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TEAM LEADERS CONCLUDE WORKSHOP WITH FEEDBACK FINDINGS ON 2009 DRAFT FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

Constitutional Congress' Team Leaders have come up with a report on findings of the Provincial/Honiara City Feedback outlining each region's considerations on each clause in the 1st 2009 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands.

The ten-day Team Leaders' Workshop concluded 22nd July 2011 with each province and Honiara City putting in their respective provincial positions into a tabled form of report called the Matrix "Consolidating Provinces and Honiara City's Positions on the 1st 2009 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands".

Each province's positions varied on some issues, which included the Preamble, Federal Powers, State Powers, Concurrent Powers and the Federal Parliament. Although this was the case, the team leaders agreed that this was not the time to debate the issues rather to leave these for the CC & Eminent Persons Advisory Council (EPAC) 2nd Joint Plenary to be held later in August 2011.

It is expected that this report will give the Joint Plenary a clearer guide when going through the Draft Federal Constitution, taking into account all the views of the provinces on important sections of the Draft.

After production, this report will be distributed to all members of Congress and EPAC to read through for the weeks approaching the 2nd Joint Plenary in August.

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