

TIMEFRAME

The Timeframe for the Bougainville Constituent Assembly to adopt the Independent Constitution of a new Sovereign Independent State of Bougainville will be before or by the first quarter of 2025.

2022 – Negotiations, Establishment and Consultations

- *Creation of BCPC and BCPC Secretariat*
- *Conduct BCPC Induction*
- *Conduct Awareness*
- *First Citizen Consultation*
- *Prepare 1st Draft*
- *Approve 1st Draft*
- *Carry out 1st Draft Workshop*

2023: Deliberation & Drafting

- *Prepare 2nd Draft*
- *Screening 2nd Draft*
- *Approve 2nd Draft*
- *Carry out 2nd Citizens' Consultation*
- *Prepare 3rd Draft*

2024: Adoption Stage

- *Prepare Final Draft*
- *BEC and National Parliament consider*
- *Final Draft*
- *Bougainville Constituent Assembly adopts new Constitution*
- *Decommissioning of BCPC*
- *Compile all reports & documentations*

2025 – Independence Declaration and Enforcement of a Sovereign Independent State of Bougainville

The work of the Commission will stop after the Bougainville Constitu-ent Assembly adopts the Constitution of the Sovereign Independent State of Bougainville in 2024.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARM OF BCPC

The BEC endorsed the BCPC Secretariat to support the mandate of the Commission in providing technical advice & support, ad-ministrative support, and logistics & procurement arrangements. The BCPC Secretariat is led by the Department of Justice & Legal Service and consists of technical officers such as Program Manager, Regional Coordinators, Finance Officer, Logistics & Procurement Officers, Awareness & Media Officer, and lawyers.

THE BOUGAINVILLE CONSTITUTIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARIAT

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THIS MISSION CALLS UPON US TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR AN INDEPENDENT BOUGAINVILLE



THE SECRETARIAT
“Giving Voice To Bougainvilleans ”

THE BOUGAINVILLE CONSTITUTIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FORMATION AND PURPOSE OF BCPC

The BEC based on the Wabag Joint Statement endorsed the establishment of the BCPC on 16th July 2021, and on February 18th 2022 endorsed 40 persons as commissioners with their Terms of Reference. The commissioners were sworn-in on the 25th of February 2022 in Arawa to represent Bougainvilleans and frame a new autochthonous constitution for a Sovereign Independent of Bougainville.

THE HEADS OF BCPC

The Commission is a Bougainville Constitutional Office headed by a Chairperson (Hon. President Ishmael Toroama), an Alternate Chairperson (Hon. Vice President Nisira), a Deputy Chairperson (Hon. Minister Eze-kiel Masatt & A.G.), and other members of the Commission representing - women, chiefs, business community, youth, churches, and ex-combatants. The Chairperson reports directly to the BEC and delegates responsibilities to other members of the Commission.

COMMISSIONERS

The commissioners are divided into four (4) groups:

1. Team Buka & Atolls

- 1) Agnes Titus
- 2) Telavika Faite
- 3) Eddie Mohin
- 4) David Braun
- 5) Sylvester Hatsiere
- 6) Dudley Matuan
- 7) Joshua Kangku
- 8) Genevieve Somo.

2. Team North

- 1) Francesca Semoso

- 2) Romeo Tohiana
- 3) Linus Dake (Sr)
- 4) Robert Kekevio
- 5) Lawrence Belleh
- 6) Robert Semoso
- 7) Albert Magoi
- 8) Glynn Tovirika
- 9) Bernard Hanga.

3. Team South

- (1) Isabel Peta
- 2) Albert Nukuitu
- 3) Rev. Abraham Toroi
- 4) Terry Mose
- 5) Michael Komoiki
- 6) Steven Topesi
- 7) David Kongkori
- 8) Vandelinus Bitanuma
- 9) Thomas Koioro
- 10) Nick Peniai

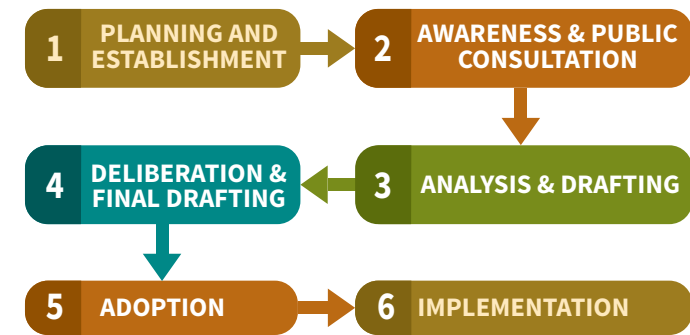
4. Team Central

- 1) Anita Salas
- 2) Daniel Kukup
- 3) Augustine Teboru
- 4) Johnathan Kenneth
- 5) Julie Tanasi Latu
- 6) Sam Kauona
- 7) James Ornato
- 8) David Maliku.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BCPC

Commission is tasked to –

- discuss with the people, ask questions and obtain their views on what type of constitution they want.
- ensure constitution is 'home grown'.
- arrange public hearings and receive written submission from the people.
- prepare a draft constitution.
- arrange a workshop to review and discuss on the draft constitution.
- complete a draft constitution by first quarter of 2025.



Five methods BCPC will use to carry out public consultations:

- 1) Civic Awareness
- 2) Public Meetings & Dialogue
- 3) Conduct a Stakeholders' Workshop for the first draft constitution
- 4) Conduct Public Hearing
- 5) Receive written submissions from groups and individual

BCPC will use Radio Ples Lain, NBC, and New Dawn to convey message from time to time.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

Some of these proposed questions are relevant to get feedback from what type of constitution and government the people of Bougainville may want.

- a) What is your vision of an independent Bougainville?
- b) What do you want to see in your autochthonous (home-grown) Constitution?
- c) What are the main features of the democratic government suitable for governing independent Bougainville?
- d) What type of government will best serve the needs and wishes of the people of an Independent Bougainville?