

Request For Fly River Provincial Government to Participate in CMCA Working Group

June 22, 2006

To: Dr. Bob Danaya, Governor for Western Province

From: The CMCA Review Working Group

Re: FRPG's absence from the second CMCA Working Group

CC:

Minister for Mining

Secretary for Mining

Minister of Provincial and Local Level Government Affairs

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Minister and Secretary for Department of Treasury

Minister and Secretary for Department of Environment and Conservation

Minister and Secretary for National Planning and Rural Development

Nelson Hungrabos, Western Provincial Administrator

We the undersigned delegates representing leaders from the nine CMCA regions of Western Province, NGOs and churches, OTML, PNGSDP are writing to express our strong disappointment and frustration regarding the absence of the Fly River Provincial Government (FRPG) at our second CMCA Review Working Group meeting which took place 19 – 22 June. The Working Group continues to meet and work towards a new agreement that will improve the lives of the people of the Western Province and especially, the communities most affected by Ok Tedi Mine operations. It is of critical importance that the Fly River Provincial Government participates in this effort.

The absence of the Fly River Provincial Government as a key partner at the meeting indicates that perhaps you do not care about the lives of the people. The members of the Working Group are working together to build new agreements and solutions to the most important and most difficult problems of the Western Province including food security, environmental contamination, health care, education, infrastructure, economic development, and the special needs of women and children.

The Working Group is seeking ways to improve good governance, accountable and the responsible expenditure of funds that come from the Ok Tedi Mine. Also, the Working Group is identifying ways for people of the Western Province to participate in decision making and have a greater control over the future of their own lives.

Discussions of the Working Group are going well, but the success of the group is challenged by the absence of the Fly River Provincial Government leadership. FRPG is critical to discussions regarding the provision of social services and economic development in the Western Province. We are depending on your leadership at this important time for the people of the Western Province. Agreements regarding the needs of the people of the Western Province cannot be complete as long as FRPG is absent from the Working Group.

We demand that the FRPG leadership send a representative who has good knowledge of the issues and the authority to make decisions. Specifically, we hope you come prepared to talk about FRPG's portion of the Ok Tedi mine royalty money and how it is used.

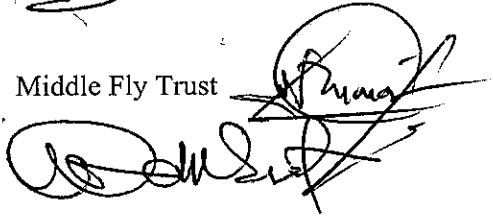
We all seek a good future for the people of the Western Province. It is critical that the people's Provincial government be a partner in these discussions aimed to shape the future of the Western Province.

Signed: 2005 CMCA Working Group

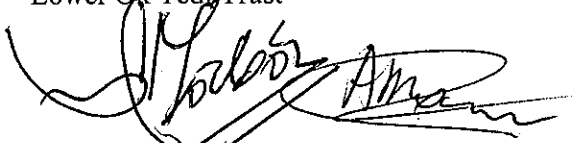
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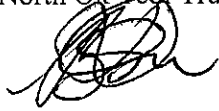
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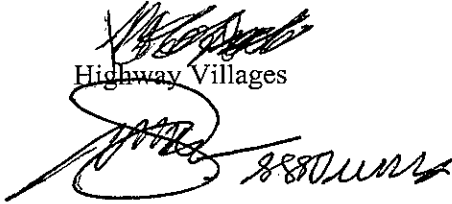


North Ok Tedi Trust



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Highway Villages



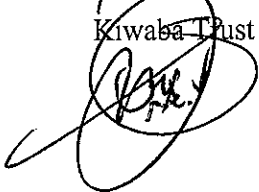
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Ok Tedi Mining Limited

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United Church



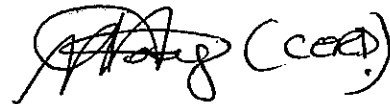
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Catholic Church PNG



Environmental Delegation



Delegation for Women and Children

