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Extending the Polynesian Gateway Class Exception

Portfolio **Immigration**

On 1 November 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Polynesian Gateway class exception supports essential travel to and from the Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Samoa and Tonga for up to 100 travellers over six months;
- 2 **noted** that the Polynesian Gateway class exception is due to expire on 3 November 2021, and that the need for the class exception remains;
- 3 **agreed** to extend the Polynesian Gateway class exception for up to 100 travellers over six months, beyond 3 November 2021, to 3 May 2022;
- 4 **agreed** to include Tuvalu as a qualifying country in the Polynesian Gateway class exception;
- 5 **agreed** to delegate decision-making authority to the Minister of Immigration and the Minister for COVID-19 Response on future changes to the cap on the Polynesian Gateway class exception.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet