



FABC PRESS STATEMENT

The Fiji Australia Business Council (FABC) is calling on the Australian Government to stand by their Government Policy and keep Trade and Politics apart. This call follows the threat of a strike by the members of the Australian Transport Union (TWU).

FABC President, Ajay Raniga raised the concerns of the FABC members with the Acting Australian High Commissioner in Suva today, reiterating the members concerns in the repercussions that will be caused if such actions were taken.

“We wish to convey to the Australian Government our concerns regarding the grave consequences such action will cause to the tourism industry and the general Fiji economy. Such actions are very non-specific and should be considered very carefully as it will affect the livelihood of everyday people down the chain.” he said.

While FABC understands that the trade unions in Australia are independent, we wish to convey this message to your Department of Foreign affairs so that they may in turn talk to the trade unions about the consequences this type of action may have on Fiji and its people.

“Carrying out these threatened actions will have severe impact on the Australia-Fiji trade relationship at an extremely sensitive and difficult time”, Raniga said.

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Mr Ajay Raniga
FABC president-