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Dear Tuiloma,

Policy Papers – South Pacific Engineers Association

During the 27/28 July 2010 meeting of the SPEA Council three policy position papers were approved:

- The role of engineering in sustainable economic development in the South Pacific
- Resilient infrastructure and disaster management
- The needs for engineering education in the South Pacific

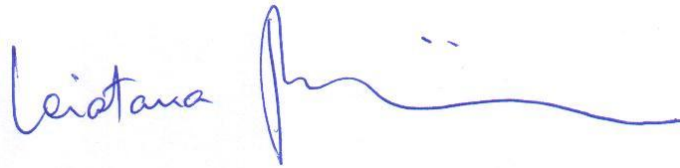
These papers are provided with this covering letter. In the view of the SPEA Council they address three of the more critical issues for governments on our region. If the recommendations were put into effect substantial progress towards sustainable development would be made.

The Council of SPEA resolved that as well as the six national chapters actively promoting these to their own national governments, SPEA should formally present them to the Secretariat for the Pacific Community.

The view of the SPEA Council is that the voice of engineering has too often been missing from key meetings of senior governmental officials across our region. We request that these policy papers be presented to the relevant officials working groups, as well as our offer that SPEA representatives are willing to work with those officials groups with a view to making progress on the issues in the papers.

I would appreciate it if you could inform me as to whom these papers have been referred and who the key contact people in the officials working groups are so that we may have continuing dialogue with them.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink. The name 'Leiatana' is written in a cursive style on the left. To its right is a long, horizontal, wavy line that ends in a small hook, representing the surname 'Tinai'.

Leiatana Tom Tinai
President