

NATURAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT 1998
(ACT No. 21 OF 1998)

Natural Disaster (Cyclone Winston) Regulations 2016

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 25 of the Natural Disaster Management Act 1998 and with the advice of the National Disaster Management Council and the Emergency Committee, I hereby make these Regulations—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Natural Disaster (Cyclone Winston) Regulations 2016.

(2) These Regulations shall take effect on the date of the Declaration of Natural Disaster (Cyclone Winston) under section 17(1) of the Natural Disaster Management Act 1998 (hereinafter referred to as “the Declaration”) and shall continue for the term of the Declaration and renewal or extension thereof.

Regulations pursuant to section 25 of the Act

2. For the duration of the Declaration and renewal or extension thereof, any officer of the Fiji Police Force and the Republic of Fiji Military Forces performing a role or discharging a responsibility in accordance with the Act may do the following—

- (a) the evacuation of people in their own interests, or in order to facilitate the necessary operations of the police or military personnel;

- (b) the temporary acquisition or control of any property, undertaking or land;
- (c) the entering and searching of any premises;
- (d) the supply and distribution of essential relief supplies, medical assistance, shelter or other resources;
- (e) the maintenance of the means of transportation by land, sea or air and the control of the transport of persons and resources;
- (f) directing the movement of persons by land, sea or air in the interests of safety; and
- (g) prohibiting the unjustified exploitation of a disaster for profit.

Offences

3. Any person, body or entity who fails to comply with any order made by an officer of the Fiji Police Force or the Republic of Fiji Military Forces in performing a role or discharging a responsibility under these Regulations commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or 12 months imprisonment or both.

Made at Suva this 20th day of February 2016.

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