



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### **Statutory Regulators told to lift their game**

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Christopher Pryde, has called on statutory regulators to enforce the laws available to them to the maximum extent in the public interest and for the benefit of all Fijians.

Thirty-eight participants from various government ministries and departments yesterday morning (3.11.20) commenced a four-week advanced prosecution course for statutory regulators as a follow-up to the basic course offered earlier in the year by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP).

Mr Pryde said that “For too long, too many laws have lain dormant on statute books, ignored by Ministries and Departments and for too long people and companies have taken advantage of this to pollute, to litter, to overfish, to exploit and to degrade Fiji’s resources. Ministries and Departments must take responsibility and familiarise themselves with their own specific legislation and bring defaulters to court. The laws are there, we need to use them.”

In launching the advanced prosecution course for statutory regulators Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Dr Andrew Jack reminded participants that it was important that prosecutors fully understand their ministry’s legislation and regulations and seek further advice from desk officers provided by the ODPP if they were not clear of any provisions within their legislation.

The course is facilitated by ODPP Principal Legal Officer Mr Yogesh Prasad and will conclude on 27 November 2020.

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NB: *Pictures attached.*



*Participants of the ODPP Advanced Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva on 3 November 2020.*



*Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Dr Andrew Jack, addressing participants during the opening of the ODPP Advanced Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators yesterday morning (03.11.20) at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva.*



*(Sitting left-right) ODPP Director Human Resources and Corporate Services, Ms Charlotte Nambiar, Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Dr Andrew Jack with participants of the ODPP advanced prosecution course for statutory regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva.*