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## **GON THANKS BRETT COLLIER FOR SERVICES TO NIUE**

*Telecom Niue CEO Brett Collier Finishes Contract Having Delivered Significant Value To Niue*

**Alofi, Niue – 3 March 2022** – The Government of Niue says today it formally thanks Brett Collier, CEO of Telecom Niue for the significant value he has delivered to the people of Niue over the three years of his contract which ends today.

The Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi says Brett Collier was appointed as CEO specifically to ensure the successful transformation of Telecom Niue to a modern, future proofed critical communications infrastructure for Niue.

“Brett has done a great job for Telecom Niue and exceeded our expectations by not only the implementation of a complete transformation of the technology and communications infrastructure but also the additional upgrades he has been instrumental in securing. This includes the Government protective security requirements framework, the upgrade of the government ICT network and securing resources for a second fibre ring around the island. The Manatua Cable is the most significant project supported by the New Zealand government that now provides faster internet with a gold standard fibre network,” says Premier Tagelagi.

At the Fale Fono today, New Zealand High Commissioner Helen Tunnah also paid tribute by saying, “New Zealand would also like to thank Brett for his leadership of the Manatua Cable, which has the potential to transform Niue’s economy, and also the delivery of services such as health and education. Brett has also led on protective security requirements project with the government of Niue, an important way of keeping information private and safe. We wish him well.”

Premier Tagelagi also acknowledged Brett’s critical support role in Niue’s COVID Response Committee specifically for the many essential goods and products he was able to source using his extensive networks across the Pacific, New Zealand and Australia which benefitted everyone on the island during the challenging time of the Pandemic such as hospital beds.

Premier Tagelagi says that GON is delighted that Brett Collier has agreed to continue to provide his advice to Niue as needed, including the Manatua Cable.

“We are lucky all of Brett’s considerable knowledge of Niue’s telecommunications infrastructure will not disappear when he leaves for a new role on Monday 7 March as he will provide consulting advice as required. This will also allow Telecom Niue to make a smooth transition to its new CEO when this person is appointed in due course.”

Premier Tagelagi also notes that GON is satisfied with his work and any issues were resolved and while not everyone agreed with certain aspects, it was not an easy task as the Manatua Cable project was the first of its kind for Niue.

“It was unfortunate that there were some baseless accusations made without any foundation or substance against Brett. However, he was successful in his role and in effecting positive change for the people of Niue,” says Hon. Dalton Tagelagi.

“We wish Brett well in his future endeavours and thank him again for helping Niue be a better prepared, technologically advanced and resourced island which sets up well for the future.”

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