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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **TITLE: Roads**

I'm pleased with progress and a new team has been selected to fill the small potholes before they get bigger. The main sealing team has done Makefu from Poihegas to Tumuas. The sealing surface has been prepared to almost end of Makefu.

The second team has covered potholes from Alofi, Tamakautoga including the village. They have done Peta hill to school. They will be starting from Alofi North to Namoui. The idea is to try and prevent the potholes getting bigger, by the edges collapsing and the holes get deeper. They will start to do the village potholes.

The Indonesian workers will be moving to the Noni farm. We've had labour issues but a lot of orders to fill.

The court injunction requirements for the water bottling have been met. We expect to start exports soon. This is a potentially huge revenue earner for Niue. And those who have made fun of our efforts to bottle and export have no idea about the damage they are doing. Or they do but don't care which is worse.

We will not do a .NU deal. Which brings me to advise the Swedish court has accepted our case and will hear arguments soon. I don't mind a reasoned analytical argument. But frivolous and trivial nonsense is just that. Nonsense.

The Liolau project is starting to take shape.

There's a lot of work, new houses for returning Niueans and locals. Shows confidence.

We do have problems with student's accommodation in Fiji. We hope to do better for them from now on. There are of course problems but we are trying to minimise damage and start making positive improvements.

Bit like the roads I guess. In January we realised that negative and non-constructive missiles at the Government helps no one.

Two months after that real progress is being made on the improvements. Hopefully by June we might have completed the first stage program

And don't be derisive of my plea to drive slowly. Does not help anyone.

Have a great day everyone, take care.

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