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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **PIRACY CONTINUES TO THRIVE AT THE EXPENSE OF FIJI'S CREATIVE ARTISTS**

FPRA Chairman Eremasi Tamanisau Jr states that "by not taking proactive measures to address piracy, society in general will suffer as there is no incentive for Fiji's songwriters and composers to invest their time and money in creating new works if they will not receive adequate protection in accordance with our local legislation."

FPRA (Fiji Performing Right Association) represents the performing rights of local and international composers and plays an active role in lobbying both government and the RFMF on the impact that piracy is having on composers and the local economy.

"The Government and those who purchase pirated CDs need to understand that it is not only the composers who suffer at the hands of music pirates. The loss of the legitimate income that a composer receives through the sale of their music impacts their family and our community, as the artist will no longer have an incentive to create. The government also stands to lose significant tax revenue by allowing lower priced inferior pirated product to be sold to unsuspecting consumers."

"Those who are concerned about the future of Fiji's music industry need to take an active interest in this issue" said Mr Tamanisau. "I urge you to report acts of music piracy to the police and make your concerns known to your local member of government so that we as a community can eradicate this problem".

FPRA is a non-profit organisation which was established in 1992 to administer the performing rights of its' local composer and songwriter members. Under a licence agreement with APRA (Australasian Performing Right Association), FPRA also represents the performing rights of owner 2 million foreign composers whenever their musical works are performed or communicated to the public throughout the Fiji Islands.

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