

# Malagan Declaration Forward: The Eight Steps Forward

- **Autonomy:** Highest level of Provincial Autonomy
- **Law and Order:** A Society where citizens are safe and secure
- **Education:** Universal Compulsory Education; University of New Ireland; continued expansion of high and secondary schools; improved training and conditions for teachers
- **Health:** New Namatanai Hospital; Reopen all aid posts; WaSH Programme; access to health care for all citizens; expand Roof Over Heads and Old Age & Disabled.
- **Primary Industry:** Fish processing plant; expand Sweat Equity; expand training and extension services
- **Infrastructure:** New International Airport; New Namatanai Airport; improved west coast roads; island ring roads; jetties, wharves, bridges
- **Income Generation and Economic Opportunity:** Bank of New Ireland; Credit Guarantee Scheme; Fuel Subsidy; Subsidised Shipping;
- **People Empowerment:** Expand Ward Level Projects; Rejuvenate VPCs, WDCs and LLGs; Regular patrols by Provincial Headquarters and LLG Management Units; development plans coming from the base upwards.

# Tangible Results in Service Delivery

The Initiatives taken by New Ireland in the area of service delivery have already paid dividends. For example:

- According to the most recent NEFC report, New Ireland's rank in Total Internal Spending in the five key service delivery categories has gone from eighth in 2007 to first of all provinces.
- Also according to the NEFC New Ireland has gone from spending less than 40% of what it should on service delivery in 2007 to spending 120% of what it should today. New Ireland is the *only province* to spend *more* than necessary to meet basic service delivery needs.

# What is Needed Now

- The New Public Service Structure emphasises strengthening the LLG and ward levels since that is where services and development are really delivered and where the people can communicate their development needs.
- Every Government Station, Patrol Post and Base Camp will be rehabilitated and upgraded. We will provide suitable offices, housing, equipment and resources to attract quality people to work in the LLGs.

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Once we have quality people at the LLG and ward levels we will give them specific responsibilities and functions.

**Each LLG will form an LLG Management Unit:** The LLG Management Unit will field at least two patrols each year to (1) deliver and monitor government programmes and (2) get input from the people about what their development needs are.

**Providing Resources to the Ward Level:** Delivering project funds directly to the ward and village level. K5 million allocated in 2015 for Ward Level projects.

**Building local planning and implementation capacity:** Revitalising the VPCs and WDCs so they coordinate effectively with higher levels to communicate development needs.

# What is Needed Now

Increased Autonomy: The State has not been a dependable partner and does not reliably meet its legal obligations. Increased Autonomy with increased Capacity is the way forward if genuine development is to be delivered to the people of New Ireland. We now have an Organic Law for New Ireland Autonomy ready to be submitted to NEC and Parliament for approval.

# Autonomy Requires Resources to Make it Work ~ Return the Peoples' Wealth to the People

- Renegotiating the Lihir and Simberi MOAs to give benefits to the people:
  - Royalties to go from 2% to 10% = K35m to K175m
  - SSG to go from 1/4 of 1% to 10% = K8m to K175m
  - Tax Credit from 3/4 of 1% to 5% = K25m to K160m
  - Derivation Income to be introduced = K170m
- New Ireland Stakeholders to realise K500 - 700 million per year benefits. 20% of this to be shared with non-mining provinces.
- Reforming the Mining Act 1992 to return ownership to the people.

# Welcome to the Future

New Ireland is showing Papua New Guinea how development should work.

- We are demanding the people eat their wealth rather than National Government or outside corporations;
- We design new and bold programmes that distribute the wealth for the good of the people: Free and Subsidised Education, Old Aged and Disabled, Roof Over Heads, Sweat Equity, WASH, subsidised shipping, subsidised fuel, and others;
- We introduced a range of innovative programmes, many of which are being copied at the national level.



# Change from the Ground Up

- We believe real change in Papua New Guinea will come through pressure from the subnational levels.
- New Ireland is taking the lead in this process, but we realise that introducing programmes for the good of the people is not enough.
- We have therefore developed several strategies to take full advantage of the “demonstration effect” of good policies at the provincial level.



# Leveraging Performance for Change

Our first strategy is simple:

1. Design and Implement innovative programmes to bring real development to the people.
2. Meet with Governors, Provincial Administrators and others from other provinces to show them what we are doing.
3. Encourage other provinces to put pressure on National Government to implement those policies.

# Effects of Pressure from the Ground Up

This strategy has the following advantages:

1. It ensures that the programmes introduced from the national level are those that actually meet the real needs of the provinces, LLGs, wards and people.
2. Each time the National Government adopts a programme originally implemented at the provincial level it frees provincial funds for new programmes.
3. This process, repeated over and over, ultimately will result in a range of national policies and programmes that are based on the real needs of the people.

# Cooperation for Development

Finally, New Ireland is eager to work with all who are serious about development in Papua New Guinea. We have therefore begun work to:

- Establish partnerships with national departments and ministries to develop and expand programmes benefitting the people.
- Establish partnerships with our development partners – such as the UN and AusAID who are represented here today.
- Establish Private-Public Sector Partnerships (PPPs) to promote development programmes.

# Welcome to the Future

## New Ireland is:

- A Province that has a Vision – the Malagan Declaration and the Malagan Declaration Forward – for improving the lives of its people
- A Province that has a strategy – Free Education, Old Aged and Disabled, Roof Over Heads, Sweat Equity, WASH – for delivering its vision;
- A Province that has the Capacity to Deliver – increased autonomy in the context of greater revenues from mining and other activities;
- A Province that has the Planning to deliver development – Bottom Up Planning, strengthening the LLG and ward levels, bringing the PEOPLE into planning and budgeting.

# All We Need Is.....

Autonomy – a real decentralisation of powers to the provincial level so we can chart our own destiny;

Resources – return the wealth of the land to the people from whom it came. That will give us the resources to make autonomy work.....

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