



MEDIA INVITE

Wednesday 24th April 2019

Launch of PNG NRI's two Discussion Paper Reports

The Papua New Guinea National Research Institute (PNG NRI) is delighted to invite the Media to the launching of two Discussion Paper reports under the PNG NRI's Property Sector Development Research Program.

1. A review of the Implementation of the National Land Development program in Papua New Guinea (PNG NRI Discussion Paper No. 160)

This Discussion Paper reviews progress in the implementation of the National Land Development Program (NLDP) in Papua New Guinea. It describes achievements recorded during Phase I of the NLDP, challenges faced in their implementation, and strategies that could be used in Phase II of the NLDP to implement all National Land Development Taskforce (NLDT) recommendations.

Following public consultations, the NLDT made 54 recommendations: 47 about Land Administration, one about Land Dispute Settlement, and six about Customary Land Development. The findings revealed that the NLDP has created the legal and administrative processes within which customary land can be made fully productive.

2. Understanding the records Management System of Land Court in Papua New Guinea (PNG NRI Discussion Paper No. 161)

The aim of this study was to investigate why records management of the Land Court has come to be what it is and to navigate a way forward for records management. The system is analysed around a theoretical framework to help bring clarity to the weaknesses and their causes. It is found that the problems lie in a system of decentralisation of records management to the provincial and district level. As a result, monitoring and evaluation does not happen and the system is prone to a high degree of fragility.

The Discussions Papers Reports will be launched (respectively) by Hon. Justin Tkatchenko, MP, Minister for Lands & Physical Planning; and Mr Mark Selefkaru, Deputy Chief Magistrate, Land Court Division, Magisterial Services.

The launch is scheduled for **Thursday 25th April 2019 | Lamana Conference Centre | 10:00am – 12:00pm.**

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