

**MESSAGE TO THE FIJIAN PEOPLE FROM THE HONOURABLE PIO
TIKODUADUA, MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT AND
LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PARLIAMENT OF FIJI**

My fellow Fijians

It is with great regret that I inform you that I am seriously ill and have had to resign from public office and from public life. I have today handed in my resignation to the Speaker of Parliament under section 63(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji.

I have an advanced form of cancer and have chosen to spend time with my family and my people in Delasui, Tailevu.

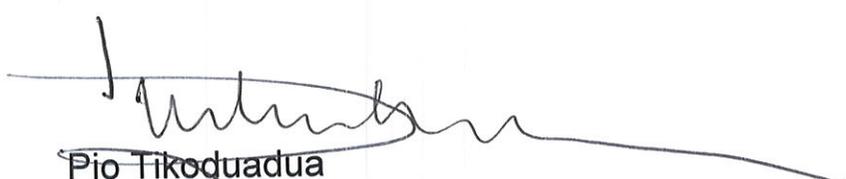
I am facing the battle of my life and ask for your prayers in the sure knowledge that God is with me and will give me courage.

I have been blessed to enjoy the support of a great many people all through my life – my beloved mother, my grandfather and the rest of my extended family, my own family, my wonderful wife Sereana and my beloved children Mosese and Sarafina, my mentors in the Roman Catholic Church, my colleagues and friends in the Republic of Fiji Military Forces, my colleagues and friends in the FijiFirst Government and the FijiFirst Party, and the people around me in the Ministries in which I have had the privilege to serve. I thank them all for being with me on life's journey.

I especially thank the Prime Minister for his friendship over many years and the confidence and support he has shown in me, whether in the RFMF, as his Permanent Secretary as we carried out the reform program to produce our new democracy, and as a Cabinet Minister in his Government.

Above all, I thank the Fijian people for the opportunity to serve them. May God bless you all and God bless our beloved Fiji.

Yours sincerely



Pio Tikoduadua

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