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**Treat your Employees with consideration Says FCCC
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The Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) is asking Fijians to be considerate and not take advantage of the people they employ as we deal with the COVID-19 global pandemic.

“We ask that Fijians do not take advantage of their employees during this time. Bear in mind the difficulties they may be facing show them consideration,” said FCCC CEO, Joel Abraham.

“As Fijians, we must seek to help each other out as much as possible. Do not expose them to danger or risk, think about how you would like to be treated in a similar situation.”

Abraham said that an example of this was of taxi drivers overworking and exposing themselves to potentially dangerous situations so they could make up their quotas to taxi owners.

“Some of these drivers have to give the owners 300 or 350 dollars a week which means that they have to work extra hours to earn enough for their livelihood. This can be dangerous at the moment as they are at a high risk of getting infected,” said Abraham.

“Do not endanger your human resources to chase short term revenue. If they get ill and something happens to them, you will have lost that person as an employee forever, not to mention the loss to their friends and family.”

Abraham said that he hopes Fijians will follow his advice as we are all in this together and solidarity is very important for Fiji to get through this trying time.

"This is a global crisis, and this will test our humanity. In order to survive this, we must exercise solidarity and show support everyone in our community. This applies to everyone."

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