



Ministry of Economy
Budget Division
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24 March, 2017

To the Budget Division of the Ministry of Economy,

Re: Budget Consultations 2017-2018

In accordance with recommendations made during the 14th National Transport Consultative Forum, following open discussion with stakeholder agencies, private sector interests, and applicable government ministries & departments, we submit our recommendations for consideration to facilitate meeting the objectives of Fiji's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the COP21 Paris Agreement of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, as well as *A Green Growth Framework for Fiji*, and the *Suva Declaration on Climate Change*, in conjunction with the vision of the Ministry of Infrastructure & Transport (*Achieving higher economic growth and prosperity for Fiji through sound advices and service delivery in quality sustainable infrastructures, safe dynamic transport systems, safe clean water, affordable energy, advanced meteorological and hydrological products*);

1. Revision of the *Electric Vehicle Charging Stations* clause of the Fiji Tax and Customs Incentives 2016/2017 publication¹ from the previous declaration to read as follows –
 - The income of any business setting up Electric Vehicle Charging Stations on or after 1st August 2017:
 - Shall be exempt from all tax upon the import of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and associated equipment, provided the minimum capital expenditure is \$30,000.00 per station.
 - Businesses or individuals importing Electric Vehicle Charging Stations shall be granted a subsidy by Government up to a maximum of:
 - 5% of the total capital outlay incurred in the development of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations provided the capital investment level is not less than \$30,000.00 and not more than \$1,000,000.
 - 10% of the total capital outlay incurred in the development and installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations provided that the capital expenditure is not less than \$1,000,000.00.
 - Capital loss of up to \$3,000 per annum per business carried forward for 3 years;
 - Duty Free Concessions on all imports classified as Electric Vehicle Charging Stations will apply.

¹ www.frca.org.fj/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2016-2017-Incentives13OCT2016.pdf



2. To qualify for the incentives included in Clause 1, all Electric Vehicle Charging Stations must derive all electricity from renewable energy sources such as solar photovoltaic (PV) or wind, and provide local storage capacity, safely managed according to EMA 2005² if not grid-connected. In the event of establishing grid-connectivity for installation of renewable energy powered Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, businesses shall be exempt from the \$50,000.00 refundable deposit required within the Fiji Electricity Authority Independent Power Producer Screening Checklist.
3. With Fiji's presidency of COP 23, through this measure, Fiji could demonstrate its commitment to tackle the emissions resulting from the transport sector. The Pacific island countries have taken a high ambition position in climate change negotiations and have supported, through the PIDF platform, a move to a sustainable transport future, having identified sustainable transport as one the PIDF's ten priorities for action.
4. This measure will also contribute to the attainment of a number of SDG targets in particular that of SDG 11, Target 11.2 "By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons" and Target 11.6 "By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management".

Yours sincerely,

**IUCN, International Union for
Conservation of Nature and
Natural Resources**

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² prdrse4all.spc.int/node/4/content/fiji-environment-management-act-2005