

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Moved by: _Feiloakitau Kaho Tevi _____ Seconded by: ___Rev. Winston Tarere_

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"That this 67th General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia:

1. **NOTES** that Aotearoa New Zealand will enter the Pacific Islands Forum Troika as incoming Chair at the conclusion of the 55th Forum Leaders Meeting in Palau, 30 August-4 September 2026; will host and chair the 56th Forum Leaders Meeting in 2027; and will remain in the Troika until the 2029 Leaders Meeting;
2. **AFFIRMS** that this is a covenant of trust within the Pacific household and that solidarity must be demonstrated through New Zealand's domestic laws, policies, budgets and relationships; and recalls the Three-Tikanga Church's vocation, grounded in the Anglican Marks of Mission, to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Indigenous dignity and tino rangatiratanga, peace and the integrity of creation;
3. **RECEIVES** the Forum Leaders' affirmation that climate change remains the single greatest threat to Pacific wellbeing, their call to keep 1.5°C within reach, their endorsement of the Blue Pacific Ocean of Peace Declaration, and their member-led approach to deep-sea minerals;
4. **EXPRESSES MARKED CONCERN** that New Zealand's domestic policy direction risks weakening the credibility of its forthcoming regional leadership, including:
 - a. renewed petroleum exploration and climate plans found insufficient to meet future emissions budgets and the 2050 target;
 - b. a seabed-mining position which permits domestic applications and does not support the precautionary pause or moratorium sought by many Pacific states, churches, Indigenous peoples and civil-society organisations;
 - c. expanded defence expenditure, capability and integration, including possible AUKUS Pillar II participation, without adequate public, tangata whenua and Pacific discernment about an Ocean of Peace; and
 - d. repeated Waitangi Tribunal findings of failures to consult and breaches of Te Tiriti / Treaty principles which cause or risk prejudice to Māori, including in Māori representation and the use and revitalisation of te reo Māori;

This 67th General Synod therefore:

5. **REQUESTS** the Primates, with substantive Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Pasefika leadership and the support of the General Synod Standing Committee, to issue at the earliest opportunity a public Pastoral Letter / Statement to the Prime Minister and Government of New Zealand;
6. **REQUESTS** that the Pastoral Letter / Statement INVITE the Government, before it chairs the Forum in 2027, to demonstrate solidarity with the Pacific through domestic action by:

- a. restoring credible climate and environmental leadership consistent with the 1.5°C goal, the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and the ICJ climate Advisory Opinion; ending fossil-fuel expansion; and protecting freshwater, biodiversity, coasts and ocean with tangata whenua;
 - b. supporting a precautionary pause or moratorium on deep-sea and seabed mining unless and until independent science, enforceable protection, and the free, prior and informed consent of affected Indigenous peoples and communities can be secured;
 - c. placing human, ecological and climate security at the centre of policy; upholding the nuclear-free Pacific; prioritising peacebuilding, resilience and humanitarian response; and ensuring transparent democratic, Te Tiriti and Pacific scrutiny of proposed advanced military arrangements;
 - d. honouring Te Tiriti in law and practice, responding to the Waitangi Tribunal, protecting te reo Māori, Māori representation and tino rangatiratanga, and ensuring Māori share authority in decisions affecting whenua, wai and moana; and
 - e. undertaking genuine talanoa with tangata whenua, Pacific communities, churches and civil society, and publishing before the 2027 Forum the concrete steps by which this solidarity will be demonstrated;
7. **CALLS** on the General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches to support the preparation of the Pastoral Letter / Statement, communicate this resolution to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat; FONO members of the Anglican Communion; and
8. **COMMITTS** us to embody the same solidarity through the Three-Tikanga relationship