



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

The Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea

and

The State of Queensland

The Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea (PNG Government) and the State of Queensland (Queensland Government) (the Parties) have an important, long standing relationship and a history of working together to improve opportunities for individuals, communities, and businesses. The Parties recognise the importance of continuing to cooperate and collaborate for mutual benefit.

The relationship between the Parties is close, not only because of the shared border, but also because of shared interests, including: cultural; business; artistic; and sporting interests. The depth and intensity of these links have their roots in the joint historical heritage of the parties, many of which were forged prior to Papua New Guinea's (PNG) independence.

The rich cultural heritages, current cultural practices, and artistic expressions of the peoples of PNG and Queensland are celebrated and shared, particularly those of the indigenous peoples. Provision of inter-cultural experiences to young people is vitally important to continuing these cultural and artistic connections. The commemoration of events and preservation of sites of significance associated with wartime efforts continues.

Strong government to government, people to people, and business to business links are recognised by the Parties as being at the core of the relationship and are supported and promoted wherever possible. The sister city arrangements between the City of Townsville and the National Capital District Commission of Port Moresby and those between the Cairns Regional Council and Lae City demonstrate the depth of the relationship and provide opportunities to build on shared goals and interests.

The Parties are committed to building on successive Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) agreed since March 1992, which promoted mutually beneficial relations between businesses, facilitated economic and social development, and enhanced cooperation between the agencies of the Parties.

This MoU will continue to advance relations between the Parties, individuals, communities, and businesses, including through: mutual sharing of knowledge and experience; partnerships in delivering public services; and projects.

The Parties seek to work with appropriate non-government organisations and relevant fora to support the aims and objectives of this MoU. The Parties will use their best endeavours to facilitate each Party's agencies to provide advice and support to achieve that aim where appropriate and as opportunities arise.

The Parties are committed to pursuing sustainable social and economic development. Good governance and equitable participation of peoples in the economic and social activities of Queensland and PNG respectively are shared goals.

The Parties recognise the key roles of the community, individuals, government agencies, the private sector, and non-government organisations in the achievement of these goals.

The Parties agree there are a number of priority areas on which cooperative efforts could be focused over the life of the MoU.

The priority areas may include but are not limited to:

- Business-to-business relations
- Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) support and capability building
- People-to-people links, including arts, cultural, educational and sporting exchanges
- Tourism
- Agriculture
- Women's participation in governance
- Public administration capacity building
- Education and training, focusing on youth and women
- Disaster resilience and response
- Emergency services
- Infrastructure and construction
- Mining and resources
- Law and justice
- Health.

Key initiatives, activities, and agreements supporting the objectives of this MoU are outlined in the attached Schedule. The Schedule will be refreshed ahead of each year of the term of this MoU and agreed through an annual exchange of correspondence between the Parties.

Highlights for the previous year will be reported in the same annual exchange of correspondence and, if agreed in writing by both Parties, acknowledged publicly.

The Parties recognise that it might be necessary to negotiate and enter into legal agreements or seek the cooperation of third parties to give effect to some cooperative activities and initiatives.

This Memorandum of Understanding:

- will be effective from the date of final execution and remain in force for four (4) years;
- may be modified or extended by agreement in writing between the Parties;
- may be terminated by either Party giving three months' notice in writing;
- will not create a legal relationship between the Parties, demonstrate an intention to enter into a legal relationship, or create any legal, contractual or financial rights or obligations for either Party; and
- is subject to the financial and other resources of the Parties and the cooperative activities identified in the Schedule do not create or represent any specific funding commitment by the Parties.

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be settled amicably by consultation and negotiation in good faith between the Parties.

Termination of the MoU will not reflect dissatisfaction between the Parties but rather a change in priorities for one or both Parties.

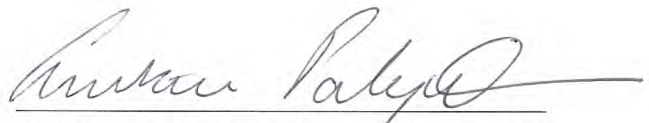
This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in Brisbane, Australia on 6 August 2018 in two original copies.

**For the Government of the
Independent State of Papua New Guinea**



**The Honourable Peter O'Neill CMG MP
Prime Minister**

For the State of Queensland



**The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Premier and Minister for Trade**