



Australian Government



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## FACT SHEET

# Rebuilding Tonga's Parliament

**Project Name:** Tonga Parliament Buildings Project

### AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT

AIFFP grant: AUD13 million  
Bilateral grant: AUD5 million

### PARTNERS

Government of Tonga  
New Zealand Government

### CONSTRUCTION

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### COMPLETION

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## About the project

Australia is providing support for the design and construction of Tonga's new Parliament House and Office of the Legislative Assembly. The project is being delivered under a Delegated Cooperation Arrangement with New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), enabling close trilateral collaboration.

Australia is contributing a total of AUD18 million in grant funding, including AUD13 million through the AIFFP.

The new facility will be a modern, fit-for-purpose complex that incorporates a traditional Fale structure with exposed timber elements and the structural design loads have been derived to ensure they are appropriate for the Tongan context.

## Map



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about the AIFFP,  
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## Infrastructure highlights

In partnership with governments and private sector firms in the Pacific, the AIFFP facilitates the delivery of high quality, resilient infrastructure. This project's anticipated infrastructure footprint will include:



**TARGET OF 70 PER CENT**  
LOCAL LABOUR



**OVER 7,700 HOUSEHOLDS**  
CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT'S DESIGN

## Impact at a glance

The AIFFP prioritises lasting development and economic outcomes for people and communities. Its approach is guided by five impact areas: local content; climate resilience; social and environmental safeguards; gender and social inclusion; and quality and integrity.

The project will restore a central institution of governance in Tonga, support civic participation, and strengthen democratic processes. It also demonstrates Australia's enduring commitment to climate-resilient infrastructure and effective partnerships in the Pacific.

### LOCAL CONTENT

The project has a commitment to **maximise participation of local workers, subcontractors and suppliers** and support development of skills and capacity in Tonga. Construction of the precinct is expected to **generate significant local employment**, with a **70 per cent** local labour target. The project will also **procure materials and services locally** where possible.

### QUALITY, INTEGRITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

The islands of Tonga are **highly vulnerable** to the effects of **climate change** and **natural hazards** such as **earthquakes, cyclones, storm surges, and extreme weather**. These risks have been carefully considered in the building's design to **ensure structural integrity, climate resilience, and safety**.

The precinct will be constructed sustainably to endure these environmental challenges, **incorporating cyclone- and earthquake-resistant features**. It will be powered by **renewable energy**, and **rainwater tanks** will provide an **additional source of potable water**.

### GENDER EQUALITY, DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

The precinct has been design with **accessibility in mind**, including allocated **parking and ramps**, for use by **lawmakers, staff, and the public**. A public education centre is also being built to **increase local knowledge of government processes and foster civic participation**.

### SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS

The project's Environment & Social Management plans will ensure **environmental and social impacts are controlled** and that **community health, safety and cultural heritage are protected**.