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On 4 June 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that in February 2008, Cabinet agreed to remove the Transit Visa requirements for all Pacific Island Forum countries, including two additional non-Pacific Island countries, Bermuda and the Bahamas, with the exception of Fiji [CAB Min (08) 6/2A];
- 2 **agreed** to remove the Transit Visa requirements for Fiji nationals, and to add Fiji to the Transit Visa waiver list in the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010;
- 3 **noted** that the benefits of removing the Transit Visa requirements for Fiji nationals are expected to outweigh the risks;
- 4 **noted** that this will mean that Fiji nationals will require a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) to transit New Zealand;
- 5 **noted** that the decision in paragraph 2 above will require change to the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010;
- 6 **noted** that implementation of the Transit Visa waiver for Fiji nationals will occur on 4 September 2024;
- 7 **invited** the Minister of Immigration to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above paragraphs;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Immigration to make decisions, consistent with the above paragraphs, on any issues that arise during the drafting process.

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