



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

NOTICE TO ALL BUSINESSES

Due to the current COVID-19 situation in Fiji, the Ministry of Environment after careful consideration has instructed its staff to temporarily work from home. This is done to ensure that the health and safety of our customers, stakeholders, employees and communities is not compromised and also help us control and mitigate the effect of COVID-19 and comply with the Fijian Government's recovery strategy.

This temporary arrangement might result in potential delays in the processing of applications by the Department of Environment (including EIA, Waste and Pollution Control/Recycling Permits, Permits under the Ozone Depletion Act 1998 and the Endangered & Protected Species Act 2002).

The Ministry of Environment requests and appreciates your patience as we endeavour to provide the best possible permit processing assistance, and timely information (including the status of applications) during these challenging times. The Ministry intends to ensure that there is viable business continuity during this period and is grateful for your understanding and cooperation with the matter.

Should you need urgent assistance and you are awaiting a response, please immediately contact the Director of Environment- Ms Sandeep K. Singh on mobile- 9926659 or email: singhsk@govnet.gov.fj or Ms Rajeshni Lata on mobile- 9905181 email: rajeshni.lata@govnet.gov.fj

We will update you as soon as any changes to these arrangements are made. We value your health and safety. Our thoughts remain with you and your families during this unprecedented time.

**Joshua Wycliffe
Permanent Secretary for Environment
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