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Mr. Dean Jonas  
Scotts Hill,  
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Dear Mr. Jonas,

I greet you very cordially, and trust that this letter finds you well.

I am urged to communicate to you formally on matters that have been repeatedly drawn to my attention concerning your conduct in the discharge of your duties as it pertains to your appointment as Advisor to the Minister with responsibility for the Blue Economy.

Several reports have reached the Cabinet about your disregard for proper institutional arrangements and your tendency to exceed your authority within the Ministry. On numerous occasions you have been advised and reminded that you are no longer a minister of government nor are you a functionary of government, but rather an Advisor to the Minister. You continue to disregard specific directions and policies and have sought to act in your own indiscretion on far too numerous occasions. I admit that the government, as a hallmark of its ethos, has been quite tolerant of your unorthodox style of engagement in your role while being mindful at the same time of your need for gainful employment following your failure at the polls in January of this year.

However, it has become patently clear that your aptitude and inability are not symmetrically aligned to the vision of the Ministry and the government in your present role. As an example, I wish to remind you that in June of this year, your tendency to overreach your authority was made clear and manifest with reckless abandon when you guided a vessel out to sea and issued directives to anchor and deploy equipment for mining in a **mapped zone**, which resulted in the partial severing of an underwater fibre-optic cable, costing the country disruption in internet services for APUA in some areas, as well as the incurrence of financial liabilities.


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That was an egregious and irresponsible act for which you have remained defiant and unrepentant.

Mr. Jonas, given the overwhelming level and frequency of complaints in the Ministry regarding your performance, I have decided to revoke your appointment as Advisor to the Minister for the Blue Economy, effective 31st October, 2023.

Do note, however, that my government remains totally disposed to providing you with alternative engagement suited to your skills, knowledge, and abilities subject to further discussion with you. As your Prime Minister, I remain available to you for further dialogue on meaningful ways to make your contribution to the government and the country.

Warm regards,



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Prime Minister.

- c.c. Hon. Molwyn Joseph – Minister of Health, Wellness, Social Transformation and the Environment  
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