



**Department of Provincial & Local Government Affairs**

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**Status on Decentralisation on Key Deliverables**

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# Introduction

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- This is a progressive brief of the major programs which are currently implemented under the leadership of the Department of Provincial and Local Government Affairs.
- The progress is based on what the department has done in the midst of the financial challenges faced. It outlines the progress of major government reforms as well as the achievement and progress of other government decisions specific to this forum.

# 1. District Development Authorities

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- The District Development Authority Act came into operation in January of 2015. This has seen DPLGA carrying out awareness and consultation with provinces and establishing roles and responsibilities.
- The DDAs are at different levels of operations. 34 of the districts confirmed to have established their DDA Boards. 46 districts are yet to confirm their board establishments although work is progressing in respective districts.
- 3 of the districts in ABG and the 3 districts in National Capital District are not covered under the DDA Act as well as the 3 proposed cities of Lae, Kokopo and Hagen which leaves only 80 districts to be administered under the DDA Act.
- The generic determinations have been completed, the Service Delivery Framework and Partnership Agreements have been developed which will assist in progressing the work of DDAs.

# City Authorities

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- DPLGA is specifically now consulting with Lae, Hagen and Kokopo specifically on the best way possible to further the government's decision on the creation of city authorities. Initial consultations revealed some administrative issues that needs to be addressed before any further progress.

# What makes DDA and City Authority Different?

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- The case of DDA and City Authorities, the Acts are merely the same except the distinctions are stipulated in the **sections 7 and 23 of the CA Act**.
- Section 7(2) specifies CA to taking on municipal responsibilities through a signed agreement with the Urban Local Level Governments and Section 23 relating to the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer is appointed through the Regulatory Statutory Authorities (Appointment of Certain Offices) Act 2004.
- DDA like CA has added responsibilities as defined S5 (a&b) and the appointment if through the normal Public Service Appointment process S22 (2).

# Organic Law Review

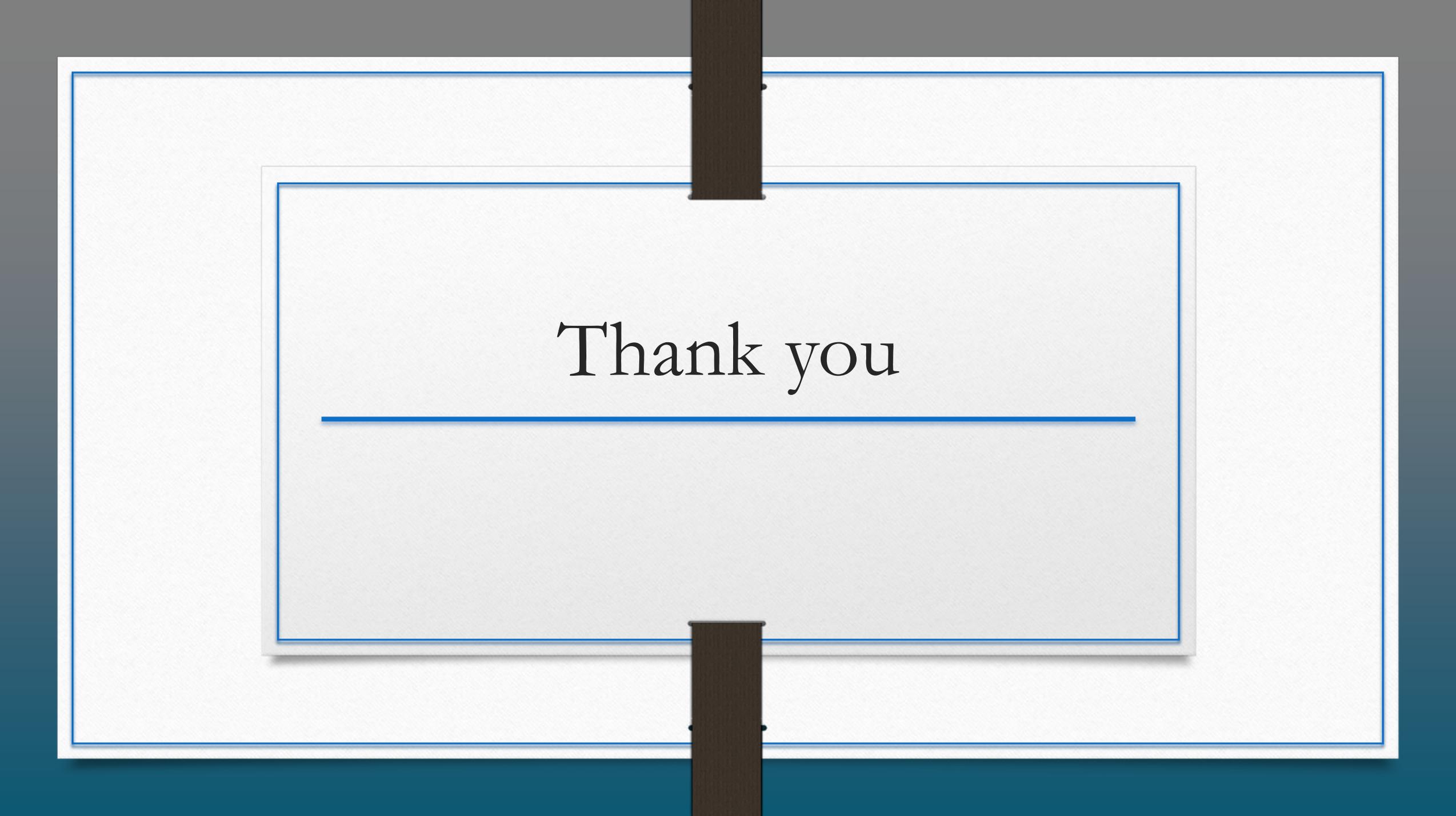
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- The report as per the joint CLRC and DPLGA provincial consultation exercise in 2014, was submitted to NEC through CLRC and was approved for presentation in parliament. It was accepted as a document for further consultation.
- The Prime Minister has recently directed through the Office of the Chief Secretary, to progress the report further in parliament for the first, second and third reading and proper debate.
- DPLGA and CLRC in consultation with the office of the Chief Secretary has established a CACC Sub-Committee on Decentralisation and started implementing this direction by way of consulting with line agencies and progressing the necessary parliamentary requirements to re-tabling the report in the parliament.

# What is current?

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- National Service Delivery Partnership Framework to be in place which is part of the national government's greater decentralisation policy.
- Coherence as key to government's partnership efforts
- Timing vs deliverables still an issue
- However, DPLGA believes in local solutions and encourages continued dialogue



Thank you

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