IN THE STATUTORY TRIBUNAL, FIJI ISLANDS SITTING AS THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS TRIBUNAL



Ex Tempore Decision

Title of Matter:

Suliasi Wasavu, Kelemete Raika, Epeli Tukuwasa,

Jiuta Tokula, Waisea Ligalailai & Koroi Soloveni

(Grievors)

V

Tosa Bussan (Fiji) Ltd

(Employer)

Section:

Section 211 Employment Relations Act 2007

Subject:

Determination of grievances

Matter Number:

ERT GrievanceNos.102, 103, 104, 105, 106 & 107 of 2013

Appearances:

Mr A Prakash, Attorney General's Chambers for the Official Receiver

No Appearance by the Labour Officer

Date of Hearing:

28 November 2017

Before:

Mr Andrew J See, Resident Magistrate

Date of Decision:

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- On the last occasion in which these matters were called, the Labour Officer was asked to
 consider the utility of pursuing the applications before the Tribunal, on the basis that the
 Respondent company had gone into liquidation and appeared to have no further funds to
 distribute. It is noted that the Labour Officer did not appear in proceedings today for that
 purpose.
- In any event Mr Prakash on behalf of the Official Receiver in Liquidation, did enter an appearance to confirm that the company had no assets or any further monies for distribution in any event.
- 3. Given the nature of the case before the Tribunal, the Workers have nonetheless sought to vindicate their reputation against the allegations of any misconduct. There is no public benefit derived in hearing that issue.

- 4. In view of the above, the Tribunal has decided based on the special circumstances of this case, to terminate all grievances and to make no findings as to the substance of the allegations that were levelled against the Workers.
- 5. The Workers should be given the benefit of the presumption of innocence in the absence of any such findings to the contrary.
- 6. The matters in each instance are dismissed.

Mr Andrew J See
Resident Magistrate