

STATUS OF NATIONAL LAND REGISTRATION

PROVINCE	DECLA-RED	COMPLETED	OUTSTANDING
WHP	41	27	14
EHP	24	18	5
SHP	20	18	2
SIMBU	7	3	4
ENGA	7	5	2
MOROBE	17	10	7
MADANG	7	4	3
EAST SEPIK	18	14	4
WEST SEPIK	14	13	1
CENTRAL	15	8	7
ORO	18	14	4
MBP	5	4	1
GULF	18	15	3
WESTERN	5	2	3
NCD	13	9	4
AROB	5	1	4
NIP	6	4	2
WNB	11	10	1
MANUS	4	3	1
ENB	3	3	0
BORDER	3	3	0
TOTAL	261	188	73

OUR VISION



“A Safe, Secure and Peaceful Society through Effective Quasi-Judicial Land Administration Services.”

OUR MISSION



“To Provide Quality, Reliable, Timely and Accessible Independent Quasi-Judicial Land Administration Services to the State and the People of Papua New Guinea.”

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**LAND COMMISSION
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

THE DECLARATION OF COLONIAL LAND ACQUISITIONS AS NATIONAL LAND

The Land Commission of Papua New Guinea is established by Section 5(1) of the Land Commission Act 2022. It is a merger of two existing statutory institutions, the Land Titles Commission (LTC) and the National Land Commission (NLC). Both the LTC and NLC were established pursuant to separate Acts of Parliament, where the LTC dealt with customary land tenure conversion and the NLC dealt with the declaration of colonial land acquisitions as national land. These responsibilities are now performed by the Land Commission

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HOW CAN WE HELP



WHAT IS NATIONAL LAND?

- Land acquired by a pre-Independence Administration; or
- Land acquired on or after Independence Day



DECLARATION AS NATIONAL LAND

- Focus on pre-Independence Administration acquisitions.
- Declaration by Minister for Justice.



SETTLEMENT AWARDS

- Settlement Awards made only when claims are admitted.
- Different to compensation because land has been purchased already.
- Admissibility Test provided by law;
- Awards based on Schedule 2 of the National Land Registration Act (repealed).



VALUE OF LAND AT THAT TIME

- The value of such colonial land acquisitions is at that relevant time, just as today's value will be different in 50+ years' time.

State is represented in the Commission Hearing by the Office of the State Solicitor and or the Office of the Solicitor General

HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS

LAND AREAS OF INTEREST

Identify such land for declaration - Townships, Hospitals/Aid-posts, Educational Facilities, Airstrips, Districts, Plantations etc.

OWNERSHIP OF NATIONAL LAND

Once declared by Minister, title formally vests in the State, allowing the State to deal with the land accordingly.

EFFECT OF REGISTRATION

An entry in the Register is conclusive evidence State has title to the land.

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

A Certificate of Title issued by the Registrar shall be received by all courts as evidence of State's formal title to ownership.

VERIFY AND CONFIRM ORIGINAL FORMER CUSTOMARY LANDOWNERS

Formal Hearing allows verification and confirmation of the original customary landowners – referred to in the process as former customary landowners. This allows for them to be formally involved in any spin-off development over their former land as the former landowners.

The Commission is a quasi-judicial entity and Commissioners enjoy the same protection and immunities as a Judge.

