

## Tropical Cyclone Yasa

Tropical Cyclone Yasa is now over open waters between Fiji and Vanuatu in the South Pacific and is expected to move towards Fiji from tomorrow.

According to the Fiji Meteorological Service, the Tropical Cyclone is likely to become a category 5 as it passes close to or over Fiji later this week. Current projections show the center of Yasa is expected to pass between the two main Fijian islands by Thursday however adverse weather will be felt by parts of Fiji in the next 24 hours.

A category 5 cyclone may cause widespread power failures, destroy roofing and cause considerable damage to infrastructure and buildings on the islands.

### Local Expertise supported by our regional network

McLarens have three Loss Adjusters on the ground in Fiji who are supported by six staff from a local engineering firm. Given the challenges associated with COVID-19 this engineering team has been arranged to conduct post-loss damage surveys in an effort to enhance our response to the potential event.

The engineering team will be closely monitored by one of our local Loss Adjusters, their mandate will be to conduct post loss damage surveys only. The insurance aspects and reporting will be dealt with by our qualified Loss Adjusting team.

We are in discussions with the Fijian Government to enable additional Adjusting resource to travel from our New Zealand and Australian offices and to enter quarantine in Fiji as soon as possible.

Should you require our assistance please do not hesitate to contact us. Details of our proposed incident response team are provided below:

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### Local Contacts

#### Viti Levu, Fiji



**Andrew Cotton**  
MANAGER FIJI, SENIOR  
LOSS ADJUSTER

Andrew is a Chartered Loss Adjuster with over 25 years' experience as a loss adjuster and has worked as part of CAT teams managing claims in regions including the Caribbean Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Vanuatu. Andrew currently manages all classes of insurance claims and whilst located in the Western Division of the Fijian Islands also provides valuable loss adjusting services to the South Pacific islands generally.



**Nick Dench**  
SENIOR LOSS  
ADJUSTER

Nick is a Chartered Loss Adjuster with over fifteen years' experience in the insurance and loss adjusting industries across New Zealand, Australia and the South Pacific.

Nick specialises in Property and Casualty losses and has worked regularly on large losses in Fiji since 2012, in both catastrophe and business as usual environments. Nick has extensive CAT response experience, particularly cyclone, flood and storm related in New Zealand, Australia and Fiji; and in earthquake losses across New Zealand.

#### Krishal Mishra

LOSS ADJUSTER

Krishal is a qualified Civil Engineer, who joined McLarens as a Loss Adjuster in early 2018. He specialises in Property and Construction and Engineering losses. Prior to joining McLarens, Krishal gained valuable experience in Catastrophe Response, leading a team of Engineers completing rapid assessments of a variety of Government Buildings, Residential and Commercial Property during the response to Cyclone Winston in 2016. He then completed detailed audit and assessment of the damaged properties for reinstatement.



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# Our Incident Response Team is ready to assist.



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