



I assent.

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K. K. T. MARA
President

[17 September 1998]

AN ACT

TO AMEND THE NATIONAL TRUST OF FIJI ACT

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Fiji Islands—

Short title

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the National Trust of Fiji (Amendment) Act 1998.

(2) In this Act, the National Trust of Fiji Act (Cap. 265) is referred to as the “principal Act.”

The Council

2. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting “ten” and substituting “6”;
- (b) in subsection (3), by deleting “two” and substituting “3”; and
- (c) by inserting the following new subsections after subsection (6)—

“(7) A member of the Council, other than a co-opted member, who is absent from 3 consecutive meetings of the Council without the consent of the chairman ceases to be a member of the Council.

- (8) The Council may appoint one or more technical committees consisting of persons with relevant expertise from non-government organisations, government departments and the general public to assist the Council in the performance of its functions under this Act.”.

Membership

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by adding “of the Trust” after “members”.

New section 20 added

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 19 the following new section—

“National Heritage Register

20. (1) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, by order published in the *Gazette* declare any area of land (including reefs) and any building, furniture, picture or chattel as being of national historical, architectural or natural interest or beauty.
- (2) An area of land or reef declared under subsection (1) is to be known as a National Heritage Area.
- (3) A building declared under subsection (1) is to be known as a National Heritage Building.
- (4) Any furniture, picture or chattel declared under subsection (1) is to be known as a National Heritage Artefact.
- (5) The Council must keep and maintain a National Heritage Register for the purpose of recording the details of and relevant information relating to every National Heritage Area, National Heritage Building and National Heritage Artefact.
- (6) The declaration of any area, building or artefact under this section does not affect the rights of the owner of any such area, building or artefact.”.

Passed by the House of Representatives this 10th day of August 1998.

Passed by the Senate this 7th day of September, 1998.