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"Restoring Hope & Freedom"

2022 MANIFESTO HIGHLIGHTS

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HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR 2022 MANIFESTO "RESTORING HOPE AND FREEDOM"

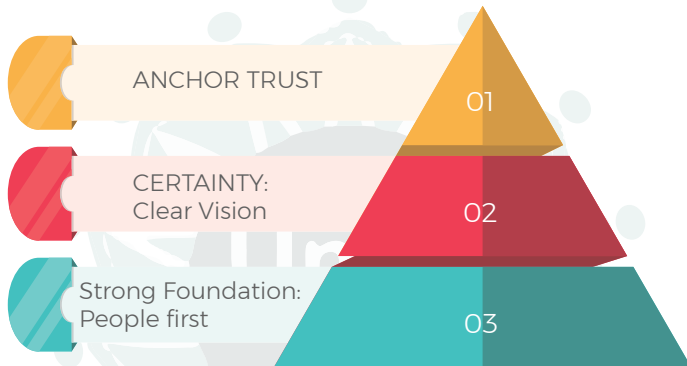
A Manifesto of Hope and Freedom

Fiji has come through very difficult times since the 2006 coups. The people have faced human rights abuses, dictatorship, bad governance, intimidation, victimisation, harassment, and poor economic and financial management. The reactive management of the COVID pandemic killed many of our loved ones and destroyed our fickle economy.

This Unity Fiji Manifesto gives us hope. Unity Fiji has put together what we believe is an innovative, relevant, and powerful combination of measures that will address our political, economic, financial, and social problems. The strengths of Unity Fiji are in our proven record of economic and financial management which are the root causes of the lack of jobs, rising cost of living, and exploding poverty.

Unity Fiji's proven leadership will restore this country to where we should be. Through our unmatched track record, Unity Fiji has demonstrated that we have the leadership that you can trust to restore hope for a brighter future for all.

Our Pyramid of Hope:



Poverty alleviation is our top priority

Unity Fiji puts poverty alleviation as our number one priority. Unity Fiji will reduce poverty through many fronts:

Education is the key out of poverty

- ✓ Continue with the education assistance to primary and secondary students
- ✓ Extend free education to the tertiary level
- ✓ Forgive all TELS loans



Through our Economic Flagship we will transform the economy and reduce income disparity

- ✓ Our economic flagship, the integrated Economic Transformation Program (ETP), rides on the backbone of our natural resources. The ETP will provide machines, build processing centers, find markets, provide capital including the establishment of a natural resource commercial bank, and change mindsets. Through the relevant training, the ETP will narrow the income disparity by providing many jobs and incomes to our rural people.

We will put more money into people's pockets

- ✓ Raise the income tax threshold to \$40,000 and reduce income taxes for those earnings less than \$50,000
- ✓ Increase the minimum wages to \$5 an hour to help pay for the high cost of living
- ✓ Reduce border taxes on selected items to reduce prices
- ✓ Increase cane price to \$110 a tonne to help sugar cane farmers



We will implement other income supporting measures

- ✓ Index pension allowances to inflation
- ✓ Lift the retirement age of the public service to 60
- ✓ Reimburse FPNF withdrawals made during COVID for those earning under \$40,000
- ✓ Support SMEs through capital grants
- ✓ Remove the no job no job policy

We will improve people's access to basic services

- ✓ Health: Health services have crumbled. Unity Fiji will increase the health budget by \$200m to improve health facilities, provide necessary medicines and improve health services.
- ✓ Housing: This Government has ignored housing. Unity Fiji will increase the allocation to housing by \$100 million to build 1000 houses per year.

We will restore our rights and freedoms

- ✓ Establish a Commission to review the imposed 2013 Constitution
- ✓ Reinstatement of the Great Council of Chiefs with a clear and appropriate mandate
- ✓ Establish a Land Commission to review all land issues
- ✓ Review laws including the Public Orders Act and the Media Act that limit our rights and freedoms under the Constitution
- ✓ More equitable ethnic distribution of public service positions

We will restore democracy

- ✓ Review the electoral and political party's laws
- ✓ Review all other laws that restricts democracy
- ✓ Consult the people widely

We will protect our families, and businesses

- ✓ Establish a National Security Commission to recommend measures to strengthen national security and avoid political crisis



- ✓ Increase resources to the Police Force and strengthen training
- ✓ Establish an independent Police Services Commission to strengthen discipline



BREAK THE CORRUPTION CHAIN

We will stop corruption

Instances of corruption have increased in the last 16 years. Unity Fiji will stop corruption.

- ✓ Make the Ministers' intervention in tender process transparent
- ✓ Reform FICAC to be politically independent
- ✓ Re-establish the independence of government watchdogs like the Auditor General



We will heal the wounds of the past

To build lasting national unity, we must heal the wounds of the past.

- ✓ Establish a Peace and Reconciliation Commission
- ✓ Review the compensation to tenants whose land leases expired in 1998/99
- ✓ Compensate the strikers at the Vatukoula Gold Mine
- ✓ Compensate peacekeepers for their rightful allowances that were spent by the Government
- ✓ Address the illegal and unfair dismissals of workers after the 2006 coups
- ✓ Recognise minority race including the Melanesians that have helped build this nation



Our Strategic Vision

- ✓ **Economic Strategy:** Through our Economic Transformation Program, we will narrow the gap between the rich and the poor especially in the rural population.
- ✓ **Fiscal Strategy:** We will reduce debt without compromising growth through greater efficiencies in the public sector, removal of wastages and reallocation of expenditures.

Review of the Constitution
Restore the GCC
Heal the wounds of the past
Respect diversity
Protect families and businesses
Better access to basic service like health and housing



Economic Transformation Program
Tax relief for low income earners
Raise retirement age to 60
Index pension to inflation
Reimburse FNPF COVID withdrawals



- ✓ **Economic Strategy:** We will create jobs for school leavers through our flagship Economic Transformation Program and the capital support to small businesses.
- ✓ **People Strategy:** We will put people first in everything we do.
- ✓ **Freedom Strategy:** We will restore freedoms and respect human rights by the review of the Constitution, and the laws that limit our rights.
- ✓ **Equity Strategy:** We will respect the diversity of our people by restoring equity in the appointments of senior positions in the public sector and the restoring of the Great Council of Chiefs.

We will re-establish hope and freedom to all

Fiji is a beautiful country. Our people are one of the friendliest in the entire world. Tragically, the past 16 years have been very difficult for many families who have struggled to put food on the table, provide shelter, and send their children to school.

We are at a historical juncture in our nation's history. The choice is ours on which fork of the road to take. Unity Fiji calls on the nation to make the right choice in the 2022 election. Unity Fiji firmly believes that this Manifesto together with our proven leadership will restore hope and freedom and take us to where the world should be.

Main Manifesto

The above are the highlights of Unity Fiji's Manifesto. The impact of the measures on expenditure, revenue, deficit, and debt are provided in the main Manifesto. Readers are invited to refer to the main Manifesto for a complete list of measures that will support our collective vision to restore hope, peace, unity, and prosperity to our beloved Fiji.



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“Enough is enough. Let us unite and fight against economic mismanagement, social degradation, corruption, attack on basic freedoms, and dictatorship that have brought inequalities, discriminations, intimidation, and poverty.”

—— Savenaca Narube, Leader of Unity Fiji

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