**Press Release**

**Fiji and Australia to deliver clean energy and safe water for remote communities**

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**Suva, Fiji -** Thousands of people in Fiji’s remote island communities will soon benefit from reliable, clean energy and safe drinking water through the country’s first two REnew Pacific projects.

The locally led projects will deliver 24/7 solar power to 30 schools across Fiji, including in Lau, Taveuni, Moala, Kadavu and Yasawa, and install upgraded water systems for nearly 5,000 people in Lakeba, Rotuma and Vanuabalavu.

REnew Pacific is the Australian Government’s $75 million investment in expanding off-grid clean energy in rural and remote communities across the Pacific and Timor-Leste.

The first project, delivered in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Australian non-profit organisation, Its Time Foundation, will equip 30 schools in off-grid communities with high-quality solar systems, high-speed internet and computer labs, replacing diesel generators and improving digital learning. The systems will run 24/7 and include a long-term maintenance model. This initiative builds on a successful pilot in Rabi Island, offering a scalable model for improving energy access and education outcomes in off-grid communities.

A second project, delivered in partnership between the Global Green Growth Institute, the Water Authority of Fiji and the Department of Water and Sewerage, will install solar-hybrid water pumping systems in seven outer island communities in Lakeba, Rotuma and Vanuabalavu. These systems will reduce emissions, lower operating costs and improve water reliability, supported by remote monitoring and community training.

Australia’s High Commissioner to Fiji H.E. Peter Roberts said: “Australia is proud to be working with Fijian partners to deliver practical, community-focused projects that improve the daily lives of people living in remote areas of Fiji. These projects show how clean energy, delivered through strong local partnerships, can strengthen essential services and build climate resilience where it’s needed most.”

REnew Pacific is part of Australia’s AUD350 million Pacific Climate Infrastructure Financing Partnership (PCIFP), delivered through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP). It responds to the Pacific’s call for urgent climate action, highlighting Australia’s commitment to regional climate resilience.

Today’s announcement brings the Australian Government’s investment in off-grid renewable energy in Fiji to around FJD21.3 million (AUD14.5 million) in just over a year, this includes Australia’s FJD12.3 million (AUD8.25 million) contribution to the Fiji Rural Electrification Fund.

Over the next five years, REnew Pacific will fund locally led projects that bring clean, reliable energy to remote and rural off-grid Pacific communities, improving services like lighting, clean water, healthcare, education, agriculture and more.

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