



**THE COOK ISLANDS GAZETTE**  
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**COOK ISLANDS PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTION 2018**

**PURSUANT** to Section 50 of the Electoral Act 2004, **I, TAGGY TANGIMETUA**, Chief Electoral Officer **HEREBY GIVE NOTICE** that every employer on polling day shall allow every worker in his or her employment to leave their place of work for the purpose of voting not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon on election day. It shall not be lawful for any employer to make any deduction from any remuneration payable to any worker in respect of any reasonable time taken to cast their vote.

And further give notice and warning **PURSUANT** to Section 83(4), (5) and (6) of the Act that:

No person shall, directly or indirectly, induce any elector to display his or her voting paper after he or she has marked it, so as to make known to any person the name of the candidate for or against whom he or she has voted or the name of the political party for which he or she has voted.

No elector shall willfully do anything in any booth which might tend to disclose the candidate for whom or the political party for which he or she has voted.

Every person who offends against this section commits an offence, and is liable on conviction to a fine up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for a term up to six months.

**DATED** at Rarotonga this 12th day of June 2018.

Taggy Tangimetua

**CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER**