

The Stakeholders of Porgera Mine

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Thursday, 20 August 2020

An Open Invitation to All Members of Parliament

On behalf of the impacted landowners and Porgera Valley stakeholders, we are writing to invite you to visit the Porgera Valley to investigate firsthand the current situation surrounding the Porgera Gold Mine, an issue of urgent national importance to all Papua New Guineans.

As you would be aware, the Government decision announced on April 24 forced the immediate suspension of operations at Porgera Mine in accordance with PNG law. The majority of employees were made redundant at the end of June. This situation has not only created dire economic circumstances for the people of Porgera, it has led to significant losses in tax revenues paid to the National Government – totalling more than K60 million to date - at a time when the country can ill afford the financial consequences. Hundreds of Porgeran and Engan businesses have already been forced to shut, and thousands of employees at contracting companies as far as Lae have been left without jobs to feed their families. Without revenue, the mine has had to ration the free electricity it provides to the community. The only hospital in the Valley may be shut as soon as September.

A visit will provide you, our Nation's leaders, with an opportunity to see first-hand how the suspension of operations at the mine is impacting the local community, and to speak with landowners, laid-off mine employees and businesses owners, all of whom face a devastating situation due to the Government decision not to extend the Porgera Special Mining Lease.






We, the People who live in Porgera, look forward to talking to you, the Members of Parliament, in detail about these matters of life and death during your visit, which will provide you the opportunity to evaluate for yourselves the situation in Porgera and the critical choice that the Nation faces. Members of Parliament enter Public Service to serve the ordinary people of the country. We call on you to fulfill that oath now by seeing the situation in Porgera with your own eyes and making the correct decision that will save all of our futures.

Yours sincerely,

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Stakeholder	Representative Name & Title	Signature & Stamp (if any)
1. Porgera District Women Association (PDWA)	Serah Erasi President	
2. Porgera Women In Business (PWIB)	Elizabeth Iarume President	
3. Porgera Chamber of Commerce Inc. (PCCI)	Nickson Pakea President	
4. Porgera SML Third (3rd) Generation (SMLTG)	Rex Jolson President	
5. Paiela Local Level Government Council (Porgera LLG)	Hon. Salas Aiyala President	 SALAS AIYALA

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6. Porgera Landowners Association Negotiation Committee	Maso Mangape Chairman – PLOA Negotiation Committee	
7. Porgera Landowners Association MOA and SML Negotiation Committee	Dickson Pundi Deputy Chairman – PLOA Negotiation Committee	
8. Porgera Landowners Association	Mark Ekepa Former Chairman & Mamai Agent	
9. Porgera Landowners Association	Pala Teya Former Deputy Chairman & Paramba Agent	
10. Ipili Council of Churches Association (ICCA)	Steven Yandare Deputy Chairman – PLOA Negotiation Committee	
11. Porgera Health Services (Public Servants)	Jerry Maku District Health Services Manager	Authorized by Jerry Maku 

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12. Porgera SML Leaders	Cr. Sukul Tupia 30 years councilor & Senior SML/LMP landowner	
13. Porgera SML Leaders	Cr. Iso Kulina SML Councilor, Senior SML/LMP landowner	
14. Porgera Development Authority	Thomson Kulara Chairman	
15. Porgera Mining Allied Workers Union Representative	Dasil Mangapen President	
16. Porgera Town	Daniel Wakape Town Mayor	