ACT NO. 1 OF 2023

I assent.

W. KATONIVERE
President

[6 April 2023]

AN ACT

TO REPEAL THE MEDIA INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT 2010 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Media Industry Development (Repeal) Act 2023.

(2) This Act comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Authority" means the Media Industry Development Authority established under section 3 of the Media Industry Development Act 2010; and

"Ministry" means the Ministry responsible for the administration of this Act.

Repeal

3. The Media Industry Development Act 2010 is repealed.

Continuation of proceedings

4. Any action, arbitration, proceeding or cause of action that, immediately before the commencement of this Act, is pending or in favour of the Authority, or to which the Authority is a party, may be prosecuted and, without amendment to any writ, pleading or other document, continued and enforced against or in favour of the Ministry.

Consequential amendments

5.—(1) The Electoral Act 2014 is amended by—

    (a) in section 2—

        (i) in the definition of "media" and "media organisation", deleting "as defined under the Media Industry Development Act 2010"; and

        (ii) deleting the definition of "Media Industry Development Authority"; and

    (b) in section 118—

        (i) in subsection (2), deleting "obtain the prior approval of the Media Industry Development Authority to"; and

        (ii) deleting subsection (3).

(2) The Television and Online Streaming Act 1992 is amended by deleting sections 4A and 9B.

(3) The Financial Management (Responsible Authority) Regulations 2019 is amended in the Schedule in item 9 by deleting the row in relation to the Media Industry Development Authority.

Passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji this 6th day of April 2023.