

**PNG/AUSTRALIA
TORRES STRAIT TREATY
TREATY LIAISON MEETING (TLM)
PORT MORESBY, PNG
19th November 2007**

DRAFT AGENDA

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2. Matter Arising from 2005-06 Treaty Meetings
 - 2.1 Traditional Inhabitants Meeting (TIM)
 - 2.2 Treaty Liaison Meeting (TLM)
 - 2.3 Environment Management Committee (EMC) Meeting
 - 2.4 Joint Advisory Council (JAC)

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TORRES STRAIT TREATY
16TH JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL (JAC) MEETING
21ST November 2007
Port Moresby, N.C.D

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4. Traditional Movement in the Treaty Area

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4.3 Review of PNG Treaty Village List

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Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

16th Meeting of the Torres Strait Treaty Joint Advisory Council

Australian delegation brief

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Wednesday 21 November 2007**

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JAC Program

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PNG

Australian delegation

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Agenda Item 1: Opening Sessions

Agenda Item 1.2

Welcome and Opening Remarks

(Handling Note: PNG **s 47F(1)** to lead; Australia (Mr Tooth, Chair) to respond)

Originating Agency: DFAT

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Background

The Treaty Cycle comprises four bilateral meetings and several Inter-Departmental Committee Meetings. **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

The **Traditional Inhabitants Meeting** (TIM) is convened to support bilateral traditional inhabitant interaction on Treaty issues. The TIM meets annually, with an agenda determined by traditional inhabitants. The Treaty Liaison Officers act as Secretariat to this meeting which has representative attendance from traditional inhabitant leaders (ie 4 -6 delegates each Party).

The **Treaty Liaison Meeting** (TLM) **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

The **Environmental Management Committee** (EMC) **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

The **Joint Advisory Council** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inter-Departmental Committee Meetings s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Agenda Item 4.3

Review of PNG Treaty Village List

(Handling Note: PNG to lead; AUS (Chair) to respond)

Originating Agency: DFAT

Objective

To respond to any PNG proposal in relation to the PNG Review of Treaty Villages – also referred to as the Aspirant Village process.

s 47C, s 47E(d)

Talking Points

- . Australia supports a balanced process for assessing any claims from PNG villages within the Treaty area (up to the 9 degree latitude) which were not included on the 2000 Treaty Village Free Movement List..
- . Recognise that the Treaty Village List, agreed in 2000, left open the possibility of further additions or amendments, provided these were agreed by the Parties.

s 47C, s 47E(d)

Background

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There was later interest in arriving at an agreed list of villages eligible for free movement.
s 33(a)(iii)

. These villages are referred to as Treaty Villages and are listed in Table 1 below. The majority of these villages are situated on the coast adjacent to the Torres Strait, with the exception of Sui (located east of Daru, on the west bank of the Fly River estuary) and Tais (located near the PNG-Indonesian border several kilometres inland from the Torres Strait coast).

Table 1: Existing Torres Strait Treaty Villages

1. Bula	2. Mari	3. Jarai
4. Tais	5. Buji/Ber	6. Sigabaduru
7. Mabadauan	8. Old Mawatta	9. Ture Ture
10. Kadawa	11. Katatai	12. Parama
13. Sui		

s 33(a)(iii)

Kevin Murphy Report

In order to inform the debate, Australia (DFAT and TSRA) funded an anthropological study into the historical links between the aspirant villages and the Torres Strait. s 33(a)(iii)

s 33(a)(iii)

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