

**‘I HE FAKAMAAU‘ANGA MA‘OLUNGA ‘O TONGA
FAKAMAAU FAKASIVILE
FAI‘ANGA LESISITA - NUKU‘ALOFA**

CV 45 ‘o e 2026

VAHA‘A ‘O	:	‘ETUATE LAVULAVU	Talatalaaki
MO E	:	PALĒMIA ‘O TONGA	Faka‘iloa ‘Uluaki
MO E	:	PULĒ‘ANGA FAKATU‘I ‘O TONGA	Faka‘iloa Hono Ua

TU‘UTU‘UNI ‘A E FAKAMAAU‘ANGA

‘I HE ‘AO ‘O: **HON. LORD CHIEF JUSTICE BISHOP KC**

Hā ‘i he Fakamaau‘anga : Ko e Talatalaaki
: Mr S Sisifa SC, Solicitor General ma‘a e Ongo Faka‘iloa

KUO FANONGOA e kole ‘a e Talatalaaki‘ ki ha tu‘utu‘uni ta‘ofi fakataimi pea mo e tali ki ai ‘a e Faka‘iloa‘, ‘a ia na‘e ma‘u ‘e he Fakamaau‘anga‘ he pongipongi ni, pea ‘i he fakatokanga‘i ‘a e ngaahi faingata‘a ‘oku tupu mei he ‘ikai ‘i ‘iai ‘a Justice Garlick – ‘oku ‘i tu‘apule‘anga, pea mo Justice Tupou - ‘oku lolotonga fakahoko ngaahi hopo ‘i Vava‘u, koe‘uhi ke fakakaukaua pē ‘e fakahoko ‘a e fanongoa faka‘osi‘ ‘i he ‘ao pē ‘o e Lord Chief Justice taha pē, pe ‘i he ‘ao ‘o e kau Fakamaau Lahi kotoa ‘o e fakamaau‘anga‘ (en banc);

PEA ‘I HONO FAKAKAUKAUA ‘o e makatu‘unga e kole ‘a e Talatalaaki‘, ‘o pehē na‘e ta‘ofi ta‘efakalao ia mei he‘ene kau ki he Fakataha mo e Kau Faionongonongo‘ (Press Conference);

PEA ‘I HE FIEMĀLIE ‘o e mo‘oni ko ‘eni na‘e ‘ikai ke fakaafe‘i fakapatonu mahino ‘a e Talatalaaki‘ ke kau ki he Fakataha mo e Kau Faionongonongo‘, pea ‘i he tu‘unga ko ia‘ ‘iate ia pē, ‘oku ‘ikai fe‘unga ‘a e makatu‘unga ko ia ki he kole tokoni ‘oku kumi ki ai‘; pea mo hono fakakaukaua ‘a e ‘uhinga na‘e fakahū mai ‘e he Faka‘iloa‘ ki hono vahe‘i ki tu‘a‘, ‘oku kau ki ai ‘a e faka‘eke ‘oku kei fakahoko ‘e he Communications Commission Tonga pea mo e tukuaki‘i ‘o ha ‘ulungaanga ta‘efakafiemalie ‘oku ‘ikai fakamahino‘i pau;

‘OKU TU‘UTU‘UNI AI HENI KE:

[1] ‘Oku ta‘ofi ‘a e tu‘utu‘uni ta‘ofi fakataimi lolotonga‘, ‘a ē na‘e tuku atu ‘i he ‘aho 4 ‘o Sepitema 2026 kae ‘oua kuo hili ange ‘a e fakataha hoko mo e kau faiongoongo‘.

[2] ‘E fakahoko ‘a e fakataha hoko mo e kau faiongoongo‘, ta‘e ha fakafaingata‘a‘ia‘i ki he kau ki ai ‘a e Talatalaaki, ‘o fakafounga ‘i ha‘a ne mamata tonu ki ai ‘i he ngaahi fakamafola tonu (livestream) ‘oku

angamaheni hono fakahoko 'i he ngaahi mitia fakasosiale', makatu'unga 'i he fakapapau fakalao mo e tukunga 'oku 'oatu 'i lalo'. 'Oku fakapapau fakalao 'a e Talatalaaki' ki he Fakamaau'anga 'o pehe:

a. ko ha ngaahi fehu'i 'e 'eke 'e he Talatalaaki' 'i he fakataha mo e kau faiongoongo', 'e fakahoko atu ia 'i he founa lelei mo faka'apa'apa; pea

b. ko ha ngaahi tali 'e fakahoko 'i he fakataha mo e kau faiongoongo', 'e tuku atu totonu ia.

[3] 'Oku fekau'i 'a e Solicitor General ke ne fokotu'utu'u ke hiki ongo (audio) pe hiki faka'elekitulonika 'a e fakataha hoko mo e kau faiongoongo'.

[4] 'E fakahū atu e tatau 'o e lekooti 'o e fakataha hoko mo e kau faiongoongo' ki he Fakamaau'anga'.

[5] 'E kau 'i he lekooti ko eni' 'a e ngaahi fehu'i 'oku 'eke 'e he, pē ma'ae, Faka'iloa', fakataha mo e tali na'e 'oatu ki ai'.

[6] 'E fakakaukaua 'e he Fakamaau'anga' 'a e hiki mo e ngaahi tu'unga 'o e kau atu 'a e Talatalaaki' ki he fakataha hoko mo e kau faiongoongo', 'o kau ki ai pē na'e foaki ha faingalie lelei pe totonu ki he Talatalaaki' ke kau atu mei tu'a pea mo 'eke fehu'i.

[7] 'I hono fakapapau'i 'a e tu'utu'uni ta'ofi lolotonga' - pe 'e hoko atu, liliu, pe ko e tu'utu'uni fakangata, 'e vakai 'a e Fakamaau'anga' ki he fakato'onga 'a e Talatalaaki' 'i he fakataha hoko mo e kau faiongoongo' pē na'e tauhi pau 'a e Talatalaaki' ki he ngaahi fakapapau fakalao ki he Fakamaau'anga'.

[8] 'Oku fakatatali e 'aofangatuku 'a e Fakamaau'anga' - pē ko e hoko atu, liliu pē fakangata 'a e tu'utu'uni ta'ofi lolotonga', kae 'oua ke hili ange hono fakakaukaua 'a e lekooti mo e ngaahi me'a 'e tanaki mei he fakataha hoko mo e kau faiongoongo'.

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[Fakamo'oni mo e sila 'o e Fakamaau'anga 'oku 'asi 'i he pepa totonu]

HON. MALCOLM BISHOP KC
LORD CHIEF JUSTICE (FAKAMAUA LAHI)