

## **LTA LIFTS PSV FREEZE**

The Land Transport Authority Board, at its last meeting for 2004, has lifted a freeze on the receipt of PSV permit applications, put in place on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004, in the Western and Northern regions and in the outlying islands of the Central Eastern region.

While this effectively gives the green light for all areas within the West and North to make applications, areas that can now make applications in the Central Eastern are Kadavu, Lakeba, Vanuabalavu, Levuka, Koro, Gau and Rotuma.

The freeze remains for the remainder of the Central Eastern Region because of the number of pending applications that still have to be dealt with.

The Authority is in the process of putting together a database which will assist it to accept applications for areas where there is a lack of services, rather than accepting any application submitted, to allow for a fairer distribution of PSV to enable operators to make a decent living also ensuring that the public, at large is able to move when it wants to and in whatever mode of transport it wishes to use.

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