

ANNEX 3 : RESOLUTIONS

WE, the representatives of and participants attending the Construction Industry Council conference at the Warwick Resort, 15 – 16th June, 2018;

MINDFUL of the challenges facing the construction industry in Fiji;

1. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the role of the CIC to guide the implementation of this Resolutions;
2. **RECOGNISE** the need to have a full time Secretariat to carry out the implementation of the resolutions;
3. **RECOMMEND** that all students enrolled in Technical Colleges shall be allocated apprenticeship throughout the 4 stages of the course with the support of the industry and incentives by Government.
4. **REQUEST** Government that existing training scheme and courses available at Technical Colleges and Training Centre (NPTC) are adequately met to address the immediate building industry requirements in men power, skills & expertise.
5. **RECOGNISE** the need to strengthen tertiary institutions like USP and FNU with adequate resources (in Finances, Faculty, Facilities with Industry Support) to meet the necessary required accreditation and to support the needs of the various disciplines within the construction industry.
6. **SUPPORT** the licensing of the construction industry. A working group is to be established to advance the licensing platform, including through:
 - a. Work with Government to develop the licensing platform.
 - b. Work with industry to get alignment of the industry
 - c. Explore alignment and or model with an existing licensing platform such as Queensland, NZ or another program that may be identified as more suitable for Fiji to adopt.
 - d. Set a timeframe for advancement of licensing in Fiji in alignment with Government objectives.
7. **RECOGNISE** the critical role that Government plays, through the Construction Implementation Unit (CIU) under the Ministry of Economy, as it endeavors to create confidence in the construction industry through improving tenders and contract systems.

8. **REAFFIRM** our commitment to adhering to tender and contract guidelines through CIU feedback on contractor shortfalls.
9. **COMMEND** the Fiji Mediation Centre in its efforts to minimise disputes through a win-win solution acceptable to all parties, flexible and informal process resolving dispute through discussions (getting parties to talk). This is opposed to resolving disputes through the court system, which could be lengthy and expensive.
10. **RECOMMEND** that there be separate code for low cost homes but keep it within the building code and move forward with different tiers of cover (Gold/Silver/Bronze)
11. **RECOMMEND** that a change be made to the requirement to have a renewed cyclone certificate after 7 years to a durability/maintenance certificate and extend it out to other professionals.
12. **RECOMMEND** that CIC have a panel of registered/certified contractors that are compliant and can be used for cyclone work. Delays in getting certification due to not having enough contractors to do the work.
13. **RECOMMEND** to reinforce the requirement to enforce the building code as it stops the issues around getting a certificate post build.
14. **REQUEST** the four working groups (awareness, enforcement, licensing and materials standards) to convene and to discuss the issues raised at this Conference.
15. **REQUEST** all participants to submit a list standards and codes that they wish to be considered to be added to the building Materials Standards or inclusion as new codes.
16. **REQUEST** CIC to consider complaints raised with regards to structural steel, rebars and sub-standard building products that are being imported into the country.
17. **SUPPORT** the distribution of the draft Builders licensing regulations for working group comments.

Endorsed and adopted on 16th June, 2018