

THE MAIN FEATURES OF A DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT SUITABLE FOR INDEPENDENT BOUGAINVILLE

A. VISION - The Constitution

1. What is your vision for an Independent Bougainville now and into the future?
2. Do we need a Constitution for Bougainville – Why do we need one?
3. How do we define the boundaries of Bougainville – Do we maintain the Provincial Government Boundaries?
4. What would be the name of the New Country?
5. Should Bougainville be a Republic of Bougainville or an Independent State of Bougainville? Or what form or style of government should we adopt?
6. How do we identify a Bougainvillean?
 - a. Do we need a National Language? What would be our National Language?
 - b. Do we need a National Symbol? What would be our National Symbol?
 - c. Do you want to keep the current Bougainville flag? Do we add more restrictions to the use of the flag? Do we design a new flag?
 - d. Do you want to keep the current Bougainville Anthem?
7. Where should the capital of the New Nation be located?
8. How do we regulate (foreigners) individuals seeking citizenship in Bougainville?
 - a. Should we allow non-Bougainvilleans to contest in our national elections?
 - b. Should we allow foreigners married in Bougainville to contest in our national elections?
9. How should a foreigner become a citizen of Bougainville?
10. Do you want foreigners to hold dual citizenship
11. How do we manage Bougainvilleans who are of a mix parentage?

B. MAIN FEATURES OF THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

1. The Three Pillars of a Democratic Government
 - a. **Legislature or Parliament** – What composition should the Legislature consist of? Do we maintain the current constituencies or we reduce or increase? How do we elect the speaker of Parliament?
 - b. **Executive** – What composition should the Executive Council consist of? Do we reduce or increase?
 - c. **Judiciary** – What court system should we have?
2. The Parliament -Terms of Bougainville Parliament
 - a. Do we maintain a 5-year term or reduce or increase?
3. Terms of members of House of Representatives

- a. Do we maintain the 5-year period or reduce or increase?
- 4. Terms of President in office
 - a. Do we maintain the 2 terms (10 years or reduce or increase?)
- 5. Reserve seats be abolished
 - a. Do we maintain or abolish the Women's seat?
 - b. Do we maintain or abolish the Ex-combatants seat?
- 6. Bougainville Ombudsman Commission
 - a. Do you want the Bougainville Ombudsman Commission established?
 - b. Investigation and termination of a Leader – How long for? Should he re contest?
 - c. How will leadership code apply to leaders (02, 03, etc.)

C. TYPE OF GOVERNMENT

1. Electorates and Constituencies

- a. Do we need additional Constituencies in Bougainville?
- b. What would qualify Bougainville to have additional constituencies?

2. Administration and Public Service

- a. How do you want the Public Service Machinery to be structured?
- b. Do you want a bigger Public Service or a smaller (lean and mean) Public Service?

3. Defense

- a. Do you want Bougainville to have its own Defense (Army, Navy and Air Force)?
- b. Should Bougainville rely on PNG and Australia?

4. Police

- a. Do you want Bougainville to have its own Police?
- b. Do we maintain the current Bougainville Police Service or Police Force?

5. Corrective Services

- a. Do you want Bougainville to have its own Police?
- b. Do we maintain the current Bougainville Police Service or Police Force?

D. THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT

1. What system/style of government should Bougainville have?
 - a. The Presidential system?
 - b. The Westminster?
 - c. What else?
2. Do we need political parties? Why would we need political parties?
3. Do we need an opposition? Why?
4. How do we strengthen Custom and Chief System in the Constitution?

- a. How could we utilize the clan governance system? Where, when and how does it come into play?
5. How do you want the government to recognize custom and chief system?
 - a. What would be the different levels of the government?
6. Should grants be allocated to parliamentarians or other institutions?

E. GOALS AND DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES

1. Education

- a. What type of education system do we need?

2. Health

- a. What type of Health System do we need?

3. Religion

- a. How do we control freedom of religion?
- b. Should there be restrictions in new religion/churches entering Bougainville?

4. Churches in Bougainville

- a. How do the Churches in Bougainville be strengthened?
- b. Should they receive funding from the Government?
- c. How would they participate meaningfully to the development of Bougainville?

5. Family and Social Welfare and Wellbeing Development

- a. How do we protect families?
- b. How do we provide assistance to families in need?
- c. How do we assist families raise their living standards?

6. Social and Economic Equality

- a. How do we provide equal benefits to all people in our societies?

7. Marginalized and Disadvantage Persons and Groups

- a. How do we take care of the marginalized – marginalized?
- b. How do we accommodate the needs of People living with Disabilities?

8. Custom and Culture

- a. How do we protect our customs and cultures passed on from generation to generation?

9. Justice and Peace

- a. How do we maintain peace and justice in our society?

10. Law and Order

- a. How do we deal with issues related to drug abuse?

11. Disaster and Climate Change

- a. How do we address the effects of climate change and the natural disasters?

12. Women in Bougainville

- a. How would women be recognized and strengthened?

13. Youth Organizations

- a. How would Youth in general and organizations be recognized and strengthened?
- b. Should there be representative for youths in Parliament?

14. Persons with disabilities

- a. How would Bougainville Government assist these group of people?

15. Veterans Organizations

- a. How would this group of people or organization be recognized and strengthened?

16. Land and Natural Environment

- a. How do we protect our land resource?
- b. Should Alienated/Freehold land to return to customary landowners or not?

17. Gender Disparity

- a. How do we protect the male gender?
- b. How do we protect the female gender?

18. Basic Human Rights

- a. How do we ensure critical rights such as right to education, employment, adequate standard of living, health, and social security are accessed by all families and individuals in societies?

F. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (foreign affairs, trade, treaties, economies)

1. Do you want Bougainville to be a Member of the United Nations?
2. Which countries should Bougainville have treaties with?
3. (Migration/Passport/Visa) How do you control the migration of foreigners into Bougainville?
4. Which countries should Bougainville trade with?
5. What currency you want Bougainville to have? Bougainville Dollar? Bougainville Kina?
6. How do we regulate foreign investor especially in the mining sector?

G. OTHER MATTERS – LAWS

1. The Laws

- a. What do you think about the current laws?
- b. Are they relevant to Bougainville?

2. Underlying Laws for Bougainville

- a. What do you want to see done to our Kastom laws?