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**PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1997  
(No. 7 of 1997)****SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (ELECTION OF PREMIER) (RENNELL  
AND BELLONA PROVINCE) ORDER 2019**

I, **HON. ANTHONY KAMUTULAKA VEKE**, MP, Minister for Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening, pursuant to section 47 of the Provincial Government Act 1997, make the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

- 1 This Order may be cited as the *Special Circumstances (Election of Premier) (Rennell and Bellona Province) Order 2019* and commences on the date it is published in the *Gazette*.

**Special circumstances**

- 2 This Order is necessary ad expedient for the following special circumstances:
- (1) following consecutive ballots conducted under Orders 41 to 49 of the *Standing Orders of the Provincial Assembly of Rennell and Bellona Province*, no candidate has received absolute majority for the office of Premier of Rennell and Bellona Province; and
  - (2) despite the Speaker's call, no member nominated to move accordingly as required under Order 49(f) of the *Standing Orders of the Provincial Assembly of Rennell and Bellona Province*; and
  - (3) under section 10(2) of the Act, special circumstances render it unlikely:
    - (i) that the Rennell and Bellona Provincial Assembly will resolve that it should be dissolved; and
    - (ii) for a resolution for dissolution to be supported by votes of an absolute majority of the members of the Assembly; and

- (4) no other provision has been made or exists in or under this Act to rectify the circumstance.

**Appointment of new date for election of Premier**

- 3 I hereby appoint 5 August 2019 as the new date for the election of the Premier of Rennell and Bellona Province.

**Failure to elect Premier results in dissolution of Assembly and new date for fresh elections**

- 4 I hereby direct that if, by 12 am midnight of the date appointed in clause 3 of this Order, no candidate receives an absolute majority in the election for the office of Premier of Rennell and Bellona Province, that the Rennell and Bellona Provincial Assembly be dissolved with immediate effect and a new date for fresh elections will be appointed.

MADE IN HONIARA this thirtieth-first day of July, 2019.

HON. ANTHONY KAMUTULAKA VEKE, MP  
MINISTER FOR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT  
AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING