



To whom this may concern;

I am writing to commend the Prime Minister of Fiji the Honourable Mr Voreqe Bainimarama on his decision to pass a Decree to free up the Tavarua and Namotu surf breaks, and all future monopolies of surf breaks in Fijian Islands.

We would also like to thank all official persons involved in getting the Decree passed by Government; Commander Kean of the Fijian Navy & also the Attorney General of Fiji Mr Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum for all your efforts and understanding concerning this most important matter. By freeing up the breaks to all Fijian surfers and watermen and women through the surfing world will have a very positive on the Fijian Tourism Industry, it has been the biggest news to hit the surfing Industry for years and has been well documented in news papers and all surfing magazines around the world in the past few months. Thanks to the decree all breaks will now be all inclusive to ALL surfers not just a few who could afford it. There are many spin-offs into tourism sector also being major benefits to all the Fijian Surfing and water sport operators including Hotel and Resort operators.

I have followed Ian's progress and passion over the years; taking action on what he believes is right for Fiji and surfing. He is a great example and inspiration to all who have come into contact with him. Including his work putting together the very first Fijian water Safety Patrol/ Life Guards, he has a well structured program and is prepared for the changes and challenges that lie ahead.

Ian is a very proud Fijian and has worked from grass roots up. He has always had my personal support and the support of many other individuals and organisations including the Fijian Surfing Association and all its members. A Big thank you for the combined efforts in bringing about this historical change to benefit Fiji as a whole. Many thousands of surfers around the world can now look forward to coming to Fiji and be able to have open excess to the best waves on the planet, now that the Fijian Government has made the Countries natural resources accessible to all.

On a personal note I believe in the future of Fiji and the direction it has taken. Fiji to me is the Jewel of the Pacific and moving forward will become an even Greater Pacific Island Nation.

**Vinaka Vaka Levu. God Bless Fiji.**

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