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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE NO 1 OF 2018

DATE	14 SEPTEMBER 2018
CIRCULATION	ALL LAWYERS GENERAL PUBLIC
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE	PENDING CUSTOMARY LAND CASES
SUBJECT	VACATION OF ALL PENDING CUSTOMARY LAND APPEALS IN THE SUPREME COURT AND PENDING CUSTOMARY LAND CASES IN THE ISLAND COURT
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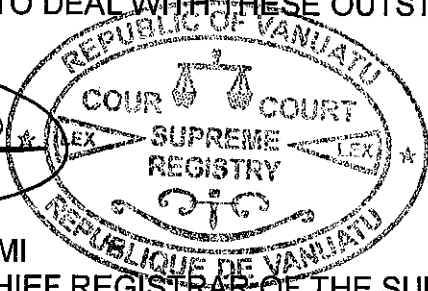
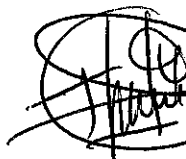
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BACKGROUND:

1. THERE ARE PENDING CUSTOMRY LAND CASES IN THE ISLAND COURT AND PENDING CUSTOMARY LAND APPEAL CASE IN THE SUPREME COURT
2. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU DID NOT ALLOCATE ANY BUDGET FOR LAND HEARING OF PENDING LAND CASES THIS YEAR 2018.
3. THE CURRENT BUDGET OF THE JUDICIARY DURING THIS TIME OF THE YEAR DOES NOT ALLOW FOR ANY LISTING OF CUSTOMARY LAND CASES IN ISLAND COURTS AND APPEAL CASES IN THE SUPREME, OR PERMIT ANY VIREMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF LISTING PENDING CUSTOMARY LAND CASES.

INFORMATION:

1. THERE WILL BE NO LISTING OF PENDING CUSTOMARY LAND APPEAL CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT AND PENDING CUSTOMARY LAND CASES IN THE ISLAND COURT IN 2018
2. THIS MEANS THERE WILL BE NO COURT HEARING OF LAND CASE THIS YEAR 2018.
3. THIS ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE AFFECTS CUSTOMARY LAND APPEALS IN THE SUPREME COURT REGISTRY AND CUSTOMARY LAND CASES IN THE ISLAND COURT REGISITRIES.
4. THE SUPREME COURT RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU THAT BUDGET WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR THESE LAND CASES IN THE YEAR 2019, THEREFORE A SPECIAL REGIME WILL BE SET UP TO DEAL WITH THESE OUTSTANDING LAND MATTERS IN 2019..



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