



JOINT SUPERVISORY BODY MEETING
Wednesday 5th of August, 2026
MELANESIAN HAUS, PORT MORESBY

We, the leaders of the Joint Supervisory Body (JSB) take note of our mandate under Section 332 of the *Constitution of Papua New Guinea* (National Constitution) to implement the Bougainville Peace Agreement and Part XIV of the National Constitution; and

Recognize the requirements of Section 342 of the National Constitution for consultations to take place between the Autonomous Bougainville Government (the ABG) and the Government of Papua New Guinea (GoPNG) on the Referendum Results, followed by the tabling of the Results in the National Parliament; and

Appreciate that post-Referendum consultations were conducted between the GoPNG and the ABG, the outcome of which are reflected in the Joint Consultation Report (JCR); and

Noting Further that the consultations have culminated in the jointly developed Melanesian Framework which aims to provide an agreed pathway forward to reaching a final political settlement for Bougainville, as per Clause 2.1 of the Melanesian Agreement of 26 June 2025; and

Having met on Wednesday 5th August 2026 to discuss the JCR and the Melanesian Framework for tabling alongside the Referendum Results in the National Parliament, endorse the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS

1. Melanesian Framework.

- 1.1. The JSB endorses the Melanesian Framework (5 August 2026) as the agreed pathway jointly designed by the GoPNG and the ABG to give effect to an affirmative decision by the National Parliament, should the National Parliament endorse the Referendum Results; and
- 1.2. The JSB endorses that the Melanesian Framework be submitted as an annexure to the JCR to be presented in the National Parliament alongside the Referendum Results.

2. Joint Consultation Report.

- 2.1. The JSB endorses the JCR (5 August 2026) as an accurate and factual record of the post-Referendum consultations that have taken place following the 2019 Bougainville Referendum, which includes historical context, principal matters considered, and key areas of agreement and disagreement identified during this consultative process; and
- 2.2. The JSB approves the tabling of the JCR for the National Parliament's consideration, in deliberating and making its decision on the Referendum Results; and
- 2.3. The JSB agrees that the JCR is a fulfillment of the requirements under Section 342 of the National Consultation, including the requirements to consult on the Referendum Results.

3. Referendum Results.

- 3.1 The JSB, in recognizing the conclusion of the constitutionally mandated consultations, endorse that the Referendum Results be tabled in Parliament on 27 August 2026 for a decision to be made regarding it, together with the JCR with the Melanesian Framework annexed; and
- 3.2 The JSB acknowledges that the Prime Minister and the President will jointly determine a date for the question to be put to the National Parliament on the decision on the Referendum Results; and
- 3.3 The JSB directs the Independent Facilitator and the Joint Technical Team supported by the Joint Ministers to do awareness to members of the National Parliament on the JCR and the Melanesian Framework before a the date the question is put to the National Parliament.

4. Fisheries Revenue Sharing Arrangement and Taxation.

The JSB:

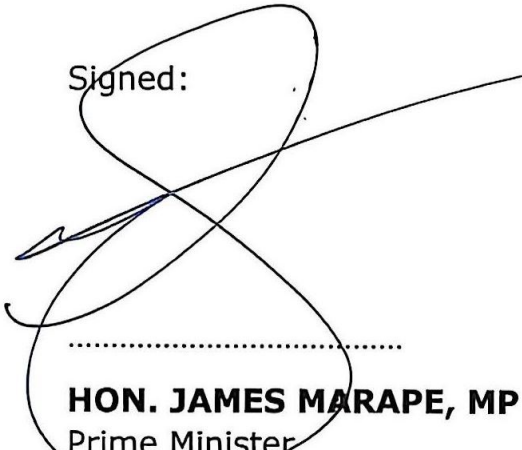
- (a) Takes note of the ABG introduced agendas relating to Taxation, Revenue Streams, Fees and related Fiscal Powers for the ABG; and strengthening Bougainville's Fisheries Governance and Marine Resource Benefit Sharing Framework; and
- (b) Resolves to direct both Chief Secretaries to the Government of Papua New Guinea and the Autonomous Bougainville Government:
 - to exercise full oversight, coordination and accountability for all technical agency-to-agency engagements relating to

taxation, customs and excise, fisheries, revenue streams, statutory fees and charges, and other fiscal and economic matters affecting Bougainville, and present a comprehensive joint progress report to the JSB meeting for consideration and further matters; and

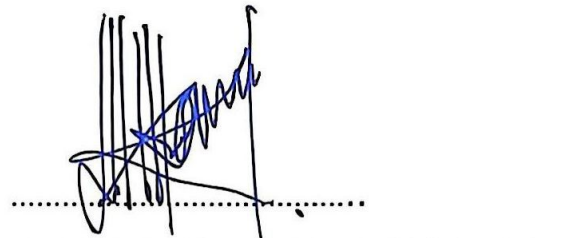
- to work towards a 100 percent transfer of revenue generated in Bougainville in fisheries, mining, forestry, land and other relevant tax by the 31 December 2026.

We, the Co-chairs of the JSB, affirm this resolution as the true records of the Joint Supervisory Body Meeting on this 5th day of August 2026.

Signed:



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HON. JAMES MARAPE, MP
Prime Minister
Government of Papua New Guinea



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HON. ISHMAEL TOROAMA, MHR
President
Autonomous Bougainville Government

Witnessed:



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HON. MANASSEH MAKIBA, MP
Minister for Bougainville Affairs
Government of Papua New Guinea



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HON. EZEKIEL MASATT, MHR
Vice President & Attorney General
Autonomous Bougainville Government