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To Whom IT May Concern

I am happy to hear of the news this morning that Australian Health department has considered increase in amount of kava from 2 kg to 4 kg upon entry to Australia.

However I would still support further increase to 10 kg limit when it was first raised as health issue in the 1990s.

Kava plays a major role in our cultural activities especially in times of funerals, weddings, birthdays and reunions. Kava is a also a central means of socialising bringing families and friends together in spirit of brotherhood and freely offering food, clothing and even money for visitors from the islands who visit families and friends.

Kava is widely used for setting up village and church clubs where they raise money or any kind of relief assistant to sent back to their families, villages or churches respectively especially when cyclones are now more often then before.

For our younger youth, who grew up in Australia, and more vulnerable to drugs and alcohol, kava for youth has become more common around families giving them space to socialise and enjoy the pride of tasting traditional drinks.

Yours

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