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DPP SANCTIONS CHARGES AGAINST TRADE UNIONIST

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Mr Christopher Pryde, has sanctioned a charge against the General Secretary of the National Workers Union, Felix Anthony, for breaching section 15 of the Public Order Act 1969.

The charge relates to false statements made by Felix Anthony on 26th April 2019 to a reporter from the Fiji Times in relation to the expiry of employment contracts of Water Authority of Fiji workers which tended to create or foster public anxiety.

Under the Public Order Act, if convicted, a person is liable for a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 years, or both.

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The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is an independent office established under section 117 of the 2013 Fijian Constitution. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is motivated by the principle that it is in the interests of justice that the guilty be brought to justice and the innocent are not wrongly convicted.