



P.O. Box 5218, Boroko, National Capital District

Open Letter:
Broken Promise –Experimental Seabed Mining Petition

Friday, 22nd March 2013

Honourable Byron Chan, MP
Member for Namatanai Open
Minister for Mining
Ministry of Mines
Mining Haus,
Konedobu,
National Capital District

“By Email & Hand Delivered”

RE: Long Overdue Response to Public Petition on Seabed Mining

Dear Honourable Minister,

We bring to your attention once again, the matter of the Public Petition presented to you, on the 23rd October 2012. During which you accepted a letter enclosed with a public petition of 24 000 signatures after which you publicly stated that it would take you two weeks to deliberate and respond. The two weeks elapsed and we sent a reminder on the 20th of November.

It has now been four (months) since you received the petition and yet there is no sign of any formal response, and you're public undertaking then to provide a response within 2 weeks! This period of time is more than adequate for someone with your knowledge, experience and resources to deliberate, consult and formulate a response.

We would like to remind you that in your capacity not only as a national leader but also under your constituency you are bound by duty to take the concerns of this particular petition seriously. Thus far it would seem that the petition signatories, members of the public and the media, with their concerns on the issue of Experimental Seabed Mining, mean little to you.

We urge you one final time, on behalf of the 24 000 concerned people that signed and agreed with the concerns raised in this petition to make a formal response to the concerns raised and agreed upon before 31st March, 2013.

Yours Sincerely,

Effrey Dademo,
Program Manager,
Act Now! PNG, on behalf of:



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1. 21,000 + coastal villagers along West Coast New Ireland, Madang, East Sepik, East New Britain, Milne Bay, West New Britain, and Central Provinces.
2. Concerned CSOs, including:
 - Zero Inc. (New Ireland),
 - Bismarck Ramu Group (Madang),
 - East New Britain Sotel Eksen Komiti (East New Britain),
 - 4Massim (Milne Bay),
 - Madang Peoples Forum (Madang),
 - Mas Kagin Tapani (Madang),
 - Bismarck Indigenous Peoples Forum (Madang), and
 - ACT NOW! (National co-ordinating advocacy group, Port Moresby)
3. Tertiary students from:
 - University of Natural Resources and Environment (UNRE – Vudal, East New Britain), and
 - Student groups from affected coastal communities at the University of Papua New Guinea (National Capital District).
4. 3000 + global citizens including Papua New Guinean citizens resident overseas (Australia, US, Germany and various parts of Europe) and Pacific Islanders (Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu), via an online petition.

Cc:

- *Philip Samar, Acting Managing Director, Mineral Resources Authority*
- *Gary Juffa, Governor for Oro Province*