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# A FOND FAREWELL TO AUSTRALIA'S HIGH COMMISIONER TO NIUE HER EXCELLENCY LOUISE ELLERTON

**Alofi, Niue – 15 August 2023** – The Government of Australia's diplomatic representative, H.E Louise Ellerton has ended her term on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023, after serving here in Niue since February 2022.

H.E Ellerton is the second High Commissioner for Australia to Niue. The partnership between the two nations has grown stronger and her dedication to diplomacy and collaboration has left a positive impact on our bilateral relationship.

Throughout High Commissioner Ellerton's term, she has worked tirelessly to strengthen the ties that bind our nations. Her commitment to building bridges has not only benefited the community in Niue but has also fostered a deeper understanding between our governments.



Photo source – Australian High Commission, Niue

The Australian Government has continued to make significant contributions to Niue under High Commissioner Ellerton's guidance. Key milestones have been achieved which includes trade agreements, joint projects – waste and water management, Australia awards pacific scholarship and diplomatic dialogues.

While we await the appointment of the next Australian High Commissioner, Mr. William Powell will be in charge of the Australian High Commission in the capacity of Chargé d'affaires until the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

"High Commissioner Ellerton, has been an exemplary representative of Australia, embodying the spirit of diplomacy and cooperation said the Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi. "We are grateful for her dedication and the strong foundation she has laid for the ongoing friendship between our nations and we wish her and her girls safe travels as they return to Australia, she will be definitely be missed, especially by the ladies."

The Government of Niue extends its best wishes to High Commissioner Ellerton for her next post, we are confident that her contributions will continue to bear fruit in the shared future of Niue and Australia.

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