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New Australian High Commissioner presents her credentials to the Premier of Niue and Cabinet
Her Excellency Louise Ellerton presented her credentials to Premier Tagelagi and Cabinet as the new High Commissioner of Australia to Niue

Alofi, Niue – 8 February 2022 - Today, the new Australian High Commissioner to Niue, Her Excellency Louise Ellerton, presented her credentials to the Premier of Niue and Cabinet, reaffirming Australia's friendship and support for Niue.

The presentation of credentials ceremony took place in the Premier's Office at Fale Fono, Tialekula.

During the ceremony, H.E Louise Ellerton presented her letter of credentials followed by a brief exchange with Premier Tagelagi where she said:



"I have come here from the COVID-19 Coordination Unit in Canberra, leading on the strategy to reopen Australia's border".

"We have a shared priority in managing COVID-19, and Australia is very interested to understand how countries big or small respond. Australia is committed to supporting the region's response to COVID-19, and I look forward to supporting you as you continue on the journey with managing Covid-19".

Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi looks forward to strengthening Niue's diplomatic relations with Australia.

"We look forward to working with strengthening our bilateral support with Australia and continue to build our relationship directly with Australia here in Niue".

Niue and Australia enjoy a friendly and firm relationship based on close community links, mutual interests and participation and support in Pacific regional organisations.

Niue continues to work with Australia on current projects, including the new waste management facility, the new power station, scholarships to address regional challenges, including the health and economic impacts of COVID-19.

Ms Ellerton is a career foreign service officer with the Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). She has worked in the aid performance and quality section and as a senior policy officer in the Education section. Her last post before coming to Niue was in the DFAT COVID-19 Coordination Unit in Canberra.

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