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## **ANZ reopens in Solomon Islands**

ANZ today advised it will reopen its operations in the Solomon Islands tomorrow following action by the Prime Minister's office, the Police Service and the Central Bank to address the security situation.

The advice follows ANZ's decision on Monday to suspend all operations in the country after serious threats were made to the personal safety of its staff and premises by activities of the Family Charitable Fund.

ANZ General Manager Pacific Personal Banking Mr Rob Goudswaard said: "We are now satisfied we can operate without threats to the safety of staff or customers."

"Management and staff are very much looking forward to opening our branches for business again."

"We appreciate the patience staff and customers have shown over the past two days and trust they understand why the banks have had to act against threats and intimidation."

"ANZ would also like to thank the various groups and individuals in the Solomon Islands who have spoken out in support of the ANZ's actions to protect its staff, customers and premises," Mr Goudswaard said.

ANZ's branches in Honiara, Panatina, Auki, Noro and Gizo will be open as normal at 9.00am on Wednesday, 14 May.

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