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- 1 Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.
- 2 A comprehensive review of local government in Fiji was undertaken by a review and reform committee in the second half of 2008, with the government later deciding to replace all elected municipal councils with appointed administrators for an indefinite period.
- 3 This refers to the situation at the time the project commenced, prior to the dismissal of elected councils in 2009.
- 4 *Fonos* are district, town or village meetings.
- 5 'Principles on Good Practice for Local Democracy and Good Governance' adopted at the Commonwealth Local Government Conference held in Aberdeen, Scotland, in March 2005.
- 6 The Urban Fijian Programme Unit within the Ministry of Fijian Affairs has to address, as part of its remit, the issues surrounding the inclusion of Fijian villages within the boundary of a municipality.
- 7 Often called 'mayors', but in fact representatives appointed by village councils to deal with central government.
- 8 *Pulenu'u* are often described as 'village mayors', but this is misleading as they lack local executive authority and can only advise the *fono*.
- 9 Presentation by Tongan representative to 2010 meeting of CLGF Pacific Project Technical Advisory Panel.
- 10 This section draws heavily on the *Commonwealth Local Government Handbook* pp. 66–71 (CLGF 2009).
- 11 Various other components have been added to the ministry from time to time, e.g. urban development, housing and environment.
- 12 Under s4 of the act, the committee shall be appointed by the minister and shall consist of a chairman, who shall hold office for a period of five years, and not less than two other members appointed for any particular enquiry.
- 13 These provisions were all rendered inoperative following the replacement of councils with Special Administrators in early 2009.
- 14 It should be noted, however, that many of the areas of concern identified by the Commission are in fact primarily national government responsibilities, with the council playing at most a supporting role.
- 15 The project is currently under review, with the likelihood of an extension – although perhaps in a different form.
- 16 There is some uncertainty regarding the relationship between the two acts, due in part to lack of clarity in drafting.
- 17 Actual appointment is made by minister for lands, but in accordance with council's advice.
- 18 There is some doubt as to whether the appointed councillors may take part in electing the mayor.
- 19 Honiara City Council has its own 'enforcement officers', chiefly to enforce by-laws, and there has been some confusion of roles and responsibilities with the national police force.
- 20 This could be seen to counter Schoeffel's (2003) proposition that decentralised governance tends simply to cut the 'pie' of available resources into smaller pieces.
- 21 Since 2010 *pulenu'u* have been officially termed *sui-o-le-nu'u* ('village representative').
- 22 Henceforth *pulenu'u* includes *tofi-ole-malo*.
- 23 Now known as *sui-tamaitai*.
- 24 Availability of resources may, of course, increase over time, and likely improvements in the foreseeable future need to be taken into account in setting legislative parameters.

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