

BETWEEN : 'ETUATE LAVULAVU

Chief Executive Officer of the Tonga Chronicle (Kalonikali Tonga)
and of 88.1 FM Letio 'a e Kakai (People's Radio Tonga), a station
operated by Takiamo Companies Limited

- *Plaintiff/Applicant*

AND : THE PRIME MINISTER OF TONGA

- *First Defendant/Respondent*

AND : THE KINGDOM OF TONGA

- *Second Defendant/Respondent*

INTERIM ORDERS

BEFORE THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE BISHOP KC

HAVING RECEIVED the ex parte application for urgent interim orders of the Plaintiff/Applicant made without notice to the Respondents, the affidavit of 'Etuete Lavulavu and the annexures attached thereto, sworn on 3 September 2026; AND the affidavit of Amanda Amiafolau Loamanu (nee Vaipulu) sworn on 2 September 2026, filed in support thereof,

AND BEING SATISFIED that the matter is urgent and that a press conference of the Prime Minister's Office is to be held imminently;

AND UPON the Plaintiff giving an undertaking as to damages;

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The First Defendant, his officers, servants and agents are restrained from refusing the Plaintiff and the journalists and staff of the Tonga Chronicle (Kalonikali Tonga) and 88.1 FM Letio 'a e Kakai admission to any press conference held by or on behalf of the Prime Minister's Office or the Government of Tonga, on the same terms and conditions as are applied to journalists of other news organisations.

2. The Plaintiff and the journalists and staff of the Tonga Chronicle and 88.1 FM are to be admitted to the St George Government Building on the same terms and conditions as are applied to other members of the public and the news media.
3. The Plaintiff shall forthwith serve upon the Respondents a sealed copy of this Order, together with the Writ of Summons and the Statement of Claim.
4. The Respondents are at liberty to apply to set aside or vary these orders.
5. The Plaintiff's Application is listed for **Hearing on 11 September 2026**.
6. Costs reserved.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Bishop", is written over the printed name.

HON. MALCOLM BISHOP KC

NUKU'ALOFA: 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE