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***CIVIL DISORDER AND INSECURITY WITHIN FIJI: AN ANALYSIS OF CAUSES,
EFFECTS, AND AN ARGUMENT FOR FUTURE NEW ZEALAND STRATEGIC
POLICY***

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ABSTRACT

The thesis provides an analysis of the causes and effects of civil disorder and internal insecurity within Fiji. By understanding these influences, and New Zealand's desired strategic endgame in regards to the future of Fiji, an argument will be provided for strategic policy that New Zealand may pursue in regards to future interface with Fiji. While each particular coup and mutiny that has occurred within Fiji in recent history has been widely documented, a comprehensive analysis of the causes of each incident has not. The thesis examines the importance of Fiji to New Zealand (and Australia), and leads the reader through an analysis of race relations, history and culture as a means to expose some of the contributing factors regarding civil disorder and insecurity in Fiji. The thesis then progresses to examine the series of coups and mutiny that have occurred between the period of 1987 and 2006, prior to analyzing possible risks and consequences that may result from the current political situation in Fiji. The thesis will conclude with an argument for New Zealand's recommended policy towards Fiji that will help to achieve New Zealand's desired strategic endgame in regards to the future relationship with that nation.

Fiji is not a failed state however, as a nation it is in a position of economic and political degradation, while the current attitude, capability and direction of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF) is also of some concern. Fiji has become isolated from traditional allies such as New Zealand and Australia and now looks to some larger Asian nations for support under Commodore Bainimarama's 'Look North' Policy. The future of strategic affairs and international relations that may result from the current situation in Fiji does create some potential risks within the South Pacific region, not to mention the future economy and standard of living for the population of Fiji. Given the current situation, and a proposed future democratic election in 2014, Fiji sits at a political cross-road. The

current militarisation of the Fiji Government is not ethical and the result of Bainimarama's planned general election is yet to be determined. However, once Fiji has irreversibly committed to pursuing democracy, New Zealand should seize the opportunity to decisively and comprehensively renew links with Fiji. Options for this engagement include a progressive, whole of government approach utilising prudent application of all of the instruments of national power in an integrated manner.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ABCA	America Britain Canada Australia.
ADF	Australian Defence Force.
ALTA	Agricultural Landlord and Tenants Act.
ANC	Armed Native Constabulary.
ANZUS	Australia New Zealand United States.
CAMV	Conservative Alliance Matanitu Vanua (Fiji political party).
CEDAW	Commission for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.
CRWU	Counter Revolutionary Warfare Unit.
DCM	Distinguished Conduct Medal.
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone.
FDF	Fiji Defence Force.
FIBOS	Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics.
FIR	Fiji Infantry Regiment.
FMF	Fiji Military Forces.
FPDA	Five Power Defence Agreement.
GCC	Great Council of Chiefs.
HADR	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief.
HF	High Frequency.
INTERFET	International Force for East Timor.
INTERPOL	International Police.
MATT	Mutual Assistance Training Team.
MBE	Medal for the Order of the British Empire.
MC	Military Cross.
MM	Military Medal.
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.
NCBBF	National Council for Building a Better Fiji.
NCO	Non Commissioned Officer
NZDF	New Zealand Defence Force.
ODA	Overseas Development Assistance.
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.
PLA	Peoples Liberation Army.
PLAN	Peoples Liberation Army Navy.
RAMSI	Regional Assistance Mission Solomon Islands.
RAN	Royal Australian Navy.
RFMF	Republic of Fiji Military Forces.
RNZAF	Royal New Zealand Air Force.
RTU	Promotion of Reconciliation, Tolerance and Unity Bill.
SAR.	Search and Rescue Operations.
SAS	Special Air Service.
SATCOM	Satellite Communications.
SDL	Soqosoqo Duavata Lewenivanua (Fiji political party).
SPE	Services Protected Evacuation.
SVT	Soqosoqo ni Vakavulewa ni Taukei (Fiji political party).
UHF	Ultra High Frequency.
US	United States of America.
VC	Victoria Cross.
VHF	Very High Frequency.
2 nd NZEF	2 nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force.