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Guadalcanal progresses awareness on 2014 Draft Federal Constitution

Eminent Person of the Constitutional Reform Sir Paul Tovua told participants of Guadalcanal Province Awareness activity that the 2nd 2014 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands is a result of a collective aspiration including Guadalcanal's, to have autonomy over its affairs.

He said as this is the final public consultative activity on the Draft Federal Constitution it is very important that participants must have their input on this Draft before it gets finalized.

For this activity, participants will be made aware of the current Draft and will give final inputs and endorsements on the Draft's contents. The 2nd 2014 Draft Federal Constitution was drafted by Professional Constitutional Drafter Dr. Phillip Knight during the 4th Joint CC & EPAC Plenary last year.

It was the advice of the external experts to hold a final public awareness consultation on the 2nd 2014 Draft version before it is handed over for completion.

Constitutional Congress Guadalcanal team is currently holding its awareness activity at the Kingdom Harvest Hall at Henderson, Guadalcanal since Monday 8th June 2015. This is the second team to do the Constitutional Reform activity, after Honiara City last week.

The activity is expected to last 5 days and is hosting 50 participants, which includes Members of the Guadalcanal Provincial Assembly and various stakeholders, women and community leaders from Guadalcanal.

After this the team will put together a report on the awareness and present it to the Joint Plenary, which is expected to take place late 2015.

The final Joint Plenary will, with the help of the Professional Drafter put together contents of the Final Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands.

Congress and Eminent Persons Advisory Council (EPAC) members will then handover the final content to Cabinet and the Prime Minister after it is complete.

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