

BIOSECURITY ACT 2008

**Extension of Declaration of Biosecurity Emergency
Areas for Asian Subterranean Termites
(*Coptotermes gestroi*)**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 77 of the Biosecurity Act 2008, with the advice of the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji and in consultation with the National Disaster Management Council, I hereby extend the declaration of biosecurity emergency areas for Asian Subterranean Termites (*Coptotermes gestroi*) published in Legal Notice No. 60 of 2016, for the areas of Lautoka (17° 37' 16.3056" S, 177° 26' 54.0924" E) and Labasa (179° 23' 4.1208" E, 179° 23' 4.1208" E) as identified in the Schedule to this Declaration.

This Declaration is in force for a period of 6 months from the date of its publication in the Gazette.

Movement of all stages of the Asian Subterranean Termites (*Coptotermes gestroi*) including eggs, or of any material hosting *Coptotermes gestroi*, into or out of the declared biosecurity emergency areas is strictly prohibited. Host material include *Coptotermes gestroi* nests, soil, potted plants, wood, logs, timber, lumber, kindling, planks, wooden building materials, wooden furniture, live plants, harvested host plants (pine, mango, cassava, coconut tree and sugarcane), and articles made of cellulose (books, papers, clothing, textiles).

Pursuant to sections 79(3) and 94 of the Biosecurity Act 2008, any person who contravenes any direction made pursuant to this Declaration commits an offence and is liable to the penalties prescribed under Schedule 5 to the Biosecurity Act 2008.

Dated this 13th day of January 2017.

F. S. KOYA
Acting Minister for Public Enterprises