

**'THE HUTJENA MINUTE'**

(30 June 1999)

1. The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and Minister for State met with the President of the Bougainville People's Congress and the Congressional Executive Council at Hutjena on 30 June 1999.
2. The Parties addressed the issues concerning the future political status of Bougainville. *stated*
3. The accompanying document was presented to the Prime Minister by the President, on behalf of the Bougainville People's Congress, and the Prime Minister undertook to submit the document to National Executive Council for its consideration.
4. The Prime Minister advised that the Government would be prepared to consider the proposal for a referendum. *stated*
5. The meeting accepted that Bougainville should be given a status under which Bougainville will exercise the powers of government with the exception of certain powers to be negotiated that shall be retained by the Government of Papua New Guinea. *stated*
6. The Prime Minister and President agree that every effort should be made to build bipartisan support for the agreements to be reached between the parties.
7. The parties shall meet as soon as practicable to further these discussions.

Signed 10 July 1999

SIGNED BY:

Hon. Bill SKATE, CMG, MP

Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

Joseph C. KABUI

President

Bougainville People's Congress

**'FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE FUTURE OF BOUGAINVILLE'**

Whereas the Government of Papua New Guinea and the people of Bougainville (represented by Bougainville People's Congress) have been conducting talks to resolve the Bougainville conflict and have agreed that the question of the political future of Bougainville must be resolved; and

Whereas all parties accept that only the people of Bougainville can decide on Bougainville's future:

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the political future of Bougainville shall be determined by an independent, internationally supervised referendum on the issue of independence held among Bougainvilleans at a time to be determined by the Bougainville People's Congress (or such Bougainville Government as succeeds Congress). *stated*