



February 02, 2018

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF 31 PROVISIONAL  
CANDIDATES FOR NFP**

**Messages by Party Leader Professor Biman Prasad and Party  
President Mr Pio Tikoduadua**

**Professor Biman Prasad**

Dear People of Fiji

Today is an extraordinary day. I am pleased, excited and honoured to announce to Fiji our first 31 2018 election candidates for NFP.

These are not ordinary people. No one in our team is. They have stepped forward, ready, willing and able to serve you. I am proud to present them to you. At this point, of course, they are provisional candidates only, because the formal election processes have yet to begin. But we want you, in the meantime, to get to know them, meet them, talk to them, and tell you how they – and we - can serve you better, inside and outside Parliament.

We have had 12 years of two-man government which has become increasingly controlling and restrictive. We have a government that works through threats and intimidation, free handouts and propaganda – all of which is paid for by our taxes. This is not democracy. It is dictatorship. It is long past the time for things to return to normal. We need to be able to express ourselves freely, not be fearful and to all be able to participate in the governance of Fiji.

It is time for us to return to real team leadership in government– for you to have a group of people with skills and real-life experience who will serve you. We will not be hiding behind security guards and driving in motorcades. We will not be paying ourselves thousands of dollars in travel allowances. We have already committed to cut the pay and allowances of government ministers by 25% until a proper exercise is done to work out fair and reasonable remuneration.

If you elect us, we will not threaten and intimidate people who criticise us. We will, like all governments do, make mistakes, and we will learn from those mistakes and our critics. We will be transparent. We will not hide how we spend your money or how we make decisions. These are some of the basic requirements of good government.

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We would be very humbled and honoured for you to invite them into your homes, communities and talanoa sessions so that you can make fully informed decisions on what you need from a Government that will listen and act in your best interest.

In the coming weeks we will be issuing our manifesto. We will be focused on housing, education, health and wages. We want to revive our sugar industry and to massively increase our agricultural sector. We also want to hear from the people of Fiji. We want to turn your ideas into action.

Judge for yourself. The Change that Fiji needs is here.

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### **Mr Pio Tikoduadua**

I join our Party Leader in welcoming and heralding our team to the people of Fiji.

We spent the last weekend together in a meeting of hearts, minds and purpose and like our Party Leader, I am very proud of the line-up we are presenting. We have a team of people who are closely involved in their community. Many of them have long records of community service. They have a range of skills and experience. They have a deep understanding of the needs of people from all walks of Fiji life.

In nation-building, it is necessary to be able to come together to talk, deliberate and reconcile our worldviews and then forge a pathway together. We are, after all, only as strong as our weakest link. You will find boldness, strength and united purpose in NFP.

From the youngest to the eldest member of **#TeamFeds**, we have heard you, and we know what is needed to raise Fiji to greatness.

We are all proud to belong to a strong, 54 year-old Party, one that has shaped Fiji's history in positive, democratic and principled ways. All of Fiji's other political parties come and go. We were Fiji's first political party, and we are still here – because we have deep connections in the community, long experience of solving people's problems at grassroots level and loyal supporters who have never left us. We are a party which, through all of Fiji's turbulent times, have understood the value of democratic principles, dialogue and compromise.

This initial and exciting announcement is but a taste of what is to come.

Expect Us. Expect Change.

**List of 31 Provisional Candidates of NFP: February 2, 2018**

- 1) Pio Tikoduadua
  - 2) Ajay Kumar
  - 3) Anshu Lata
  - 4) Daven Naidu
  - 5) Dhani Ram
  - 6) Feroz Gulam Mohammed
  - 7) Iosefo Nainima
  - 8) Kawai Vunidogo
  - 9) Kini Salabogi
  - 10) Lenora Qereqeretabua
  - 11) Manav Ram
  - 12) Michael Brown
  - 13) Dr Mohammed Yunush
  - 14) Pradeep Chandra
  - 15) Pushp Dass
  - 16) Raj Kumar Rattan
  - 17) Rajan Sami
  - 18) Dr Richard Wah
  - 19) Romanu Tikotikoca
  - 20) Samuela Naicegucegu
  - 21) Sandhya Bajpai
  - 22) Satendra Kumar
  - 23) Satya Shandil
  - 24) Seremaia Tuwai
  - 25) Shanal Sivan
  - 26) Sila Balawa
  - 27) Subrail Narayan
  - 28) Vilitati Seru
  - 29) Veniana Salabogi
  - 30) Waisele Kanavo
  - 31) William Lee
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