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MEDIA STATEMENT

Call for Public Comments and Feedback on draft Strata Title Bills 2020 **DEADLINE: COB 16th October 2019**

The Department of Lands and Physical Planning is now calling on the general public and private sector stakeholders to participate in the consultation process for the recently launched Strata Titles Bills 2020.

It is important to note that Papua New Guinea has never had a legal framework for the administration of townhouses, units and apartments. The Strata Title Bills 2020 will:

- allow for unit holders in apartments and multilevel buildings to own registered titles over an individual unit or apartment which currently are being transacted under company structures and subleases;
- define unit holders their legal rights and access to common areas within the whole property;
- create opportunity for lower property prices; and
- banks and lending institutions will have mortgage instruments administered by strata titles rather than the complicated structures now in place.

The launching of the public consultation on 25 September by the Lands Minister, commenced the requisite requirement by the State Solicitor's Office for public feedback.

Things to note:

- Feedback consultation ends on 16 October 2019;
- Strata Title Bills 2020 information is available on the DLPP website: <http://www.lands.gov.pg> and Face Book Page: <http://www.facebookbill/>;
- Everyone is encouraged to consider the draft legislation and complete the online survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YBZWC8P>) that is on the DLPP website <http://www.lands.gov.pg>;
- A downloadable form is available on the DLPP website <http://www.lands.gov.pg> which can be completed and sent back via: stratatitle_feedback@lands.gov.pg; or handed in to the Provincial or Regional Lands Office;
- Those who do not have access to the internet can see their Provincial Lands Office and Regional Lands Office to review the draft Bills and complete the manual feedback form;
- Financial Institutions, Property Developers, Superannuation Funds, Chambers, Law Firms and all professional bodies are strongly encouraged to participate in the feedback process;
- State Agencies are also encouraged to provide their comments and feedback.

The Department believes these draft Bills are of National importance as they will assist the Government to contribute to affordable housing in PNG, as well as generate additional revenue for the Country.

If you have any specific query, please address your query to stratatitles_feedback@lands.gov.pg.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of

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