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FNPF BENEFICIARIES WILL SUE FNPF BOARD MEMBERS IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY IF FNPF REVIEW GOES AHEAD WITHOUT A PROPER INQUIRY.

Beneficiaries of the Fiji National Provident Fund say that if any review or reform of FNPF goes ahead, as indicated by the newspaper advertisements and press statements of the Chief Executive of FNPF, the beneficiaries will sue and hold legally liable the individual members of the current FNPF Board **in their personal capacity** because the members of the Board were not appointed lawfully.

This morning letters were delivered to Ajith Kodagoda, Tom Ricketts, Taito Waqa, Tevita Kuruvakadua, and Sashi Singh stating that each of them was not appointed according to section 3 (1) of the FNPF Act, hence his appointment was *ultra vires* the Act. Accordingly, each member will be sued in his **personal capacity** if the 'Board' effected reviews of the FNPF that would reduce the pensions of any beneficiaries.

A similar letter has also been sent to the Minister of Finance who appoints the members of the FNPF Board. The letter to the Minister also states that the proposed review is in breach of **Pillar 8** of the People's Charter and **Chapter 5** of the State of the Nation and the Economy (SNE) Report which was a Social Compact reached between the Government and a wide cross-section of the community.

The letters were sent to the individuals on the FNPF Board and the Minister by the firm of **ShameemLaw**.

Copies of the letters accompany this press statement.

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