







e-Pricing : Financial Analysis Portal (FAP)

Theme: "Innovations for Higher Productivity"



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About FCCC Who we are? What we Do?



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**Project Selection** 

Current Situation, Goal for the Project



### About the Project

Definition, Goals, Process of Operation



### **Implementation Plan**

Results and Confirmation of Effect, Remaining Steps and Standardization, Reflection Points

# **About FCCC**



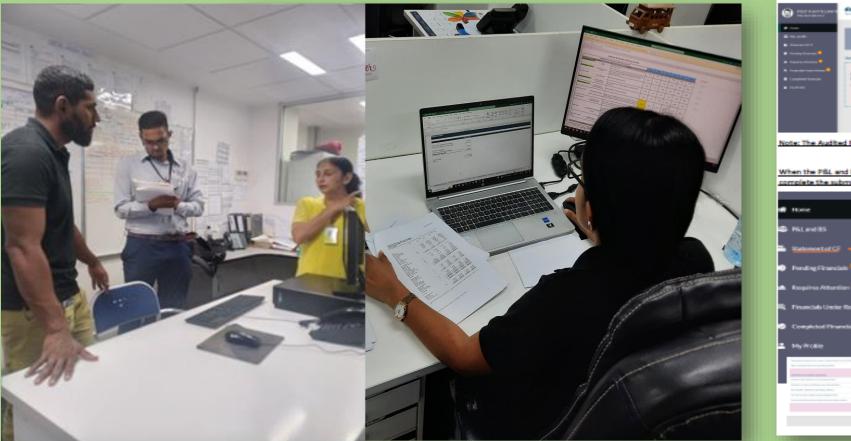
The Fijian Competition & Consumer Commission (FCCC) is a statutory body and performs as a multi-sector regulator, and a consumer protection agency for Fiji and her people, whilst administering the FCCC Act 2010.



We Promote Effective Competition & Informed Market Place We ensure Implementation of Fair Trade in Market Protect consumers & businesses from restrictive practices. We Regulate prices and control the Monopoly Markets.



## Improve Productivities e-Pricing : Financial Analysis Portal





# **Project Focus Area**



# Pricing Planning & Policy

### Economic Regulations

## Technical Regulations



# **Economic Regulations**



FCCC's Economic Regulations function is responsible for determining the prices of the products that is controlled by the FCCC pursuant to a Price Control Order and undertaking **independent analysis and review on any industry engaged in the supply of electricity, water, sewage, post, broadcasting, telecommunications, ports, civil aviation or any other industries** that is declared subsequently in Section 5 of the FCCC Act 2010.

✓ Section 2(2) of the FCCC Act 2010 sets out FCCC's objectives in relation to regulated industries and access regimes as follows:

• promote effective competition in the interests of consumers;

 facilitate an approximate balance between efficiency and environmental and social considerations; and

• ensure non-discretionary access to monopoly and near monopoly infrastructure or services



# **Quality Circle Stories**



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<b>S. 1:</b> Problem Identification & Prioritization	<b>S.2</b> Understanding the Problem: Observing the Workplace	S.3 Collection of Information of Data
<b>S.4</b> Transformation / Project Implementation	<b>S.5</b> Results	S.6 Re-evaluation of the system
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# **Organizational Productivity Constraints**



The Circle during its problem identification period (PDCA) was able to extract the following constraints that was limiting FCCC's efficiency for better decision making of the Regulated industries given the availability of financial information at hand and retaining the manual methods of analysis.

This was because:

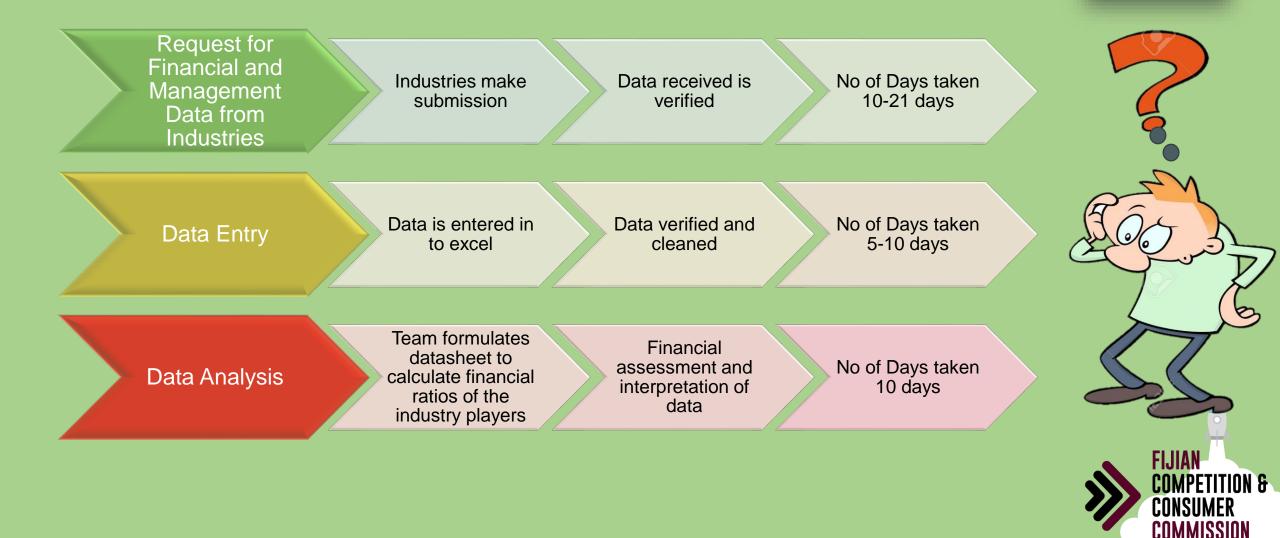
- Lack of Digital Process
- Prolonged Processing
- Stakeholder Error
- Incomplete Submission
- Delivery Quality of FCCC
- Analysis Error/Human
- Misplaced Submission
- Delayed industries pricings and tariffs decision
- Delayed policy decision.

### PRODUCTIVITY = EFFICIENCY + EFFECTIVENESS

Doing things right Doing the right things right

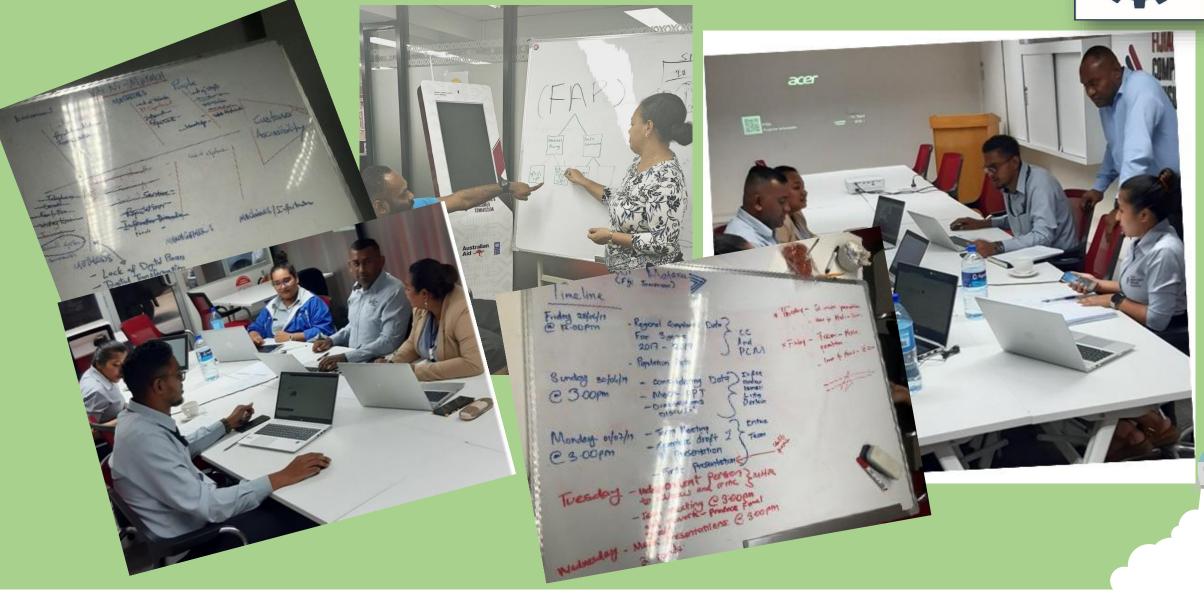


# **Manual Process of Data Analysis**

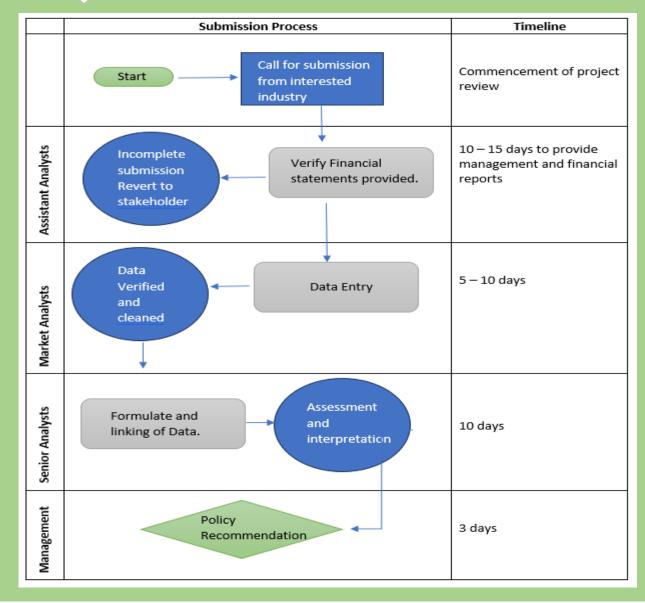


# Brainstorming





# **Process Map**

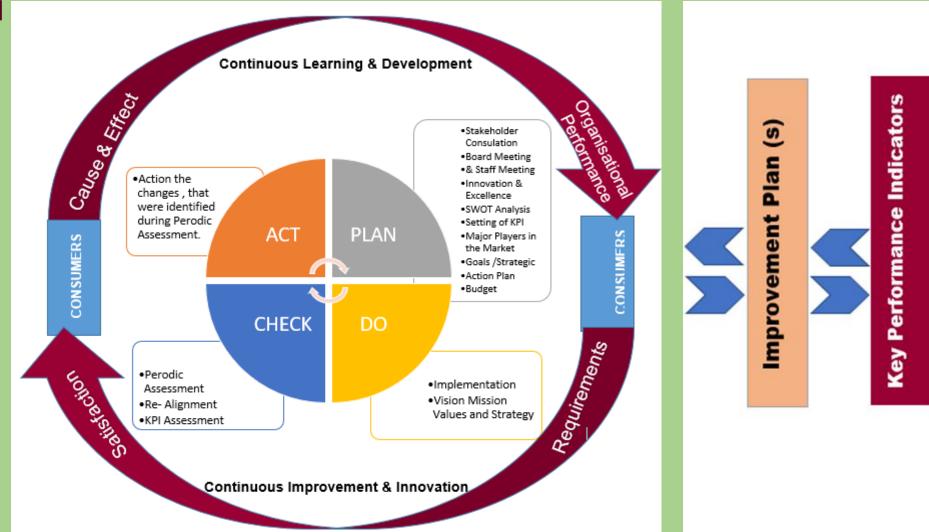




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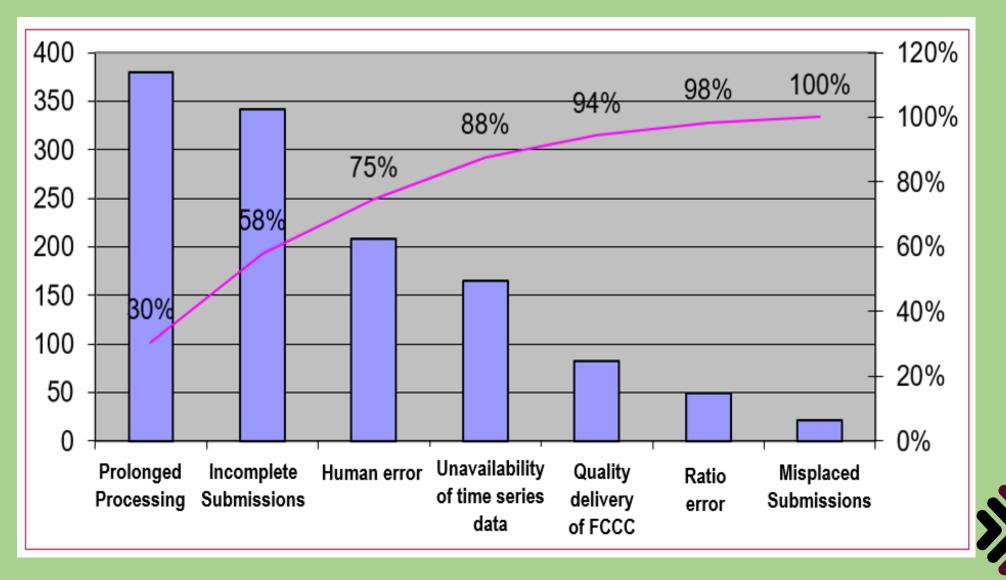






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# **Pareto Chart**





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# **Problem Classification – Control Chart**

Perceived	Controllable/	Risk Category	Agreement reached
Problems	Uncontrollable		by members
Lack of Digital Process	Controllable	•	Digitalization of Process
Prolonged Processing	Controllable	•	Streamline data analysis
Incomplete Submission - Data Provided are not clear, smudged, missing.	Controllable	•	Data entry by stakeholder and verified by FCCC
Human & Ratio errors	Controllable	•	Portal will do all analysis moving forward
Unavailability of time series data	Controllable	•	Team will enter all data from previous years to have a time series database
Quality delivery of FCCC output	Controllable	•	Timely and accurate data analysis
Additional administrative costs	Controllable	•	Implementation of effective and efficient financial analysis portal
Misplaced financial statements	Controllable	•	Digitalization of Process



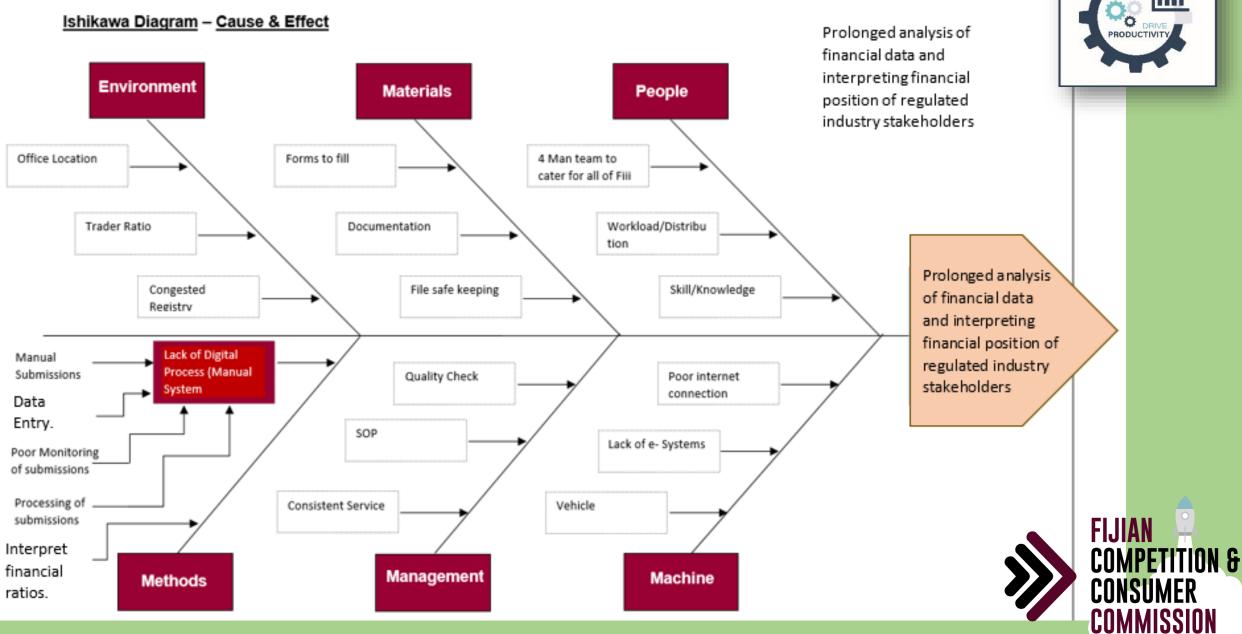
- The team Viti Ni Mataka validated the problems and proceeded to classify this problems according to its controllability.
- The team through consensus classified the problems in to either controllable or uncontrollable

Medium Risk

Low Risk



### **Fish-Bone**



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# **Decision Matrix**

The Team Viti Ni Mataka, agreed to use decision matrix table, to base it decision on certain criteria. This criterion includes the following:

- Urgency of the problem
- Impact of problem on productivit and quality
- Familiarity of members with the brainstormed problems
- Availability of data for the problem identified
- Solvability of problem
- Implementbility

Perceived Problems	Brainstorm Problem	Impact on productivity and quality	Familiarity of members	Availability of data	Solvability	Implement ability	Total Points Rank	Rank
Lack of Digital Process	5	5	5	5	5	5	30	1
Prolonged Processing	5	5	5	3	5	4	27	4
Incomplete Submission	5	5	4	4	2	3	23	6
Human & Ratio errors	5	5	5	5	4	4	28	3
Unavailability of time series data	5	5	3	2	2	3	20	7
Quality delivery of FCCC output	5	5	2	5	4	5	26	5
Additional administrative costs	5	5	5	5	4	5	29	2
Misplaced financial statements	5	5	5	5	4	5	29	2
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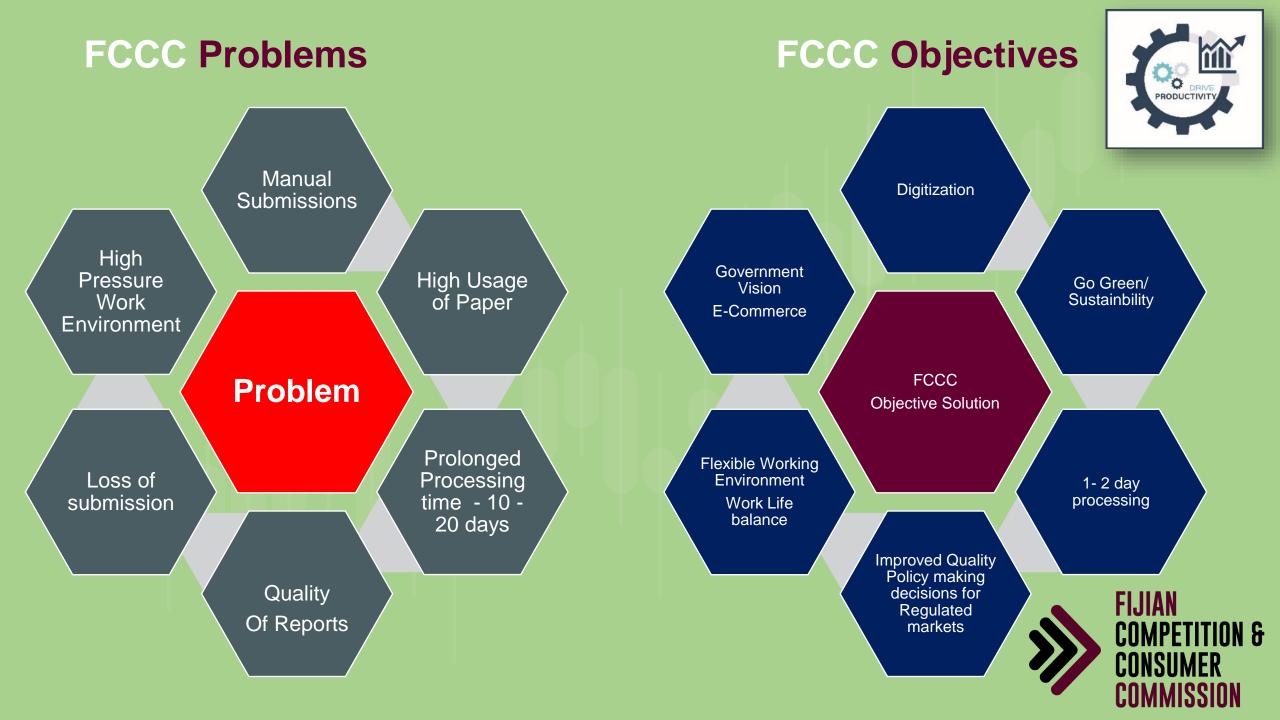
The team used the decision matrix table to rank the problems identified according to their different criteria's. Through consensus the team was able to collectively agree on the ratings for all the problems that were identified during the brainstormed sessions.



Caption: Ranking 1 Most important, 7 Least important.







# **Project Solution**

#### Manual Financial Data Analysis

We carried out Plan Do Check Act of the current Process.

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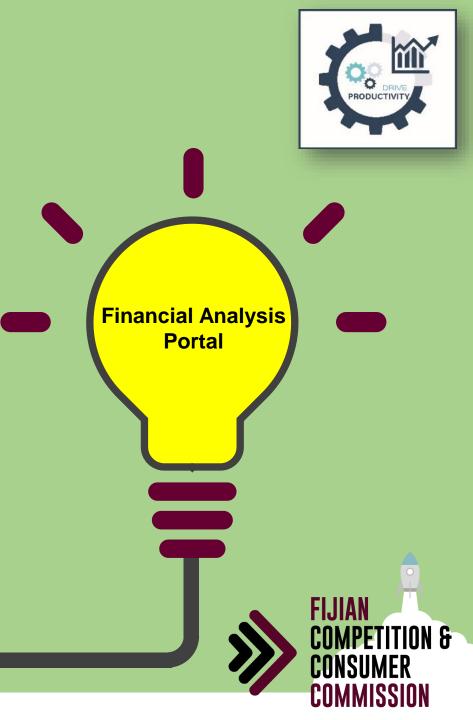
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#### Identified Priority Gaps to be Addressed

This process was used to address the GAPs.

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03 The Fish- Bone Diagram was used to analyze the Identified gaps with the causes. Other Quality Tools were Used.







# **Financial Analysis Portal (FAP)**



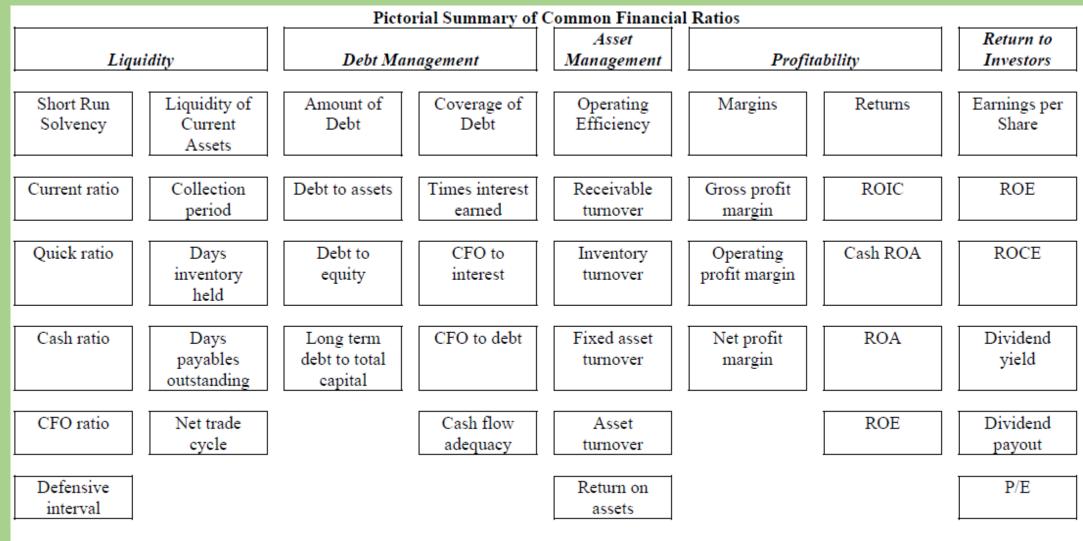


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- The e-Pricing System (Portal) is the first of its kind in the entire Asia Pacific Region, and is a uncommon innovation – digitized system designed by the FCCC (Viti Ni Mataka) back in 2019 which is now an enterprise resource portal for FCCC.
- The Portal was further enhanced to cater for inspections and surveys through the integration of the e-Monitoring & Survey in 2020 and now the system will cater for the Financial Analysis Portal.
- This system is a digitized system designed by the FCCC (Viti Ni Mataka) to perform algorithms and analyse financial data to provide the financial stability and sustainability status of industry stakeholders.
- The system has been designed to allow provisions for the stakeholders, to directly input all the necessary financial data relating to a particular financial year which is required to analyse the performance in a specified period. Based on the designing concept, the following coding language was used to design the entire e-Pricing system.

PHP, jQuery, JavaScript, Ajax, json, HTML 5, CSS, SQLITE, SQL Server and Java Socket FIJIAN Programming.



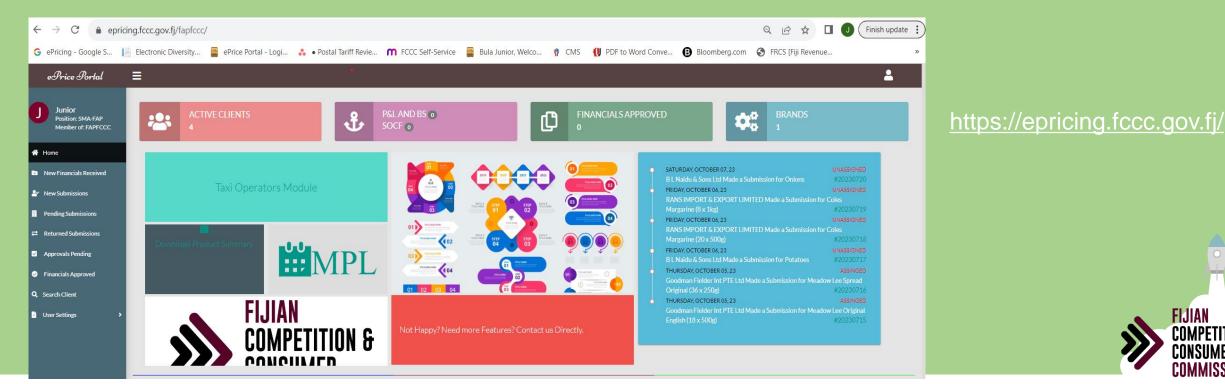


(Not all ratios are represented in this picture; some ratios pertain to more than one category.)





- This coding language is one of the best programming language used around the globe by programmers while designing such systems. This coding language also has secured coding, intended to safeguard the system from unauthorized interface or virus.
- FAP system has in-build programme which enables the users to generate the financial ratios that interpret the financial stability and performance of industry stakeholders in a financial period or over a series of period based on the time series data uploaded. stakeholders



**About FAP Portal** 

### How will the FAP work

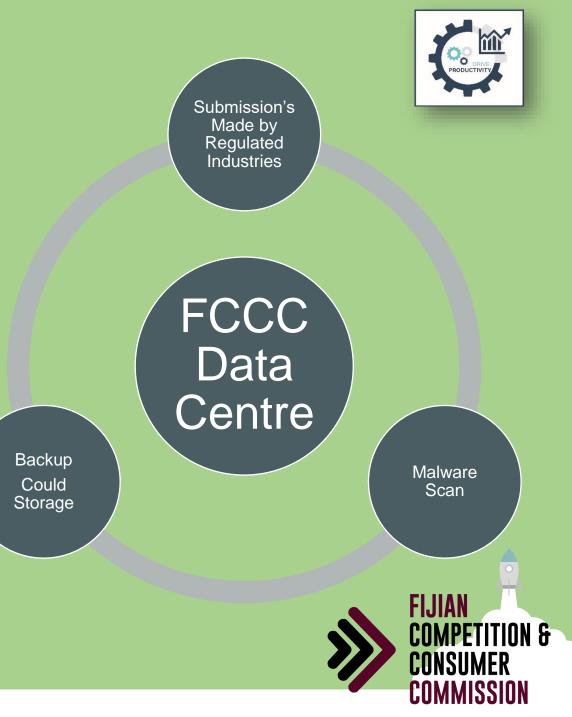
Step 3 Step 1 Step 2 Step 4 **Senior Analyst Stakeholder Submits** FCCC team vets verifies data Manager Approves data **Financial Data** the entered data entry **Policy Decisions by Customised Reports** FCCC and to the FIJIAN Generated COMPETITION & Government CONSUMFR

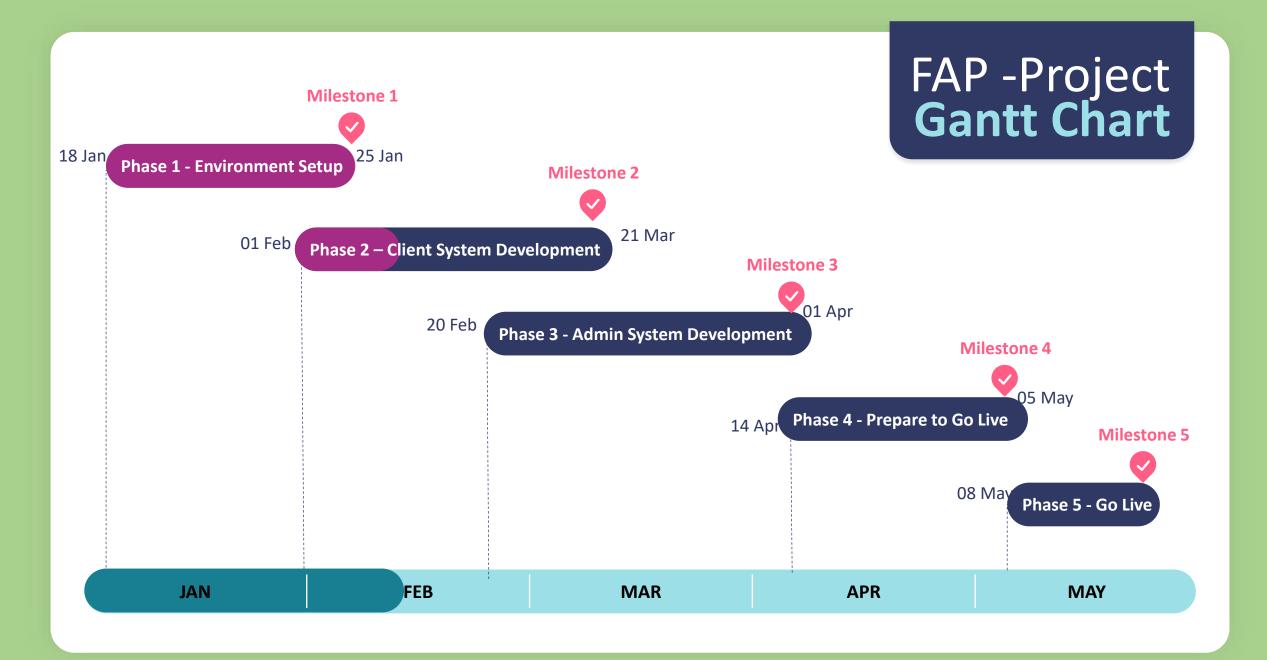
### **Security and Data Protection**

As a regulatory body, FCCC ensures that confidentiality is maintained for each Stakeholder we serve.

Therefore, FAP system is automatically protected once the information is submitted

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	FAP is a program (web service, SaaS) intended to car			s of a company's financial po	sition based on data from	its financial staten	nents.
â	■ Choose your Reporting Period						
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# **Project Phases**



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# Some Goals of the Project (FAP System)

- 24-hour availability without overhead costs (reduced overhead costs);
- Easy access for Stakeholders to lodge their Submission;
- FCCC to improve services to stakeholders for Regulated industries who pay a fee to FCCC.
- Have a good working environment.
- Minimise error.
- Reduce operational cost.
- Minimise processing time.
- Confidentiality, safety and security of data.
- Streamline the processes.
- Improved & increased consumer satisfaction.
- Paper Less organisation.
- Digital Transformation to improve and increase Stakeholder accessibility.
- Business Process Reengineering.
- Quality produce in the market for benefit of all Fijians.

The system is easy to use and will streamline the process and increat productivity.





# **Monitoring/ Evaluation**



- The Circle ensures effective monitoring and evaluation of the system through various mechanism such as:
- Risk management assessment
- Check sheets
- System Audit
- Process Verification
- Data checks
- Data backup recovery from the supplier
- Stakeholder reviews
- Independent review
- Enhancement and version update
- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Access Level checks

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#### e-Pricing Audit Form – 1

Areas	Indicator	Response	Recommendation for Improvement
	Is there a SOP.		
	Does the SOP clearly outline the		
Standard	steps & process?		
Operating	Does the SOP supports e-		
Procedure	Pricing System?		
	Is there any separate policy for		
	stakeholders		
	Is the system safe and secured?		
	Can stakeholders fully access		
	the system?		
	Is the system user friendly?		
e-Pricing System	Is there any drawbacks in the		
	system?		
	Can system of accessed around		
	the globe.		
	Is it an effective system.		
	Will this system increase		
	productivity.		
	How the system will lead to		
Productivity	increased productivity.		
Enhancement	Has the submission processing		
	time reduced?		
	What other types of improvements noted.		
	What is the level of data		
	protection?		
	How data confidentiality is		
Risk	maintained.		
Niak	Is there data backup?		
	Is there any risk mitigating		
	strategy for the system.		
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# Results

## **Tangible Benefit**

- ✓ Reduction in Time taken to analyse financial data
- ✓ Decrease in Overhead Cost
- ✓ Decrease in Labour Cost
- ✓ Productivity gain
- ✓ Process Improvement
- ✓ National Contribution
- ✓ Work from home, Remote working
- ✓ Paper and Printing Cost Saving
- $\checkmark$  Reduction in missing submission
- Reduction in Consumer Complaints
- ✓ Transportation Cost
- ✓ Recruitment hiring cost
- ✓ Legal & legislation Fees
- Cost of Attending complaints in Outer island

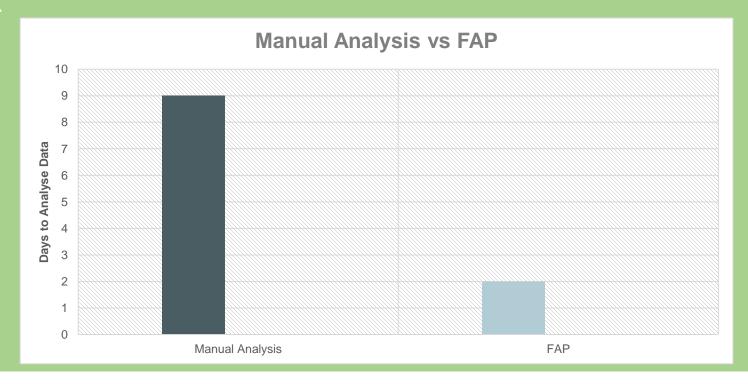




## **Results (Positive Impact & Trends)**

After Implementation period of the project, the team noted that via the FAP system financial data were assessed within 2 days after submissions were made on the portal and vetted. This met the major objective of the project where data was analysed, and the financial performance of the stakeholders generated efficiently without errors. a smooth transition of activities with minimum impact to business operations was met in an effective yet efficient

manner.







# **Results – Cost Benefit**

In evaluating the project, the team highlighted that both traders and FCCC managed to save a substantial amount of money in terms of minimizing the usage of paper.

This was achievable as the FAP System only requires stakeholders to enter the data and upload the scanned financial statements via the portal without having to make duplicates.

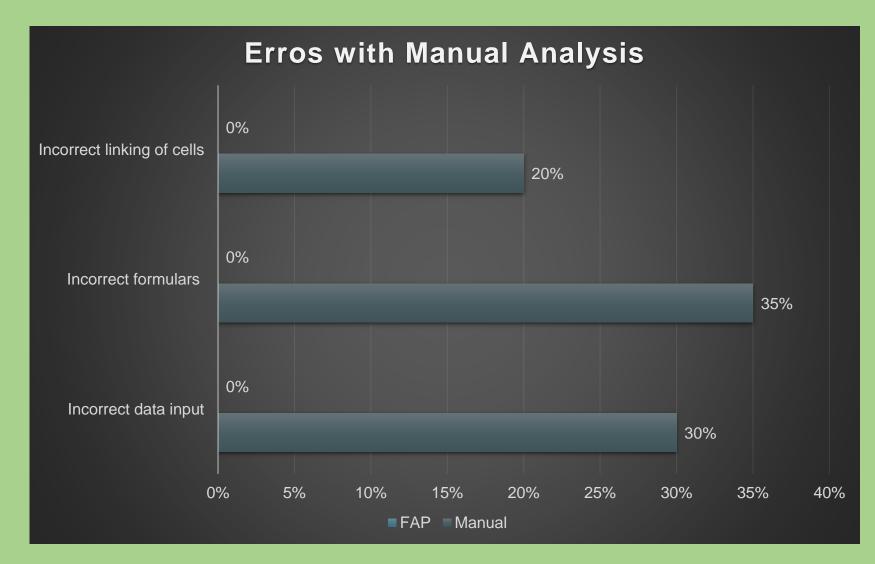
The same was for FCCC as all documents were saved on the System thus verification and reports were generated online.



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## **Results** (Errors Manual v/s System)



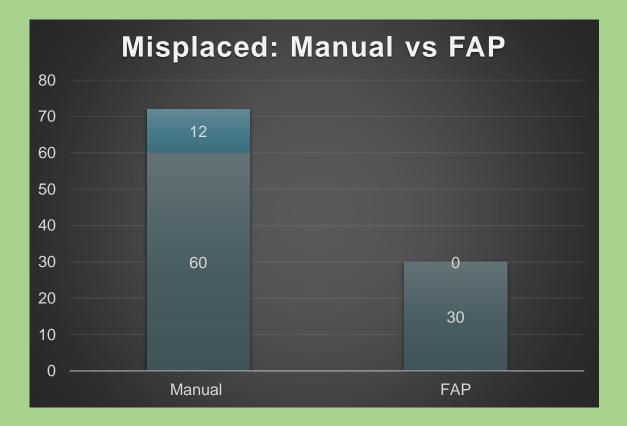
With reduced errors in analysing data FCCC Officers can complete analysis within 2 days and devote more time to a thorough assessment of submissions and make a more informed decision about the market.

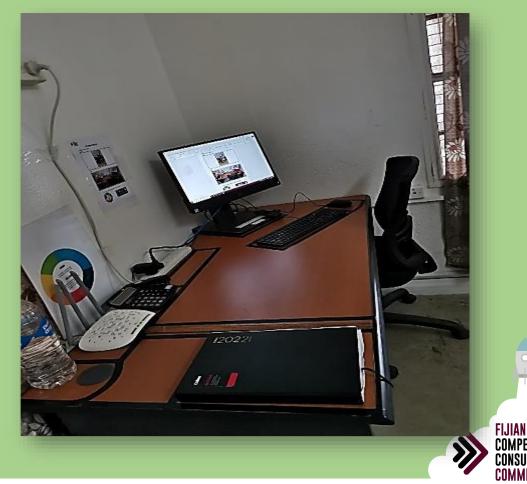




## **Results** (Misplaced Submission Manual v FAP)

The team also noted that given the design of the System, missing submissions have become a thing of the past as both traders and Officers have the capability of tracking the status of their respective submissions.







# **Results** (Human Resources Feedback)

After the Implementation of the project, team Viti Ni Mataka collected feedback from the managers and analysts who assess and analyse financial data during the industry review process. Feedback was highlighted as per table below.

Assistant Feedback Questions Managers Analysts Analysts Did you analyse data via the FAP Yes Yes Yes Are you Happy with the FAP Yes Yes Yes Has the FAP improved efficiency and Yes Yes Yes effectiveness Yes (add other Yes (more Is there any improvements that you would financial ratios for customization of Not now suggest to the FAP better policy reports) decisions)

#### ePrice Portal Junior Position: SMA-FAP Member of: FAPFCCC 🕋 Home New Financials Received New Submissions <u>\_\_\_</u> Pending Submissions Returned Submissions -Approvals Pending $\sim$ Financials Approved Q Search Client User Settings



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## **Results** (Human Resources)

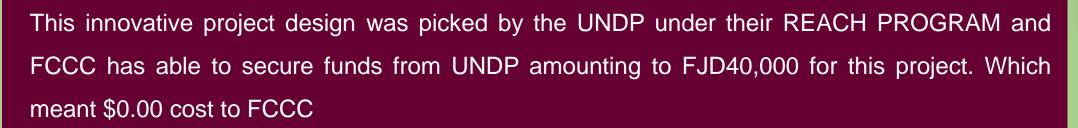
Percentage Usage of Overall Salary for 8 Staff for over 60 reviews per year 30% 25% Cost Saving 5% Manual FAP



- Manually 30% of Economic Regulations team salary is used to in financial analysis.
- FAP System only 5% of salary of is used to analyse financial data.
- Surplus value of about \$10,000.00.



## **Results**



Tangible Benefits	Financial Analysis Portal- Submitted For Approval - 80017 ePricing Portal <noreply@fccc.gov.fj> To junior.bali@fccc.gov.fj Sun 28/03/2021 3:32 pm</noreply@fccc.gov.fj>	
Increased Revenue	Dear Junior, Fap has received a new financial analysis submission from the Economic Regulations Department. As manager, you are required to log into the system and approve the information verified by the officer.	
Resource Cost Savings	Submission Details: Submission #: 80017 Industry: Ports Client: Fiji Ports Corporation Limited	PRODUCTIVITY
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Process Improvements		FIJIAN COMPETITION 6



# **Results – In-Tangible Benefit**

- ✓ Effective Standard Operation Procedure
- ✓ Clean Desk -5s
- ✓ Staff Attitude
- ✓ Reduced work Pressure
- ✓ User friendly process and system
- Consumer Reach & Satisfaction
- ✓ Enhanced Customer Experience
- ✓ FCCC Agility/Adaptability
- ✓ Strategic Scanning Capability
- ✓ Best Practices
- ✓ Monitoring/Reporting
- ✓ Knowledge Distribution
- Innovation Capacity/Capability
- Economic Development
- ✓ Data Safety
- ✓ Corporate Social Responsibility
- ✓ FCCC Image & Value addition







# **Results – In-Tangible Benefit**



More transparency expected as FCCC signs MOU with APAEA By Shanil Singh



You can expect more transparency into how the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission carries out its work following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Asia-Pacific Applied Economics

### Intangible Benefits

Enhanced User Experience

Increased Customer Satisfaction

Increased Compliance

Brand Equity





I will clean things right away



I will rewrite things that have been erased

I will tape up things that have come down



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## Learning & Integration

### Creating Community Projects

- Awareness with Traders
- Media Publications
- Talk Back Shows
- Stakeholder Understanding

### Sustaining Partnership

- MOU's
- Frameworks
- Strategic Alliance
- Data for Ministry
- Research & Data Collection
  - Publishing of Papers

# Challenges Faced by the Team

- 1. Lack of Support at the start from Staff.
- 2. Financial Support.
- 3. Board Approvals.
- 4. Data Collection.
- 5. Stakeholder buy INS.
- 6. Designing of the Project (System).
- 7. Implementation Process with Stakeholders.
- 8. Training & Consultation
- 9. Time Management
- 10.Digitization of processes and systems;
- 11.Implementation of secured security systems to mitigate the unwarranted risks;
- 12.Setting up Digitized tracking system13.Benchmarking process and systems



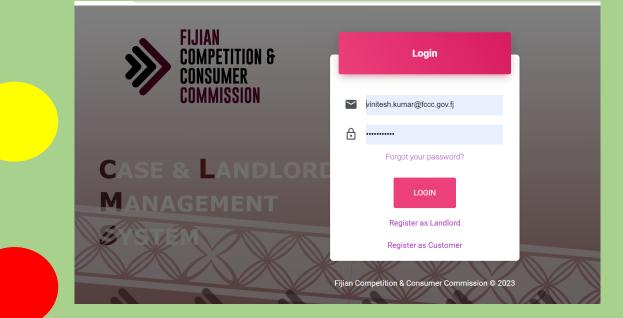
# Viti Ni Mataka Future Focus

After successful completion of the FAP project the circle is now focusing on the following quality improvement projects through reengineering process.

**E- Taxi Registration** – This project will be designed to assist both FCCC and LTA in keeping record of all Taxi permits registered in Fiji and licensed taxi drivers in Fiji.

**Case Management System** – This project has been started and is now in the enhancement phase project is to ensure all FCCC cases are managed electronically, and complainants updated regularly on status.







# **Corporate Social Responsibility**

Engaging in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities is an integral part of the FCCC as it is a means of giving back to the community. During the project, team Viti Ni Mataka was part of six (6) CSR activity, as shown below;

Bamboo Pen

- 1. Replanting National Initiative to plant four (4) million trees by 2023.
- 2. Blood Drive saving a life;
- 3. Draiba Primary School Tree planting
- 4. Community Awareness; and
- 5. Go Green Initiative.
- 6. Cancer awareness





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#### **OUR VISION, MISSION & VALUES**

#### Vision

To create a dynamic and competitive market in Fiji.

#### Mission

Fostering a competitive, efficient, fair and informed market place to enhance the welfare of all Fijians.

#### Values

Professionalism, Responsibility, Transparency, Commitment, Integrity, Honesty, Respect, Trust.

#### **OUR STRATEGIC GOALS**

**01** Markets for goods and services in Fiji are competitive.

**02** Consumers in Fiji are offered goods and services that are safe and are provided with adequate and accurate information about goods and services.

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**03** Regulation, including price control, is applied where competition is not effective, and efficient outcomes can be achieved without imposing excessive administrative or compliance costs.

**04** FCCC is regarded by Government, businesses and the public as an independent and expert body.

**05** Innovative, digital, quality, efficient, and economical FCCC services.

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