



GOVERNMENT OF NIUE
Cabinet and Parliamentary Services Department

Press Statement:

New Zealand announces Pacific enabling fund

The Premier of Niue, Hon Sir Toke Talagi welcomes the announcement by New Zealand's Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Peters of the establishment of a \$US6.7 million Pacific Enabling Fund.

The Premier is particularly pleased that the fund is targeted at a range of activities which sit outside New Zealand's formal aid funding arrangements, but that are still important to the region.

Niue and New Zealand share a long history as constitutional partners and have a strong, cooperative and productive partnership through assistance from New Zealand's Aid Funding arrangements.

The Premier is also appreciative that as part of the strengthened and maturing relationship between New Zealand and Niue, that projects such as the recent completion of the Taoga Niue Museum can be delivered by Niue with assistance from New Zealand.

The establishment of the fund and the recent decisions by both the governments of New Zealand and Australia to strengthen their presence in the region will increase confidence particularly in regional security but also that Pacific countries regardless of their size are being treated as partners.

The Premier said he looked forward to continuing positive discussions with both Governments.

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