



## MINISTRY OF RURAL AND MARITIME DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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## Get out and visit people: Minister Seruiratu



**Caption:** Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Hon. Inia Seruiratu and Commissioner Eastern Division Mr. Vitale Varo with Heads of Departments of various Government ministries and institutions based in Levuka, Ovalau.

**OVALAU** – Heads of Departments of various Government ministries and institutions based in Levuka, Ovalau have been urged to improve on their coordination and planning.

While addressing the HODs during a meeting yesterday, Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Hon. Inia Seruiratu urged the HODs to ensure that Government services were taken down to people at grassroots level whenever possible.

“Let’s learn to get out of the office and visit the people,” Hon. Seruiratu said.

Minister Seruiratu reminded the HODs that they needed to be able to work smarter and become more innovative while working in a rural setting.



“The bottom line is working smarter within the resources that you have and the environment that you are in. This is one of the key messages that I want to leave with you today, under the Integrated Rural Development Framework (IRDF), a lot of coordination and planning will help alleviate the frustrations and of course, the hindrances when it comes to service delivery. You need to coordinate and plan better.”

Hon. Seruiratu also acknowledged the work undertaken by civil servants based on Ovalau.

“We fully understand the challenges and the difficulties that you face particularly in trying to provide the services to the rural people, but having served in a rural area as well in my capacity as a former Commissioner, I can say that despite those challenges, it gives good opportunities to develop within the environment that we are in,” he said.

As part of his tour of Ovalau, Hon. Seruiratu also visited the Taki Mai factory, the Levuka Market site and the Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) Coastal Project.



**Caption:** Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Hon. Inia Seruiratu, Commissioner Eastern Division Mr. Vitale Varo and senior Government officials with employees of Fiji Kava Ltd on Ovalau yesterday.

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