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## RECKLESS DRIVER BEHAVIOR A CONCERN FOR FRA

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Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) is concerned with reckless driver behavior, especially along active work sites.

FRA Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Moore raised his concerns after a driver on Kings Road in front of Rups Nakasi crashed through warning signs and barriers, entered the FRA team's worksite and came very close to colliding with our team that was working on the road this morning at around 5am.

"The consequence of this incident could have been fatal, but not through any action of the driver, we were lucky that nobody was seriously injured," Mr Moore said.

"It was only in Monday's press conference that I advised our concern about the reckless behavior of some of the drivers on the roads that is endangering the teams working out there."

During the press conference, Mr Moore said he had also advised that if this reckless and inconsiderate behavior continued then they might have no alternative but to close sites and take alternative actions.

"In the light of this morning's incident, I have directed my team to close particularly vulnerable sites and to install solid barriers around work sites to protect the workers."

He said unfortunately these actions will prolong works on site and increase the cost of our work.

"We regret that the disruption to travel may be prolonged and we also regret that the extent of work that we are able to deliver this year may be reduced through the diversion of extra expenditure required for additional protection."

However, Mr Moore has reiterated that the safety of FRA team is paramount and while reckless and irresponsible drivers continue to endanger their lives these measures will continue.