



The Fijian Government Ministry of Environment 2017-2018 Budget Highlights

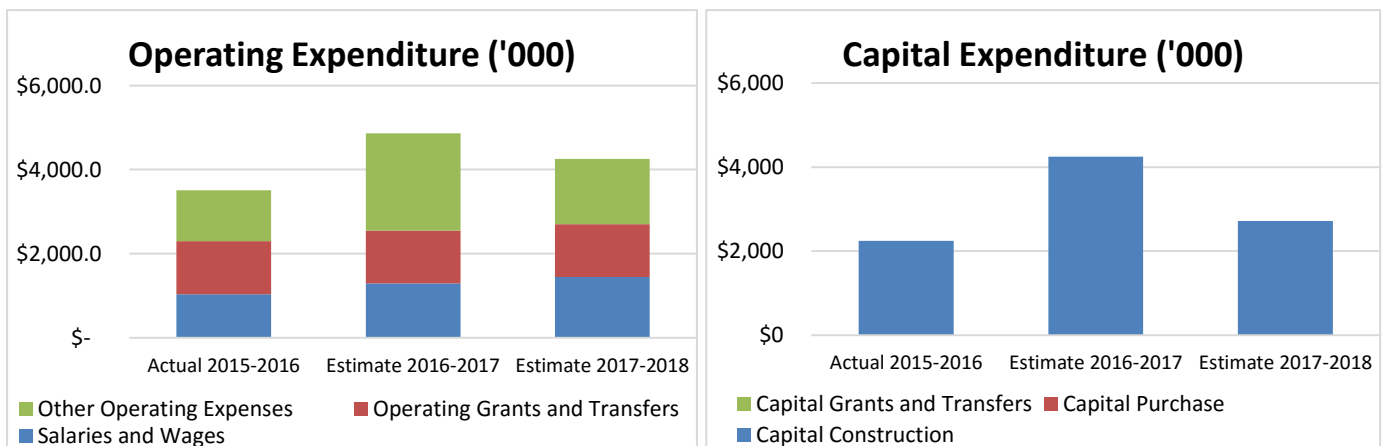
The newly formed Ministry of Environment is responsible for protecting Fiji's natural environment, given the vast importance that Fijian flora and fauna have for Fiji's national development and the cultural significance they bear for the Fijian people.

By implementing various environmental legislations, policies and programmes, the Ministry seeks to drive a cultural values shift in Fijian society by expanding awareness on environmental protection and enforcing strict adherence to the laws that preserve Fiji's environment and natural resources for future generations.

The Ministry will carry out this role through the enforcement of the Environment Management Act 2005 and other legislations such as the Environment Management (EIA Process) Regulations 2007, Environment Management (Waste Disposal and Recycling) Regulations 2007, Ozone Depleting Substances Act 1998, Ozone Depleting Substances Regulations 2010, Endangered and Protected Species Act 2002 and the Litter (Amendment) Act 2010.

As the national focal point for the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, the Ministry will also be responsible for implementing the National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan.

The total budget for the Ministry of Environment in 2017-2018 is **\$7.3 million**, comprising **\$4.2 million** for operating expenditure, **\$2.7 million** for capital expenditure and VAT of **\$0.4 million**.



Ongoing Initiatives

- Stage 2 Cell 2 Naboro Landfill: improves waste management in the Central Division by constructing Stage 2 Cell 2 of the Naboro Landfill that will provide landfill air-space for an estimated lifespan of two additional years (\$2,717,129).
- Subsidy Naboro Landfill: assists municipal councils in the central division with the disposal of waste at the Naboro landfill by subsidising the gate fee. Municipal councils will continue to pay the old rate of \$23.83 per ton while the Government subsidises the difference of \$17.54 (\$1,200,000).
- Environment Management Act: assists with the implementation of the Environment Management Act and raises awareness on the Act provisions (\$120,000).
- Litter Awareness: provides assistance to the Municipal Councils to conduct quarterly clean up campaigns that ensure white goods, such as damaged television sets, washing machines and old refrigerator machines, are disposed of properly (\$100,000).
- 3R Awareness Programme: supports the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (3Rs) programme by raising awareness in primary and secondary schools. Funds will be used to purchase 3Rs bins for all schools located within the boundaries of municipal councils (\$100,000).
- Phase-out of Methyl Bromide: covers the ongoing training of officers from the Department of Environment, Fiji Ports Authority, Biosecurity Authority of Fiji, and private sector fumigation companies on the Accredited Fumigation standards and procedures. The Ozone Unit within the Ministry will facilitate these trainings (\$30,000).
- HCFC Phase-out Management Plan: implements programmes outlined in the Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out Management Strategy that will assist Government to meet its obligation to the Montreal Protocol in order to maintain the ten per cent reduction in the use of ozone depleting gases (\$40,000).