



ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION DIVISION [ECD]

Guide for Disclosing (Displaying) EIA Report

This guide is prepared in accordance with section 36 (1) & (2) of the Environment Act 1999 (as amended in 2007)

1. Displaying an EIA Report

When the EIA study report has been completed, the applicant must bring the report to the attention of interested persons by doing the followings:

1. *Display EIA reports at places to be advised by ECD but not limited to OB Public Notice, Bairiki National Library, MELAD, USP-Teaoraareke, TUC office, BTC office, or Outer Island Council office (if the project is for outer islands).*
2. Make EIA report publication notices to the general public through
 - *radio announcements over radio Kiribati 2 times a day (morning, and evening), for 3 days in a week, for 4 weeks.*
 - *newspapers preferably Te Uekera for two days in week and the NewStar, and Te Mauri on a weekly basis for 4 weeks. The size of the notice on the papers should be at least ½ a page of the A4 size.*

The publication notices (as in 2) should inform the general public that:

- a) *the EIA study had been undertaken for the project, and the EIA report can now be sighted at places mentioned in (1) for comments,*
- b) *the public are welcomed to see the report at places mentioned in (1) for comments,*
- c) *any comments on the EIA report should be sent to the Secretary of Environment, Lands, and Agricultural Development within 30 days of the display.*

At the end of the publication notice, the applicant should submit to ECD copies of publication notices announced over the radio, and published in the newspapers. He/she should also submit the summary of the publication notices made.

3. Convening a public hearing

- *the public hearing should be convened before the end of 30 days EIA report public display,*
- *the number of public hearings will be determined by ECD in consultation with the applicant,*
- *the public hearing should be convened at the maneabas or community halls*
- *the public hearing notice should be made over radio Kiribati and FM89, and the newspapers – Uekera and Newstar,*
- *In the notification, the applicant must state the purpose, venue, date, and time of the public hearing*
- *In the public hearing the applicant/consultant must discuss the followings:*
 - ✓ Details of the proposal – what is it and where is it located?
 - ✓ Project need or justification – why is the project necessary?
 - ✓ Findings from the EIA study on the possible impacts of the project,
 - ✓ How the impacts affect each stakeholder group and the environment?
 - ✓ What measures are proposed to minimize impacts?
 - ✓ Get general view of the public on the project

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