Cap. 133).

(7) A certificate of consent shall amount to a waiver of any right to appeal under subsection (6) on any matter consented to, and as such no appeal shall lie on that matter listed in the certificate of consent except for any land dispute consented for settlement.

**22.** (1) No person shall export any milled timber except with an export permit issued by the Authority.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding 1,000,000 penalty units or to imprisonment not exceeding five years.

(3) The Authority may –

- (a) issue an export permit, with or without conditions;
- (b) refuse to issue the export permit;
- (c) vary, suspend or revoke an export permit; or
- (d) vary, suspend, revoke or impose any condition of an import permit.

(4) The Authority shall not issue a permit under subsection (3) if the price offered by the overseas buyer is below the prescribed prices or the Authority is satisfied that the applicant has failed to comply with any prescribed conditions.

(5) A person may, in the prescribed form, apply to the Authority for an export permit.



- (6) This section does not affect the exportation of unmilled timber under the provisions of Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap. 40) or any other written law.

#### **PART 6 – DUTIES OF COMMUNITY TRUSTEES**

**23.** (1) A person who undertakes or performs one or more of the following acts shall be deemed to be a community trustee for the purposes of this Act –

Community  
trustees

- (a) promotes community interests;
  - (b) negotiates or deals in the name of or for the benefit of a community;
  - (c) makes, uses or signs documents in the name of or for the benefit of a community;
  - (d) makes, uses or signs documents relating to interests in community land or forest in such land;
  - (e) operates, manages or maintains a bank account or other similar arrangement in the name of or for the benefit of a community;
  - (f) operates, manages or maintains an office in the name of or for the benefit of a community;
  - (g) holds himself out as a representative or agent of a community;
  - (h) does any other act which he is perceived of undertaking or performing in the name or for the benefit of a community.
- (2) The duties of a community trustee are –
- (a) the trustee shall not enter or engage in any negotiation, dealing, contract or other matter or arrangement which is unfair, unreasonable or prejudicial to the benefits, rights or interests of a community;

- (b) the trustee shall not enter or engage in any negotiation, dealing, contract or other matter or arrangement which will benefit him personally instead of the community;
  - (c) the trustee shall manage, preserve or protect any community land, resources and other property for the benefit of the community, and in particular any proceeds from the harvesting and processing of timber resources from the community land; and
  - (d) the trustee shall undertake any other matter entrusted to him by a community in the same way as a prudent trustee would undertake such matter.
- (3) A community trustee who –
- (a) dishonestly, undertakes or performs any act contrary to subsection (1); or
  - (b) breaches any duty under subsection (2), except when such duty is done in good faith,
- commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding 1,000,000 penalty units or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.
- (4) In addition to any penalty imposed under subsection (3), the court may make an order prohibiting the trustee from acting as a trustee for a community for such period the court may specify in the order.

## PART 7 – MISCELLANEOUS

State-owned forests

**24.** (1) The Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, declare any timber rights on any forests owned by the Crown to be under the control of and be harvested and processed by the Authority.

(2) The Authority shall be responsible for reforestation of the in areas declared and harvested under subsection (1).

Ministerial directions

**25.** The Minister may give general policy directives to the Authority or the Commissioner under this Act.

- 26.** The Local Courts shall establish and maintain a register of council of chiefs registered under this Act
- Register of council  
of chiefs
- 27.** (1) The Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, declare any species of trees to be prohibited from being harvested under this Act.
- Prohibited species
- (2) Trees declared under Schedule 1 to the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap.40) are deemed to be trees declared under subsection (1) and are prohibited from being harvested under this Act.
- 28.** The income of a community company or community entity in respect of the first 2,000 cubic meters of timber milled from the date of its initial operation is exempted from tax.
- Tax exemption
- 29.** A person who performs any function, duty or power under this Act shall not be subject to any action, liability, claim or demand or be liable for any matter or thing done or omitted to be done in good faith, in the performance or for any purported performance of any function or duty, or exercise or purported exercise of any power under this Act.
- Exemption of  
liability
- 30.** (1) The Minister may make regulations to give effect to the provisions of this Act, and in particular to make regulations in relation to the following –
- Regulations
- (a) to prescribe best environment practices and standards and the forest code;
  - (b) to regulate reforestation;
  - (c) to regulate timber processing;
  - (d) to regulate marketing of timber, including prescribing prices of timber for export;
  - (e) to prescribe other procedures for application licences, forms and fees for the purpose of this Act;
  - (f) to prescribe qualifications, terms and conditions and other employment related matter for employees of the Authority;
  - (g) to prescribe other procedures in relation to hearing conducted by or other matters in relation to the council of chiefs;

(h) to prescribe matters required to be prescribed under this Act.

(2) Regulations made under this Act may prescribe penalties not exceeding 200,000 penalty units or imprisonment not exceeding four years.

Transitional and savings

**31.** (1) At the commencement of this Act, any current milling licence (“milling licence”) issued under Part IV of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilization (Cap.40) shall, within forty days of the commencement date of this Act, be surrendered to the Commissioner.

(2) Any milling licence that is not surrendered within the period specified under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be cancelled.

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), a milling licence the condition of which requires the milling of a minimum of twenty percent of the annual production or quota shall continue to be held by the holder of the milling licence during the validity of the milling licence except that

- (a) the milled timber shall be sold only at the prices determined by the Authority;
- (b) the Commissioner may, pursuant to this section, continue to issue annual renewals of such milling licence for a period of up to five years from the commencement of this Act, otherwise no renewals of such licence shall be issued by the Commissioner at the expiry of five years.

Consequential amendments

**32.** (1) The Forest Resources and Timber Utilization Act (Cap.40) is amended by repealing Part IV.

(2) Any other provision of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilization Act (Cap.40) or any other written law affected by the repealing of Part IV of that Act shall be treated as having been amended or repealed accordingly.

(3) Any subsidiary legislation made under the Forest Resources and Timber Utilization Act (Cap.40) in relation to matters covered under the repealed Part IV shall continue, with necessary modification and adaptation, until replaced by regulations made under this Act.

**SCHEDULE**  
(Section 8)

**OTHER PROVISIONS FOR THE BOARD**

*Tenure*

1. (1) The members of the Board under section 6(1)(d) (“appointed members”) may be appointed for a period of up to three years, and such appointment shall be published in the *Gazette*.
- (2) The appointed members are eligible for re-appointment.
- (3) The Minister may revoke the appointment of any appointed member.

*Resignation*

2. An appointed member may, in writing addressed to the Minister, resign from the Board and the resignation is effective from the date the Minister receives the resignation.

*Vacation of office*

3. The Minister may remove an appointed member if the member –
  - (a) is declared a bankrupt;
  - (b) is serving a sentence for imprisonment for three months or more; or
  - (c) fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, without leave of the Board.

*Procedure, quorum and meetings*

4. (1) The Board shall meet at least once in every three months.
- (2) The Chairperson –
  - (a) may call a special meeting of the Board; or
  - (b) upon a written request by two or more members, shall call a special meeting to be held within seven days of receiving the request.
- (3) The Chairperson or in the absence of the Chairperson the Deputy Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

(4) If the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson are both absent from any meeting, the members present shall elect a member to preside at that meeting.

(5) The decision of the Board shall be by a majority of votes, and in addition to an original vote, the person presiding at a meeting shall have a casting vote in any case in which the vote is equal.

(6) Minutes in proper form of each meeting of the Board shall be kept.

(7) The quorum for any Board meeting shall be three members.

*Appointed members not public officers*

**5.** The membership of the appointed members shall not be a public office for the purposes of Chapter XIII of the Constitution of Solomon Islands.

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## **TIMBER DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING AUTHORITY BILL 2010**

### **OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The objects of this Bill are –

- (a) to establish an authority for the purpose of timber development and marketing;
- (b) to facilitate, promote and encouraging down-stream processing of timber by communities; and
- (c) to ensure that communities get maximum benefit from their timber resources.

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**MINISTER FOR FORESTRY**

### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

Clause 1 – provides for the short title and commencement provisions.

Clause 2 – provides for the interpretation provision.

Clause 3 – provides for application to the Crown or Government.

Clause 4 – sets out the objects.

Clause 5 – establishes the Timber Development and Marketing Authority as a corporate body to which Part VII of the Interpretation and General Provisions Act (Cap.85) will apply.

Clause 6 – establishes the Board of Directors of the Authority consisting of three Permanent Secretaries and the two other members with qualifications and experience in timber and marketing or other prescribed qualifications and experience.

- Clause 7 – provides for the remuneration and allowances for the members.
- Clause 8 – sets out the procedures and rules for the Board.
- Clause 9 – sets out the functions of the Authority.
- Clause 10 – sets out the powers of the Authority.
- Clause 11 – provides for the General Manager of the Authority and other officers, employees, etc.
- Clause 12 – provides for the funds of the Authority.
- Clause 13 – provides for the annual report of the Authority.
- Clause 14 – provides for the examination and auditing of the accounts of the Authority.
- Clause 15 – prohibits harvesting of timber and processing and milling of timber except with a timber harvesting and processing licence.
- Clause 16 – sets out the procedures for applying for a timber harvesting and processing licence. A provisional approval of the application may be given by the Commissioner to allow the applicant to comply with other provisions, such as obtaining the consent of all the members of the community who has rights and interests in the land. A person who owns a registered land may also apply for the timber harvesting and processing licence to harvest timber in his registered land.
- Clause 17 – sets out the processes for issuing provisional approval of the application.
- Clause 18 – provides for the power to issue timber harvesting and processing licence. It sets out what the licence will authorise i.e. to fell timber, to process or mill timber and to operate a mill. The licence will replace the mill licence issued under Part IV of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap.40).
- Clause 19 – regulates the transfer and assignment of licence.
- Clause 20 – provides for the establishment of council of chiefs to undertake enquiry into persons having rights and interest in the land and to facilitate the signing of a certificate of consent to show consensus of the members of the community.
- Clause 21 – provides for the process of determining consent.



- Clause 22 – regulates importation of timber through an export permit issued by the Authority.
- Clause 23 – regulates duties of community trustees.
- Clause 24 – provides for the transfer of State-owned forests to come under the control of the Authority.
- Clause 25 – empowers the Minister to give policy directions to the Authority and the Commissioner.
- Clause 26 – provides for the establishment of a Register of Council of Chiefs.
- Clause 27 – empowers the Minister to declared species of trees that may not be harvested.
- Clause 28 – provides for tax exemptions for community companies and entities undertaking timber harvesting.
- Clause 29 – exempts persons performing functions and powers under the Act from being made liable for performing such functions or powers.
- Clause 30 – Empowers the Minister to make regulations.
- Clause 31 – Provides for the transitional provisions relating to existing milling licences.
- Clause 32 – Provides for the consequential amendments to repeal Part IV of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap.40).
- Schedule – Set out procedures and rules for the Board.

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**MINISTER FOR FORESTRY**