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MAINTAIN CLEAN DRAINS TO AVOID FLASH FLOODING

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Dumping rubbish in drains on road reserves and poorly maintained outlet drains through private properties are contributing to flooding after heavy downpours says Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) General Manager Central Division, Aram Goes.

He said floods caused by private drains are the responsibility of the property owner and when drains are not kept clean the storm water overflows onto the roads which not only damages the road infrastructure, it also affects private businesses and exposes the public to water-borne diseases.

“Heavy periods of rainfall in recent weeks has caused flash flooding killing livestock, damaging houses and roadsides resulting in disruptions to public access and traffic movements.”

Mr Goes said the impact also results in increased costs to the tax payer for repair to damaged roads and crossings.

“Cleaning drains is essential to keeping flooding to a minimum. We need to take proactive steps to improve the proper disposal of rubbish to ensure it does not find their way to the drains.”

He said the FRA wishes to remind the public to please act responsibly and ensure that all rubbish are disposed properly at the designated rubbish dumpsites.

NB: Before and after pictures of the culvert crossing inlet at Nakorovou Street in Wainibuku



Before: The culvert crossing inlet filled with debris at Nakorovou Street in Wainibuku



After: Debris cleared from the culvert crossing inlet at Nakorovou Street in Wainibuku