



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **FSC TRAIN ACCIDENT IN TAGITAGI**

FSC confirms that an incident involving an FSC locomotive occurred in Tagitagi at 3.20am Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. An FSC locomotive was involved in an accident in the early hours of the morning at Natawa crossing in Tagitagi, about 5 minutes from Tavua town.

According to reports, a two tonne truck, traveling at high speed ignored cautionary signals from the locomotive, and collided with the train. The truck driver tragically lost his life in the process.

The locomotive was already past the halfway mark on the highway, with the beacon lights on and the train's horns blaring as the train progressed crossing the highway road, however the truck which was traveling from Ba towards Tavua, failed to stop, resulting in its collision with the locomotive.

FSC regrets this unfortunate accident and offers its sincere condolences to the grieving family.

At the same time, FSC reiterates its advice to the general travelling public on the danger of moving and mobile locomotives in Fiji. The traveling public must heed road cautionary signals, train's horns and beacon lights which signal a train crossing or approaching trains.

The general public should be aware that there are inherent risks when a locomotive is active and they should only approach train tracks with caution.

For the safety of the general public, school students and residents who live near train tracks, a cautionary reminder is given to be aware of their surroundings, adopt a safety mindset and when necessary to cross a train track, to do so being absolutely vigilant.

This accident has been reported to the Fiji Police and is also the subject of a detailed internal investigation.

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