

# EIA- SCREENING & SCOPING

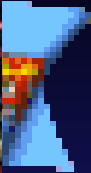
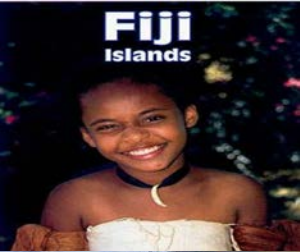
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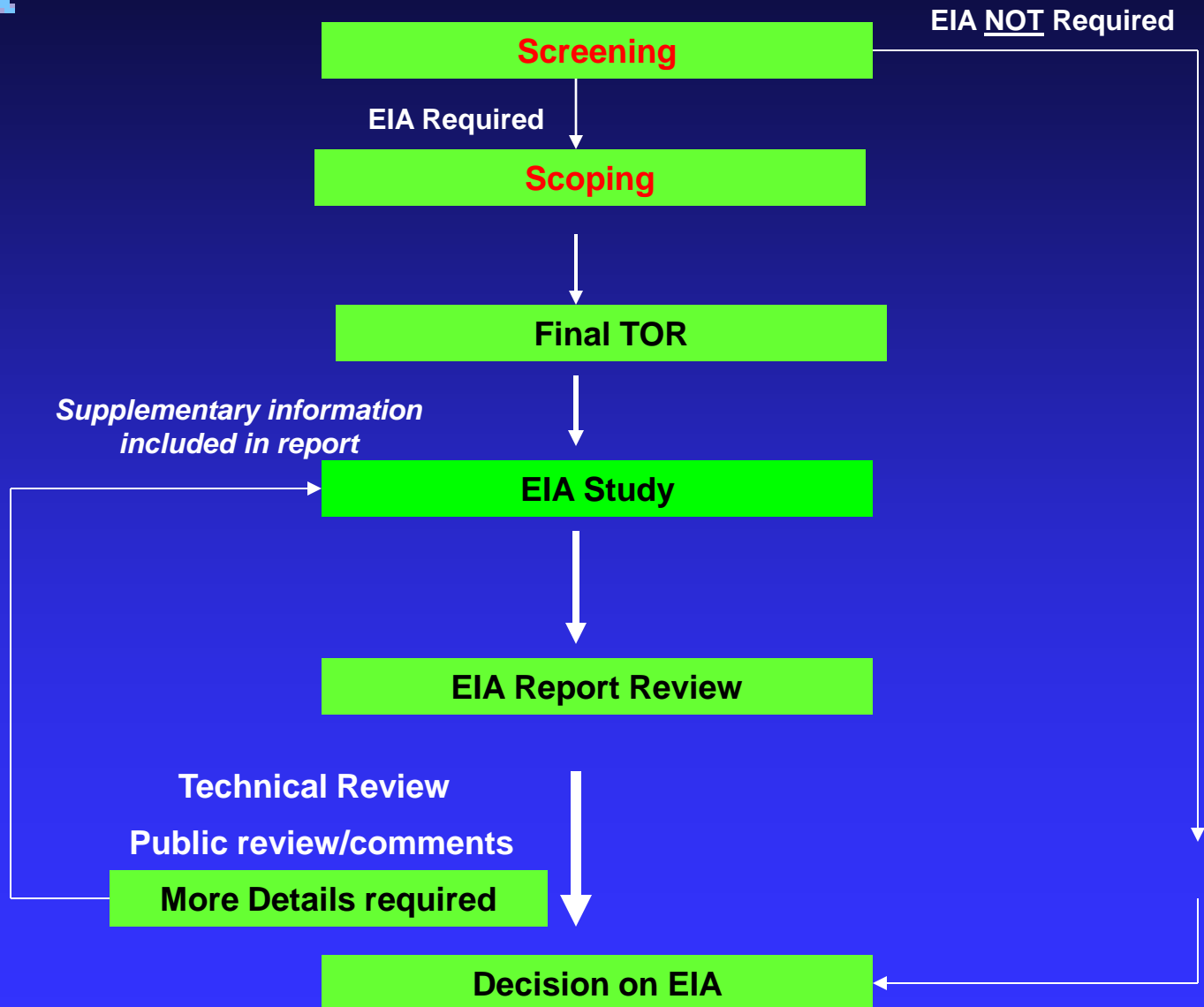


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# EIA Process







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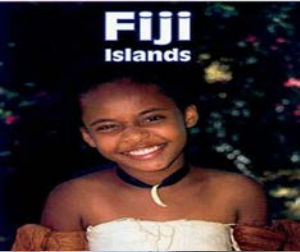




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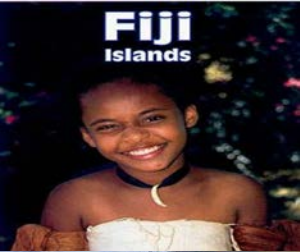
# Environment Management Act (EMA)

- Passed in Parliament in 2005 came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.
- AN ACT-
- FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL AND FOR RELATED MATTERS



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# Purpose of Environment Management Act 2005 (EMA 2005)



- ▶ To apply the principles of sustainable use and development of natural resources ;
- ▶ To identify matters of national importance for the Fiji Islands.
- ▶ 7 Parts of EMA

Part 1 – Preliminary

Part 2 – Administration

Part 3 – Environment Reports & Plans

**Part 4 – Environment Impact Assessment**

Part 5 – Waste Management & Pollution

Part 6 – Offences & Penalties

Part 7 – Miscellaneous

**Schedule 1 – Environmental & Resources Management**

**Act**

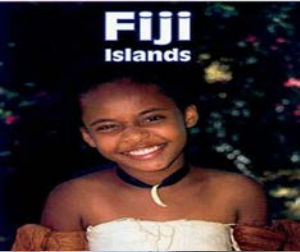
**Schedule 2 – Development Proposals**



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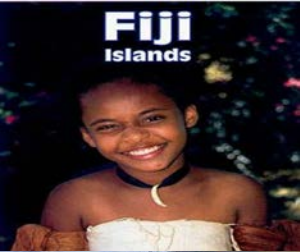


# What is Environment Impact Assessment (EIA)?



- ▶ EIA is the process of identifying, predicting, evaluating and mitigating the biophysical, social and other relevant effects of development proposals prior to major decisions being taken or commitments made.
- ▶ EIA is applied to development proposals or projects as defined in the Environment Management Act (2005) and Environment Management (EIA Process) Regulations 2007





# Role of the EIA Administrator / Director of Environment

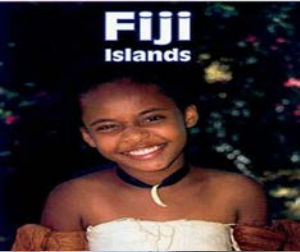
- To examine and process every development proposal which is referred to it by an approving authority, which may come to the attention of the unit as having a significant environment or resource management impact



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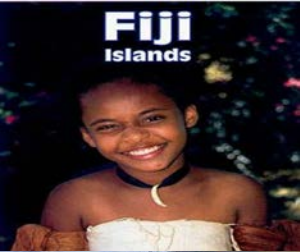
# Interpretation - EMA

- *Development proposal* – means a proposal for a development activity or undertaking submitted to an approving authority for approval under any written law.



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# Development proposal or undertaking

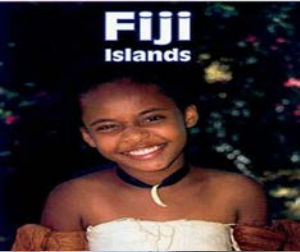
Means any activity or undertaking likely to alter the physical nature of the land in any way, and includes the construction of buildings or works, the deposit of wastes or other material from outfalls, vessels or by other means, the removal of sand, coral, shells, natural vegetation, sea grass or other substances, dredging, filling, land reclamation, mining or drilling for minerals, but does not include fishing.



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# SCREENING

What is the purpose of the screening stage?

The purpose of the screening stage is to determine whether a proposed development requires environmental impact assessment study or not.

i.e. Part 1 - EIA Administrator

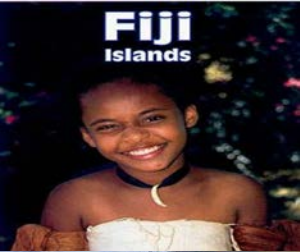
Part 2 - Approving Authority

Part 3 - May not require EIA



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- Details of the contact person
- Prescribed Forms
- Evidences as to the ownership of the land that is subject of the proposal
- An indication of whether the owner consents to the development  
(Native/ State/Freehold)
- Locality Plans/ Drawings  
Schedule 1

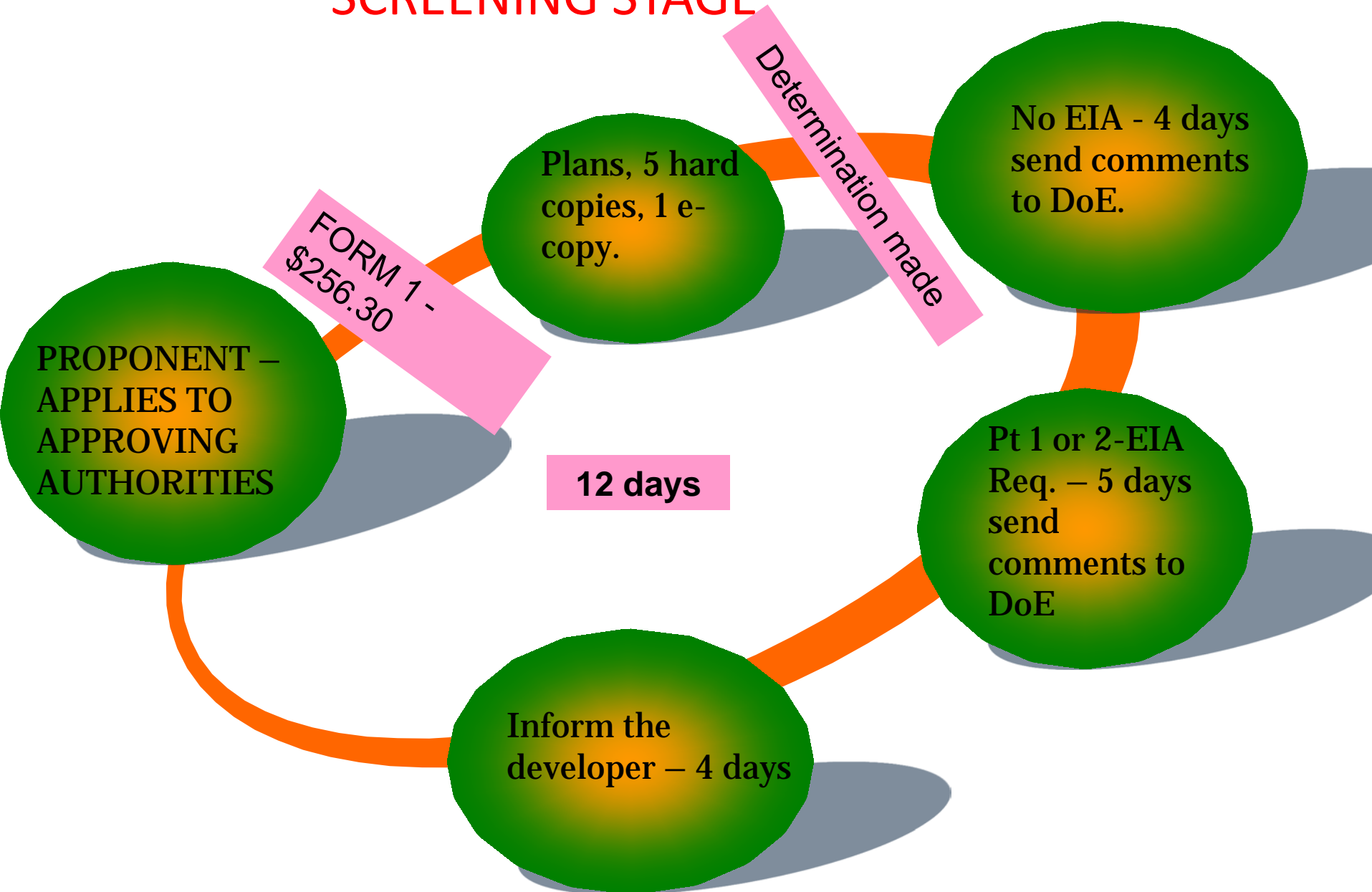


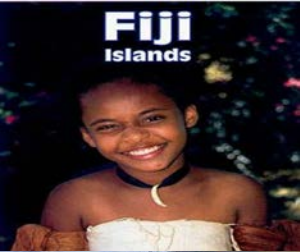
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# SCREENING STAGE





# SCOPING



- Inspection of the site (Stakeholders)

- Existing Environment

*Physical – Topography, Geology ....*

*Biological - Flora & Fauna*

*Social - villages, settlements....*

- Developer (lodge application - pay fee according to value of development)

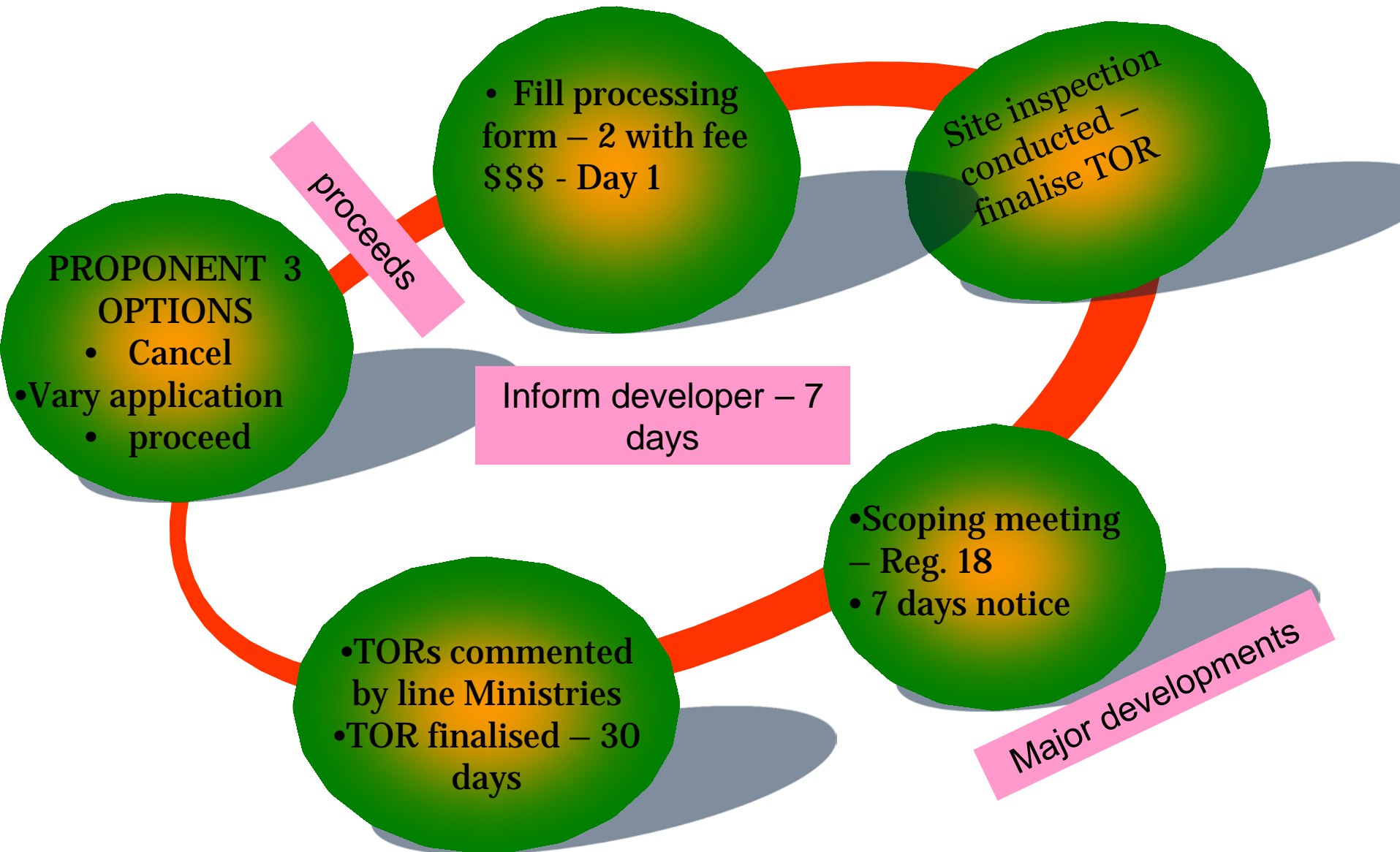


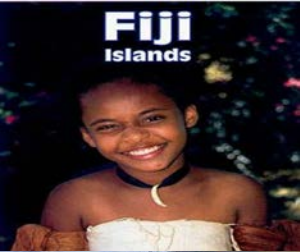
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# SCOPING STAGE





# PROCESSING FEES

## SCHEDULE 2 (Regulation 46)

Application for EIA processing of a proposal (Fees are charged according to the value of development proposed).

### VALUE OF DEVELOPMENT

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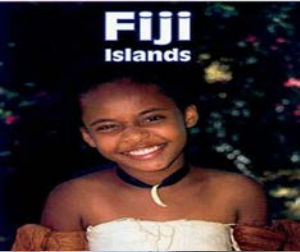
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- Value exceeding \$500,000 but not exceeding \$999,999 ..... **2050**
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- Value exceeding \$10,000,000 ..... **5012.5**



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# ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT UNIT



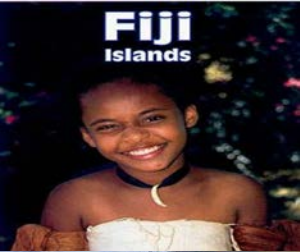
(EMU)

- CEOs (PS) Ministry, department, statutory authority may, if required establish a unit responsible for environment management
- Scoping a development if it is to be processed by the authority
- Assist the EIA Administrator if it is to be processed by the EIA Administrator
- Review or assist in reviewing EIA report, Management Plan or Protection Plan
- Monitoring (Enforcing) Conditions
- Processing at the request of the EIA Administrator



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