

# **Fiji's (draft) Village By-Laws and National Gender Equality Policies**

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# But Why Codify it?

◆ 1875 > 2010 > 2016

## Motivation

- increase indigenous support base?
- vote buying?
- control and surveillance?





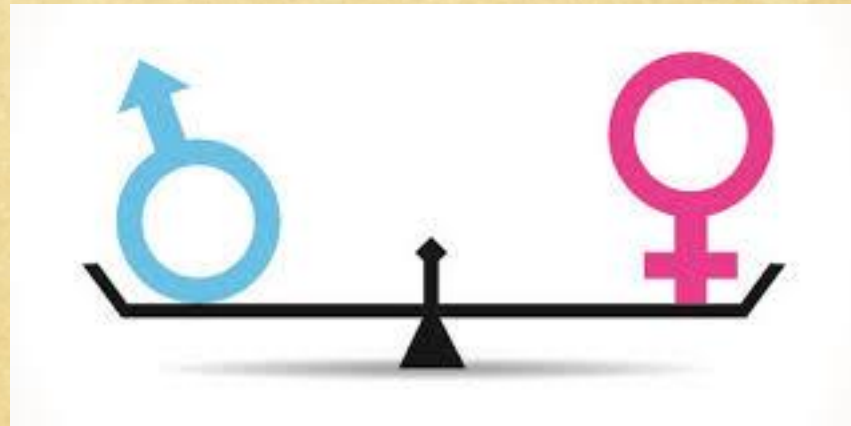
# Process

- ◆ **Key Elements of the 2016 Village By-Laws Process**
  - **Introduced 28 October 2016**
  - **Ministry of iTaukei > iTaukei Affairs Board > Solicitor General's Office**
  - **Methodist Church of Fiji**
  - **2011 'Scoping Study'**
- ◆ **Public Discourse**



# Fiji's National Gender Equality Commitments

- ◆ Women's Plan of Action 2010 -2019
- ◆ National Gender Equality Policy (came into effect 2014)
- ◆ Ministry of Women
- ◆ Fiji Constitution 2013





# Content - Gender Analysis

- ◆ Gendered Language
- ◆ Committee Leadership
- ◆ Moral Policing and Control of Girls and Women
- ◆ Violence Against Girls and Women
- ◆ Economic Empowerment

# Conclusion

**Problem Solving?**

**Moral Panic**

**Social and cultural context determines application**