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PNG NRI TO RELEASE 2022 ELECTIONS OBSERVATION REPORT AND MONOGRAPH

The Papua New Guinea National Research Institute (PNG NRI) Council has endorsed the 2022 Elections Observation Report covering a number of electorates and the general observations on the operations and administration of the election in the country. This will be followed by a Seminar Series to invite all organisations that had Election Observations to present their findings to be followed by a Bibliography on Elections and a Monograph or Research Report on the 2022 National General Elections (NGE).

The first lot of Australian Government funding was used for scholarships to political party executives and disciplinary forces and agencies involved in Elections to attend the PNG NRI Diploma in Economic Policy Analysis program. This was followed by an Election Seminar series for weekly updates from Royal PNG Constabulary, PNG Electoral Commission, Boundaries Commission, Registry of Political Parties, Department of Provincial Affairs and Local Level Government, the Clerk of Parliament and the National Broadcasting Corporation, to inform and update the people of PNG on their planning and preparations for the LLG and the 2022 NGE.

PNG NRI also facilitated the Political Parties Policies Seminar Series that saw 26 political parties out of 52 that presented their vision and party policies. The proceedings were launched on 11 April 2022.

The PNG NRI Council Chairman, Mr Wilson Thompson said that the PNG NRI Council notes the important role we must all play in ensuring that the Westminster system of democracy, with its established precedents and procedures, must be given effect because in PNG, its implementation is lacking. If not checked today, it will contribute to the serious issues we portray with every elected leader and the systems that we employ including governance, accountability and transparency.

The PNG NRI Elections Observations Report will be released to the public in the coming weeks. In September 2022, organisations involved in the 2022 election observations will be invited to present their findings to be summarised and published as the Proceedings for distribution to all stakeholders for implementation and preparation for the 2024 LLG Elections and 2027 National Elections. These organisations include Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates Commission,

The Australian National University, Transparency International (PNG), Commonwealth Secretariat, Institute of National Affairs, University of PNG and the PNG National Research Institute

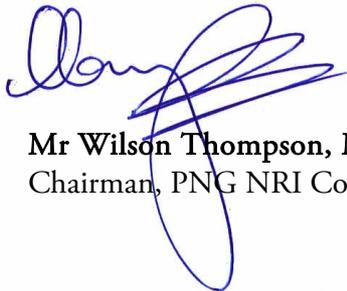
The final output will be a Bibliography on Elections and the Monograph from research undertaken by PNG NRI staff, invited academics and scholars, anthropologist and priests and others from UPNG, Divine Word University, Melanesian Institute and Australian National University. The bibliography and monograph will be released in November 2022.

This is a series of activities funded in 2021 and 2022 by the Australian Government to continue the work undertaken by PNG NRI and its predecessors, the New Guinea Research Unit of the Australian National University since the first Elections in 1964 that involved in observation, study and research of elections and political processes. The Election Reports, Joint Publications in PNG or overseas by PNG NRI staff, has played a prominent role in the political development including providing policy recommendations.

Although funded by the State, the Institute operates independently as a research and policy think tank for PNG as per its legislation to engage independently to promote good governance and better information and awareness to the people of PNG that would contribute in generating and promoting discourse and debate for a better and informed PNG.

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wilson Thompson', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

Mr Wilson Thompson, ML
Chairman, PNG NRI Council