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## **Chief Sabino notes strong input in 2014 Draft Federal Constitution**

**Guadalcanal's Eminent Person of Constitutional Reform Program Chief Jerry Sabino praised participants of the Guadalcanal Province Awareness on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands for their strong participation during the 5-day consultation.**

Chief Sabino who is also of the President of Qaena'alu Movement of Guadalcanal, noted this in his remarks during the closing dinner at the Guadalcanal Council of Women's Centre at Henderson, Guadalcanal Province on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

"We've held a lot of feedbacks [around Guadalcanal] Lambi, Malango and so on," he said, "And this experience, I've seen and felt as we've gone out that this particular group, I've found to be very, very powerful, very strong."

Chief Sabino thanked Guadalcanal Premier Vavanga and members of his Executive for their presence and active participation during the whole five-days of consultation.

He also noted that the women participants have also come out strong in their views of contents within the 2014 Draft Federal Constitution, and that he was impressed with their participation in this round of consultation.

"I am thankful as a Guadalcanal man that we all want a way forward for Guadalcanal and that way forward will come out of our hands," said Chief Sabino, "If we want Guadalcanal to go forward and to be like others then we must work together."

He urged chiefs, community, youth, church leaders and whoever takes on leadership roles within any community to bring out their communities' participation.

He noted that the Federal State Government system, which Guadalcanal has been advocating for a long time now, can only be achieved through Guadalcanal people's unity and cooperation.

Guadalcanal's consultation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands concluded on a positive note on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

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