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गृह मंत्रालय और आप्रवासन

Ministry of Home Affairs & Immigration.

Policy Statement

Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration

Purpose

The purpose of this policy statement is to outline the immediate policy priorities of the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration, the Hon Pio Tikoduadua.

Policy Priorities

As Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration, my policy priorities are:

1. **Build public trust in defence and security institutions.** Maintaining the Fiji people's confidence in their defence, security, and border institutions is my highest priority.
2. **Enhance civilian-led policy.** The role of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration is to set policy direction on Fiji's defence, security, and migration. To achieve this, I will grow the Ministry's strategy and policymaking capabilities, in close consultation with all agencies under my portfolio.
3. **Strengthen traditional defence and security partnerships.** Fiji's security and prosperity is strengthened by our traditional defence and security partnerships. We will pursue our interests on an equal-footing as true partners. Fiji wants a stable and prosperous region upheld by respect for sovereignty and a rules-based order.
4. **Contribute to regional security.** Climate change and natural disasters increasingly threaten Pacific livelihoods and regional stability. We will continue to support our neighbours and Pacific family in times of crisis, in line with the *2050 Strategy for Our Blue Pacific Continent*.
5. **Enhance migration management and border capabilities to support a safe, secure and prosperous Fiji.** Deliver efficient and effective immigration services to ensure the safety, security and prosperity of Fijians. Professionally administer and enforce relevant legislation to protect Fiji, Fijians, and our visitors.
6. **Support a whole-of-government approach to border security.** Strengthen measures to prevent and respond to illegal incursions into Fiji, particularly transnational organised crime. Focus investment in technologies to modernise border management systems, including enhanced air and maritime surveillance.

About the Ministry Portfolio

The newly elected Government of Fiji has re-established the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration. The Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration is responsible for a portfolio comprising:

- Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration
- Fiji Immigration Department
- Republic of Fiji Military Forces
- Fiji Police Force

The policy priorities in this statement will guide the overall strategic planning of the Ministry and portfolio agencies, in alignment with their individual organisational and corporate strategies. Policy priorities will be developed collaboratively in the spirit of consultation and democratic governance to ensure the best outcomes for the Fijian people.

Next steps

To achieve these policy priorities, the Ministry will develop a strategic policy plan with portfolio agencies, in consultation with relevant whole-of-government stakeholders.

I will strengthen my Ministry to ensure the Fiji people's wishes and concerns are expressed through their government's defence and security policy. This will take time as we all learn new ways of working together.



Hon. Pio Tikoduadua MP
Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration

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