



## NATIONAL CAPITAL DISTRICT COMMISSION

**SUBJECT :** [REDACTED]  
**2022 NGE PESC BRIEF**

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- The National Capital District Commissions involvement in the set up and Implementation of the Provincial Election Steering Committee (PESC) to achieve the 2022 National General Elections in NCD, was effected through A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into on the 31<sup>ST</sup> January 2022 to take effect from the 28<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 between the PNG Electoral Commission and NCDC. *Copy on hand to deliver to the SPC*
- \*The Aim of the MOU was to strengthen and Improve the Election process in Partnership with all external stakeholder
- The MOU defined the relationship between NCDC and PNGEC to work together to deliver the 2022 NGE
- Defined SPECIFICALLY was on how NCDC will support PNGEC with the 2022 NGE.
- The MOU required the NCDC to cost share with PNGEC the NCD NGE 2022 budget of K1.5 Million.
- The MOU established that the PESC was to be made up of 8-member committee headed by the City Manager as the Chairman and one of the District Administrators as the Deputy Chairman and was conferred on Moresby South District Administrator. The Committee was later increased to 12.
- Quorum for meeting provided by the MOU was 51% or 4 of the members present in all meetings.
- The MOU allowed for extended invitation to other members and representatives of registered civil groups.

\*The MOU also clearly stipulated the NCD PESC will not interfere with the Independence of the PNGEC as guaranteed by Section 126 OF THE CONSTITUTION

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\*Support of the PESC included;

- Election Awareness and Quality of the Common Roll
- Oversight of Candidates Nominations and Quality Check
- Recruitment and Training of the Temporary Election Workers (TEW)
- Quality of Polling and Result Management and Declaration

NCDC's financial support was directed to the following activities

1. Logistics,
2. Awareness Activities – NCDC spent (K162, 000. 00) on awareness
3. Allowances for Common Roll Update Exercise
4. Provision of Facilities and Venue Services
5. Allowances to Polling and Counting Officials
6. Furniture (Polling and Counting) NCDC Provided 155 chairs and 90 Tables
7. Compliance of COVID 19 – THE NCD PESC had a SOP that was C19 Compliant.

The NCD PESC carried out its delegated Function diligently even covering the extended period or months that PNGEC extended the NGE IN NCD throughout the Election period fulfilling the MOU Given timeframe between April and October 2022.

#### **Our Major Challenges included the following**

- 1. Roll Update** – Fundamental component of the 2022 PNG NGE had two phases;
  - Actual Updating of the Roll which was derived from the 2017NGE, had many flaws to it.
  - Enrolment using Form 11. – Could not be accurately distributed as the number of forms available was minimal and population affected was greater.
- 2. Alphabetical Split of the Electoral Voting Roll**
  - creating confusions among communities
- 3. General Deferment of the 2022 NGE,**
  - Writs, Polling and Counting deferments added financial challenges
- 4. Available Venues for Polling and Counting of the NGE 2022**
- 5. Recruitment and Utilization of the Temporary Election Workers (TEW)**

## **6. Absence of Population Statistics**

- An effect of the Non Conduction of the National General Election very much affected the provision or availability of reliable population statistics for Electoral boundaries.

### **Recommendations;**

- 1. Ample Timing – A period of one year before Eve of Election for Preparations**
- 2. Funding be appropriated to the provinces to conduct the Elections**
- 3. National Census must be carried out in order to determine Population figures**
- 4. Separation of MKA to be recognized as Electorate.**
- 5. Improvement of Security,**
- 6. An avenue for the Candidates Qualification to stand for election to eligible**
- 7. The weak participation of the NCD Population**
- 8. Ample timing for awareness on the selected Election Voting methodology  
(ALPHABETICAL SPLIT)**