



10 February, 2009

HE Mr James Batley
Australian High Commissioner
Suva

Dear Mr Batley,

On behalf of the Executive and Members of the Fiji Australia Business Council, I would like to extend our sympathy to the Government and People of Australia at this time of unprecedented tragedy, loss and devastation.

Our condolences also go to all of the families who have lost loved ones; our prayers are that mercy will be shown to all those who are suffering and that divine comfort and consolation be granted to the bereaved families at this moment of immense trial and grief.

The Government and People of Australia have always demonstrated their friendship and support for Fiji in times of tragedy, loss and need. We extend the same now in your time of need but regret that our gesture can only be symbolic.

We will continue to hope and pray that the damage and loss will spread no further and that those who have suffered and lost will be, as much as possible, able to rebuild their lives.

Yours Sincerely,

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William W Clarke
FABC President