



MASSEY UNIVERSITY

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To whom it may concern

Re: Supporting reference for Mr Kalino Lātū and Kaniva Tonga

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to provide this show of support for Mr Kalino Lātū and Kaniva Tonga News and Entertainment.

Mr Lātū's journalistic abilities stand him in good stead in the information-provision environment where he is respected not only for his technical skills but also for the credibility and integrity that he brings to his craft. It is, indeed, rare in this day and age to find honour and competency in such a volatile and ever-changing world such as that of journalism, and more so in what might be called 'ethno-journalism' where the targeted audience is not mainstream society only.

I can also state anecdotally, but with some certainty, that amongst the Tongan community and Pacific communities in general in New Zealand, the region and beyond, the New Zealand Kaniva Tonga site, in its evolution, is regarded as providing impartial, reliable and quality information and analyses in a way that informs and reflects the changing dynamic nature of Pacific societies, both in reality and virtually. This is very valuable service to a diaspora that is itself undergoing constant change.

In all my dealings with Mr Lātū, I have found him to be an honourable and honest man. Mr Lātū has my full and unconditional support in pursuing this important enterprise. Therefore, please do not hesitate to contact me if you think I can be of further assistance to Mr Lātū.

Best regards

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