

Date: 20 October 2025

Hon. Derrick Rawcliffe Manuari
Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification
PO Box G37
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Dear Honourable Minister,

RE: Resignation as Board member / Director of Solomon Islands Water Authority

I refer to my appointment dated 2 September 2024 making me a Director of the Solomon Islands Water Authority. I did not accept this role lightly, and I did so with the view that I would act within the law and in the best interests of the Authority and of the government and people of Solomon Islands. Ever since my appointment, I have made every effort to understand the functions of the Authority and the issues it faces. I trust I have provided positive input to the oversight of Solomon Water over the last 12+ months of my tenure as a Board member.

Honourable Minister, it is with a heavy heart then that I serve to inform you of my resignation from this Board, with immediate effect. I have become increasingly uncomfortable with the undue pressure being placed on the CEO to re-engage Rean Water Tech for the Kongulai water treatment plant project.

When the current Board members were appointed by your predecessor Hon. Braddley Tovosia, he told us he was aware of recent enquiries by investigative journalists involving Rean Water Tech, and he told us words to the effect that "if the allegations are true, then they (Rean) have to go". The report was later published online at <https://indepthsolomons.com.sb/how-solomon-islands-donor-funded-water-plant-became-a-costly-failure/>

The allegations in the media report have not been refuted by the Solomon Islands Government. Furthermore, I have not been provided with any proof that ADB or the World Bank would agree to continue to fund any re-engagement of Rean Water Tech, hence I cannot make an informed decision on this matter. I trust and believe the CEO's advice to the Board that this company breached its contract obligations and that the company is incapable of carrying out the required work.

The CEO has had threats and allegations made against him by fellow Board members, and with your directive of 17 October 2025, the Authority is being forced to undertake an action that is beyond mere general directions. I am highly uncomfortable with the current turn of events, and I wish to have no further part in these actions, hence in accordance with clause 4 of the Second Schedule to the Solomon Islands Water Authority Act, I hereby resign my office, effective from the date of this letter.

I wish the Solomon Islands Water Authority Board and staff well in seeking to carry out their mandates in accordance with the Solomon Islands Water Authority Act.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan McNeil', is positioned above the printed name.

Alan McNeil

cc. Chairman and Board members of Solomon Islands Water Authority
CEO, Solomon Islands Water Authority
Attorney General, AG's Chambers