

6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

To whom it may concern,

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude in this initiative and would like to show my support as such.

Yagona (Grog/Kava) forms an integral part of ALL our veiqaraqaravi (customs). It is customary that a family meeting will involve a bowl (or 50) of kava per person per meet. This is over the course of the evening, about 6 – 8 hours. Taking into consideration that there will be about (at least) 10 people (ladies and men) that are involved in any one session, it is easy to see that the 2 kg allocation usually lasts us one night. A local Fijian community may be lucky to have five (if we are lucky), friends/family members (in a church group of say 100 that bring 2 kg each per month, it is a still drop in the ocean in terms of what our current demand is.

In addition, our church meeting happens every week (where the kava drinking crowd could be as large as 50), and family usually meets twice a fortnight and yes, we have more grog. With the current 2kg limit and the fact that there are other meetings, family celebrations of sorts that happen, the limit is very quickly reached.

The 4kg limit, although many fellow Fijians will claim to say is still not enough, is some relief to this issue.

The 4 kg limit will also(hopefully) prevent fellow travellers the temptation to sneak a couple of extra kilos to cater for their upcoming function(s).