



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF TONGA**

**PRESS RELEASE**

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga, Lord Tu'ivakano, has dismissed as false, unfounded and utterly untrue, claims by the Hon. Prime Minister, Samuela 'Akilisi Pohiva, that the former Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Siaso Sovaleni, and former Minister of Finance & National Planning, Hon. Tevita Lavemaau were involved in, and knew about, the advice he had given to His Majesty, King Tupou VI, that resulted in the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga with effect from 24 August 2017.

Lord Tu'ivakano wishes to clarify and set the record straight as it is important that people know the truth. The former Deputy Prime Minister and the former Minister of Finance & National Planning were never involved, nor had anything to do with, the advice which led to the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga.

**Released from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017**





## *Fale Alea 'o Tonga*

### ONGOONGO TUKU ATU

'Oku faka'ikai'i 'e he Sea 'o e Fale Alea 'o Tonga, Lord Tu'ivakano, 'a e fakamatala pe tukuaki'i 'e he 'Eiki Palemia, Samuela 'Akilisi Pohiva, ne 'i ai e kaunga pe 'ilo 'a e 'Eiki Tokoni Palemia mālōlō, Hon. Siaso Sovaleni, pea pehe ki he 'Eiki Minisita Pa'anga & Palani Fakafonua mālōlō, Hon. Tevita Lavemaau, ki he fale'i ne fakahoko 'e he Sea ki He'ene 'Afio, Kingi Tupou VI, 'o makatu'unga mei ai hono veteki (dissolve) 'o e Fale Alea 'o Tonga 'o kamata lau mei he 'aho 24 'o 'Aokosi 2017. 'Oku matu'aki ta'emo'oni mo loi 'a e fakamatala pe tukuaki'i ko 'eni.

Ne fakamamafa'i 'e Lord Tu'ivakano ko e fale'i na'a ne fakahoko ki He'ene 'Afio ne 'ikai kaunga pe 'ilo ki ai 'a e 'Eiki Tokoni Palemia mālōlō, pea pehe ki he 'Eiki Minisita Pa'anga & Palani Fakafonua mālōlō, 'o hange ko e fakamatala kuo 'ave hala'i. 'Oku mahu'inga ke fakamahino ke 'ilo 'e he kakai 'o e fonua 'oku 'ikai ke mo'oni 'a e tukuaki'i pe fakamatala ko 'eni.

**Tuku atu mei he Sea 'o e Fale Alea 'o Tonga**

**'Aho Tusite 12 'o Sepitema 2017**

