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FCCC Urges Landlords to Refrain From Evicting Tenants
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The Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) has urged landlords against evicting Fijians during the COVID-19 crisis.

"The COVID-19 virus has forced many companies to temporarily shut down and Fijians may not be able to earn their full income and thus be unable to pay rent," said FCCC CEO Joel Abraham.

"This is a time when Fijians need solidarity and to watch out for each other, and we urge against kicking tenants out of their homes if they are having difficulties. Think about how you would feel in a similar situation and show patience and understanding."

The 2020 supplementary budget earlier announced that loan repayments are to be deferred by six months for any Fijian who has lost their job or had their hours reduced. Mortgages, personal loans, even hire purchase payment plans from stores like Courts, Carpenters and others, all qualify. For those hit hardest, principal plus interest payments may be deferred as well.

Government has made a commitment to give further assurances to the banks to protect ordinary Fijians who have home mortgages through Letters of Comfort.

"The Fijian Government has worked with banks to provide homeowners relief on mortgages and landlords should pass some relief on to their tenants."

Abraham also urged tenants who were able to pay to do so and to talk to landlords and negotiate payment options.

The Commission is currently looking at measures to protect both landlords and tenants during this crisis

"We also thank the landlords who have been understanding and provided relief to tenants during a time where togetherness is very important."

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