

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Copyright Tribunal Deals With Two Cases**

The Copyright Tribunal has given time until the end of the month (28/08/07) to the Fiji Performing Right Association, Australasian Performing Rights Association Ltd and Fiji Television Limited to conduct further negotiations on a fee agreeable to both parties.

This was one of two cases involving licensing that the Tribunal deliberated on earlier last week (29/07/08).

In the orders of the Tribunal, Chairman and Suva Magistrate, Mr Ajmal Khan stated that the parties would attempt to negotiate a fresh fee payable under the licensing scheme by 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.

However Mr Khan said that the current scheme shall remain in operation until the matter would be dealt with by the Tribunal or unless otherwise agreed between the parties by the end of the month (August).

Meanwhile in the second case heard by the Tribunal on an application by a Mr Sohan Singh, the owner of the Macuata Theatre Company, which operates Diamond Theatre in Labasa, Mr Khan abandoned and dismissed the matter.

There were five grounds in which the Tribunal based its decision on:

1. the matter was adjourned to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 for hearing and adjourned;
2. a further 30 days was requested and given for Mr Singh to appear;
3. a further extension was given for 30 days and the matter was adjourned to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008;
4. on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008, the applicant nor his counsel appeared and neither was the applicant's submissions filed as ordered and;
5. since it was the third adjournment, the application was deemed abandoned and dismissed.

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