

NATIONAL LAND DECLARATION PROCESS

Settlement Payments are different from **COMPENSATION!**

Decision to make Settlement Awards at the **discretion of the Commissioner.**

Persons making claims for settlement payments are **“FORMER LANDOWNERS”** because the original landowners exercised their rights to sell the land.

Declaration formally vests title on State - means state entities on the land can enforce their rights to sell the land.

Verification and Confirmation of former land ownership - means the true former landowners can now be formally recognized and be involved in the development of that land they once owned

Commissioners don't have the power to determine ownership because that land been done prior to purchase by colonial administration. Where it arises, we try to reach compromise through mediation but if unsuccessful, it is referred to Local Land Courts.

THE ONLY TIME LOCAL LAND COURTS WILL HEAR STATE LAND OWNERSHIP ISSUES IS WHEN WE REFER IT TO THEM

OUR VISION



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

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“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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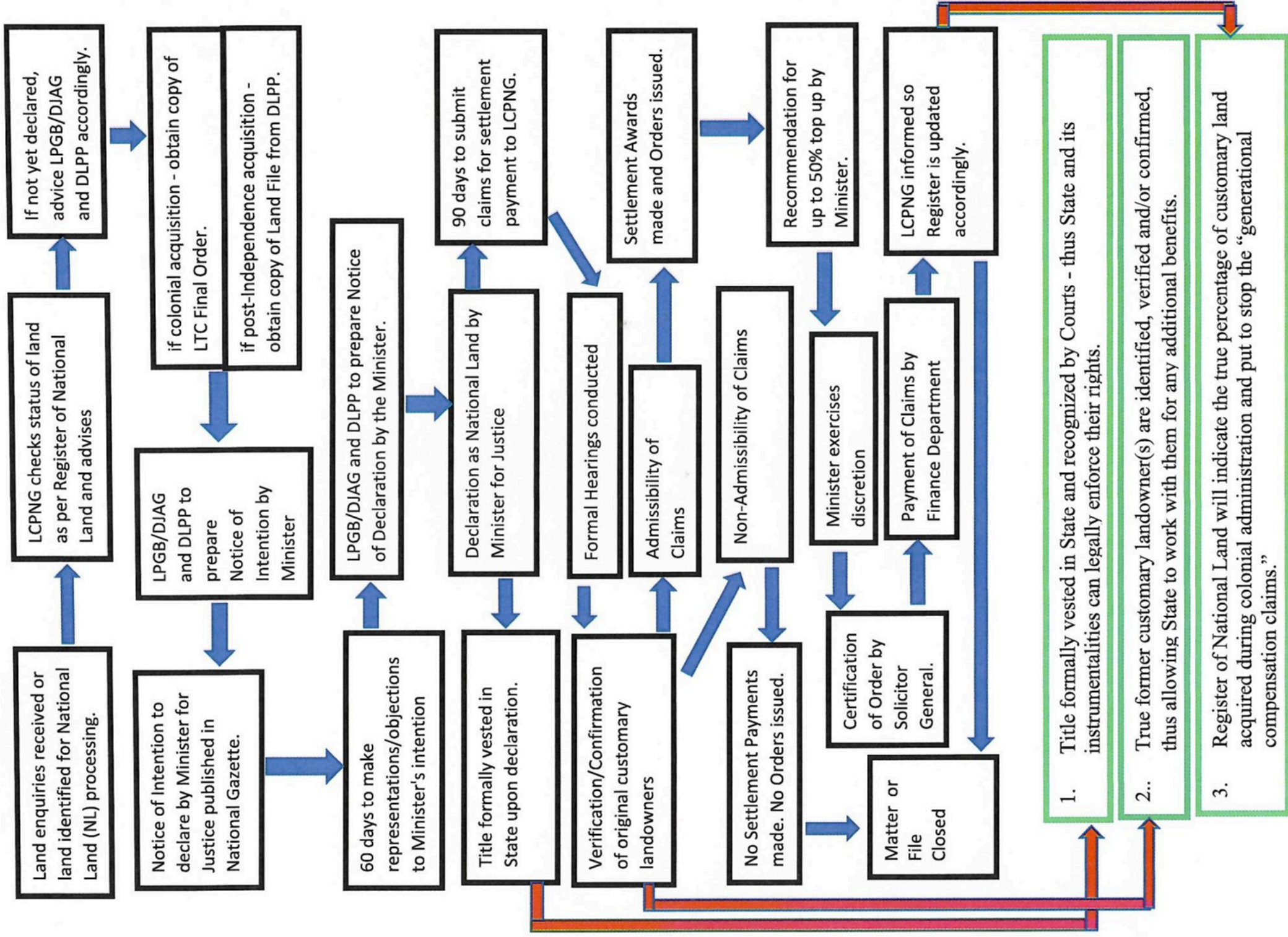
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

THE FLOW CHART ON NATIONAL LAND DECLARATION PROCESS

All colonial land acquisitions need to be identified and declared as national land so the Register of National Land can be updated accordingly.

There are currently 261 colonial land acquisitions that have been declared as national land, of which 188 are completed, with 73 still outstanding.

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1. Title formally vested in State and recognized by Courts - thus State and its instrumentalities can legally enforce their rights.
2. True former customary landowner(s) are identified, verified and/or confirmed, thus allowing State to work with them for any additional benefits.
3. Register of National Land will indicate the true percentage of customary land acquired during colonial administration and put to stop the "generational compensation claims."