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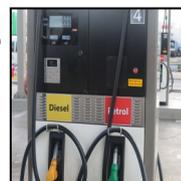
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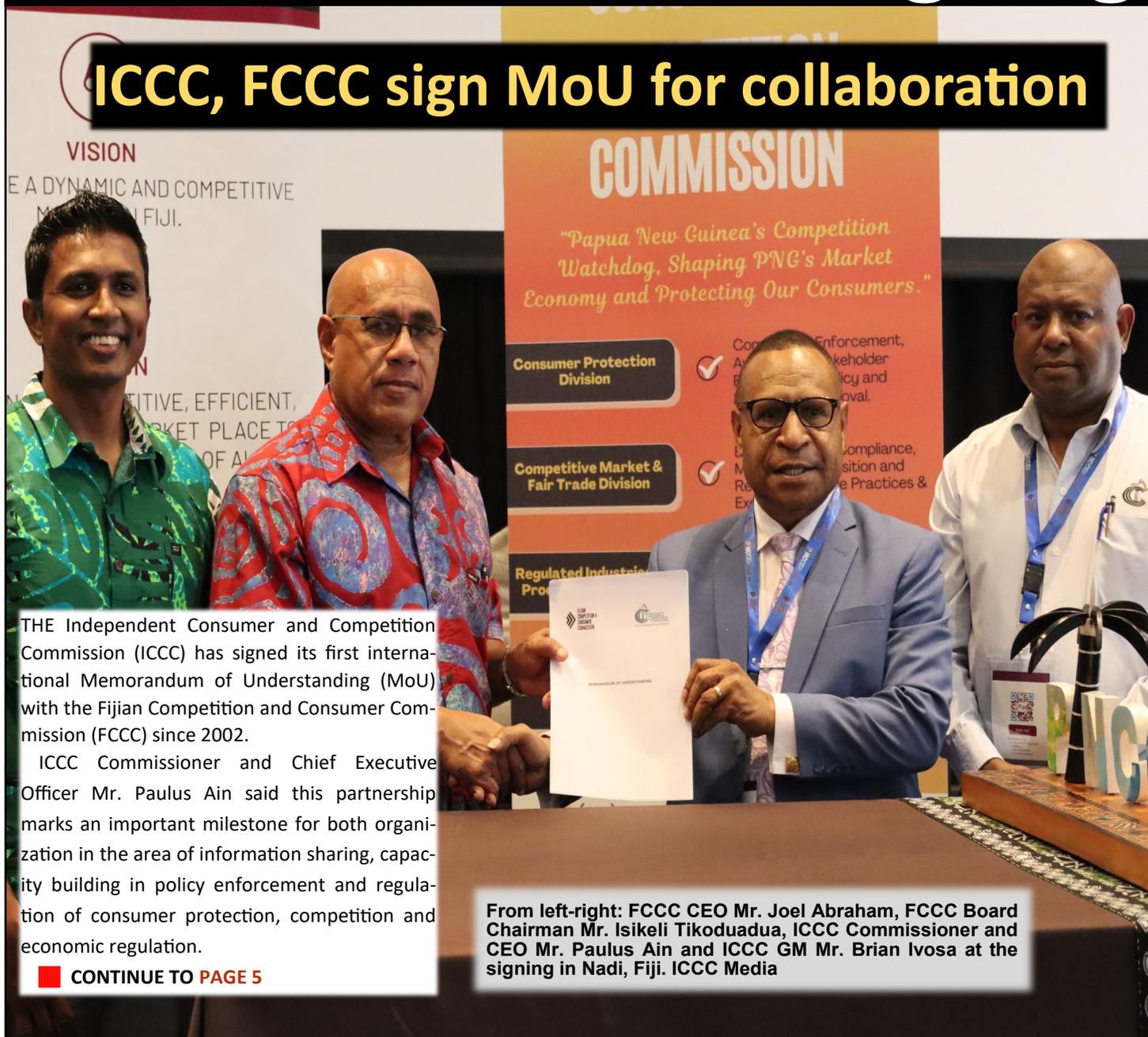
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## International MoU signing

### ICCC, FCCC sign MoU for collaboration



THE Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (ICCC) has signed its first international Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) since 2002.

ICCC Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Paulus Ain said this partnership marks an important milestone for both organization in the area of information sharing, capacity building in policy enforcement and regulation of consumer protection, competition and economic regulation.

From left-right: FCCC CEO Mr. Joel Abraham, FCCC Board Chairman Mr. Isikeli Tikoduadua, ICCC Commissioner and CEO Mr. Paulus Ain and ICCC GM Mr. Brian Ivosa at the signing in Nadi, Fiji. ICCC Media

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# FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

Looking back to the past 49 years of being independent, freedom is the most important part of our country and we are now enjoying the hard work of our founding fathers.

For all that has happened in the last 49 years, we should not dwell in it but focus on the present and move forward.

At a time where we celebrate our independence anniversary, it's good to ask ourselves if we are individually independent, what are our contributions to the nation individually and moving forward from the past 49 years.

If there's anything that's dragging the country back or anything amongst these challenges is that part of being individually independent.

Most times, we seem to exist to



**Mr. Paulus Ain**

please everyone and if you don't please anyone then you'll be tagged the 'bad person' in the family or community. But we don't really see that we are enslaved to so many family, community and society's responsibilities that we are unable to be fully independent on our own. It's about time we start drawing lines, make those hard calls and remain independent to ourselves (yourself).

Reflect back and if you have given a quarter of your life pleasing everyone, I think you should pull the remaining back and you exist on your own.

Focus on yourself, your children and spouses/partners for the next year and

see how it goes.

While you focus on yourself and your family, how can you contribute to the nation at your individual level? Many a times when we think of 'nation contribution' we think of big deeds but we don't realize it's the small gestures that matters.

I want to challenge each of us to think of something you can do as an individual and encourage your family to practice the same; like don't litter in public places or other in-house practices that somebody can learn from.

Imagine how this small gesture practiced by you and your family start taking positive effect on your family members, neighbors and your community, this will make a great change for this country.

**Consumer awareness...** As an enrichment session, ICCC's Consumer Protection Division was invited to talk to Grade 12 students of Port Moresby Grammar School about consumer rights and responsibilities. More than 20 students who turned up were able to ask questions to clear their doubts. Some expressed, they didn't know they can be categorized as 'consumers' being that they are still schooling and living with their parents. The discussion topic was not only focused on consumer rights and responsibilities but also on sustainable consumption practices.



ICCC's Consumer Protection Division team member talking to the upper secondary students of Port Moresby Grammar School. ICCC Media

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## Stakeholders discuss Petroleum Industry Pricing Review



**Top: Team Puma Energy engaging in a group discussion time. Bottom left: Edgar Brooker (right) with Total Energies management team. Bottom right: Participants at the recent workshop. ICCC Media**

FOLLOWING the release of the draft report for 2024 Petroleum Industry pricing review, ICCC's Prices Regulation Division (PRD) held a one-day awareness workshop with its industry stakeholders.

The workshop which aimed at discussing the draft determinations covered the overview of the pricing review, wholesale and retail margin and other stakeholder concerns.

Some topics of highlights were objectives of the economic regulation, how the regulated prices are derived, wholesale model, drum filling margin, coastal shipping costs and freight, retail margin calculation, amongst others.

PRD's Executive Manager, Mr. Jack Timi said the discussion was helpful in that the industry stakeholders' comments would aid the team in compiling the final determination.

"In the draft determination, the ICCC has proposed to continue setting the monthly retail (pump) prices for petrol, diesel and kerosene as well as setting the retail margins throughout the country in the next five-year regulatory period (2025-2029)," Mr. Timi said.

## WBC acquires 8pc shared capital in NSL

THE Westpac Banking Corporation (Westpac) will acquire an 8.75 per cent issued share capital in Westpac PNG Limited (Westpac PNG) held by Nambawan Super Limited.

The Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (ICCC), in its assessment and consideration on a proposed acquisition by Westpac cleared that it is not a consolidation of two competing firms in the banking and financial services market in PNG but between shareholders within Westpac PNG.

"This is between the controlling shareholder (Westpac) and a minority shareholder (NSL), hence, the current structure of the banking and financial market and level of competition would remain the same post-acquisition," ICCC Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Paulus Ain said.

"The proposed acquisition only increases Westpac's controlling interest in Westpac PNG and it would not enhance the market position of Westpac PNG in terms of control in any relevant market (s) in PNG.

"This would increase Westpac's shareholding in Westpac PNG from 89.9% of the issued share capital to 98.63%.

Mr. Ain further said whilst the ICCC appreciates that the parties of the proposed transaction provide banking and financial services, there is not specific market (s) in the proposed acquisition where competition is likely to be harmed.

"Therefore, the ICCC cleared the proposed acquisition to proceed," Mr. Ain reiterated.



Port inspections at Buka Port, Autonomous Region of Bougainville. ICCC Media

## ICCC inspects PNG PCL facilities at Buka, Kimbe and Kavieng

PNG Ports Corporation Limited's regulator, the ICCC has carried its annual port inspection at three port facilities recently.

Covering Kimbe Port in West New Britain, Buka Port in Autonomous Region of Bougainville and Kavieng Port in New Ireland Province, ICCC's Regulated Industries and Productivity Division (RIPD) inspected respective ports to confirm the facilities are in good condition.

During the inspection, the wharves, hardstand, roads and pavements, water supply, electricity, port offices including securities are checked to confirm oper-

ating conditions. RIPD's Executive Manager, Mrs. Stella Kora explained that the Regulatory Contract binding PNG Ports and the ICCC, a minimum service standard report is to be submitted to the ICCC annually.

"This report provides an overview of condition of the port facilities in which the ICCC will do a physical inspection to verify the report," she said.

PNG Ports is licensed under the *Harbours Act Chapter 240* to provide port facilities for loading and unloading as well as berths and berth reservation services of vessels at a declared port.

## BW Dredging cleared to acquire SLP, SLT

THE Boskalis Westminster Dredging Limited (BW Dredging) will indirectly acquire Smit Lamnalco Projects Limited and Smit Lamnalco Towage PNG Ltd, the Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (ICCC) clears.

The proposed acquisition is part of a wider global acquisition of 50 percent of the issued shares in Smit Lamnalco International B.V of Netherland and its subsidiaries by BW Dredging.

SLP and SLT are part of SLBV's subsidiaries which are registered and operating in PNG, hence forming part of the wider transaction.

"The ICCC determined that the proposed acquisition, if it proceeds, would not be likely to have the effect of substantially lessening competition in any market (s) in PNG," ICCC Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Paulus Ain said.

"The ICCC noted that the acquirer currently holds 50% indirect ownership of the target companies."

Given the proposed acquisition would only result in an increase in indirect ownership of SLP and SLT, the ICCC considered that the current structure of the market, the level of competition and market shares of the target companies including their current position in any market would remain the same in PNG and would not change post-acquisition.

The proposed acquisition would not enhance the market position of BW Dredging in terms of control, in any market (s) in the country.

"It is part of the wider transaction involving an internal share acquisition between existing shareholders in SLVB, hence the impact on respective markets that the subsidiaries such as SLP and SLT operate in would not be detrimental," Mr. Ain added.

# Regional economic regulators network beneficial

THIS network has provided an important platform in bringing together respective regulators across the Pacific to discuss issues and challenges within the economic regulation arena.

Although ICCC has been in existence for more than 20 years, its challenges are similar in nature to other Pacific Island nations but having a network like PINCCER opens door for collaborative discussions and solutions for best regulatory approaches.

ICCC's Regulated Industries and Productivity Division Executive Manager, Mrs Stella Kora acknowledged that "PINCCER sets a very important platform so we can all come together to discuss issues and come up with the best regulatory practice that can work well for respective agencies."

Mrs. Kora was talking during a workstream panel discussion on economic regulation perspective at the inaugural PINCCER conference.

She was joined by colleague and fellow executive manager for Prices Regulation Division, Mr. Jack Timi



**ICCC's Mrs. Kora (left) and Mr. Timi (center) highlighting the recently concluded enquiry into Coastal Shipping Industry as fellow panelist from French Polynesia, looks on.**  
ICCC Media

who gave a brief into the key work done by the ICCC in this space.

They highlighted one of ICCC's work was the recently concluded enquiry into the Coastal Shipping Industry – to determine an appropriate form of regula-

tion and the current review into PNG Ports regulatory contract.

They further stressed that ICCC could use the technical assistance it can get from the other economies for capacity building amongst others.

## ICCC strengthens ties with FCCC through MoU

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"It is also a testament of long standing and progressive bilateral relationship and with this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), it is a symbol of strengthening cooperation between the two nations."

This was the statement by ICCC Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Paulus Ain, during the signing of an MoU between the ICCC and Fiji Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) in Nadi, Fiji recently.

Mr. Ain who was there to officiate at the signing notes the prospect of this collaboration in collective efforts in consumer protection, competition and

economic regulation and the benefits it will bring to the countries. "The ICCC appreciates FCCC's commitment towards information sharing, capacity building in the area of consumer protection, competition and economic regulation between PNG and Fiji through collaborative and collective priorities within the MoU," Mr. Ain said.

FCCC Board Chairman Mr. Isikeli Tikoduadua said the MoU represent the pledge to enhance our cooperation, share best practices and work together to address the unique market challenges faced in both countries.

"Through this partnership, we aim

to enhance a regulatory framework to ensure that we are robust and responsive, foster greater transparency and accountability in our business practices, promote consumer awareness and empowerment in ensuring that our citizens are well informed and protected in their market engagements and, address anti-competitive behaviors and unfair practices undermining our markets," Mr. Tikoduadua added.

Mr. Tikoduadua congratulated ICCC for its readiness and unwavering dedication to consumer and competition matters.

"Together, we will work towards achieving our common goals and make it better for our people," he added.

# ICCC co-leads establishment of PINCCER

WE are excited to share that the Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (ICCC) is a member of the newly established and first-ever Pacific Islands Network of Competition Consumers and Economic Regulators (PINCCER).

Not only did we become a member but we are proud that our Consumer Protection Division has been at the fore front as a key agency in co-leading discussions with Fiji Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) into the formation of PINCCER since 2023.

ICCC Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Paulus Ain, who led his team of competition, consumer protection and economic regulation experts to the inaugural PINCCER launching and conference in Fiji said it was a momentous event seeing ICCC's contribution with other Pacific Island member nations come to fruition.

PINCCER was born out of mere discussions following a Consumer International Conference in Sydney, Australia in 2023 to address the challenges faced by small market economies in the South Pacific region.

"The idea of creating this network came about because of the need to



protect consumers in the Pacific and this came to be after the 2023 Consumer International Conference in Sydney, Australia, where the global economies were talking about how to protect their economies and regions, and much of the discussions didn't cover the Pacific Islands," Mr. Ain said.

"When we were there, we thought we had no space, representation or recognition in the international level and that led us to the creation of PINCCER; and the Australia and New Zealand were really supportive and wanted to assist the Pacific Island economies to establish the network."

PINCCER is a hub for regulatory au-

thorities of competition, consumer protection and economic regulations to share ideas, learn from each other and work together to address the challenges they face in respective fields, Fiji Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) Board Chairman, Mr. Isikeli Tikoduadua said.

"The aim is to set the stage for a future where our markets operate more efficiently, fairly and sustainably, benefiting all consumers in our diverse and vibrant communities," he said.

Twelve Pacific Island nations are members to the very-first network for competition consumer and economic regulators in the region.



Top: ICCC Commissioner and CEO Mr. Paulus Ain (third from left) with representatives from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), FCCC, Consumer Affairs Tonga, ACP French Polynesia and Bureau of Price Monitoring and Consumer Affairs Vanuatu after their panel discussion on making market work for consumers on a regulator's perspective. Bottom left/ right: Participants engaging in group discussions. ICCC Media



One of the International Container Terminal Services Inc (ITCSI) operated wharves in PNG. ICTSI website

# Revocation of 2024 Stevedoring and Handling Services Prices Order

THE Independent Consumer and Competition Commission ('ICCC') has revoked the 2024 Prices Order for the Stevedoring and Handling Services provided at the international ports of Lae in Morobe Province and Motukea in Port Moresby, as published in the *National Gazette No. G959 of 2023*.

Following the completion of a comprehensive review undertaken by the ICCC in 2023, one of the key findings and determinations was for the ICCC to apply price controls on stevedoring and handling services provided at these two main international ports.

"The 2024 Prices Order was imme-

diately suspended following a court order taken by the port operator against the ICCC," ICCC Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Paulus Ain said.

Mr. Ain explained that through extensive discussions between the ICCC and the parties involved, and based on a consent direction from the National Court, the ICCC proceeded to **revoke** the 2024 Price Order through the publication of the *National Gazette No. G573 of 2024*.

Since the 2024 Prices Order has been revoked officially, Mr. Ain emphasized that the ICCC will relook at

the review processes carefully in the *Prices Regulation Act (Chapter 320) consolidate no. 11 of 2008 amended* ('Prices Regulation Act') and redo the pricing review using the appropriate and relevant provisions of the Prices Regulation Act.

All industry stakeholders and the general public will be notified once the review process is resumes.

Mr. Ain further stated that the ICCC will continue to pursue and promote industry efficiency, protect port users of key services in the maritime sector, and in particular closely monitor the rates charged at the ports.

## ICCC Highlands Regional Office temporarily closed

THE Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (ICCC) has temporarily closed its Highlands Regional Office in Mt. Hagen, Western Highlands Province for an indefinite period.

This happened following an alleged attack on an ICCC staff by a Hagen-based policeman and his

accomplices. ICCC Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Paulus Ain condemned the actions of the police officer who was said to have allegedly assaulted and tortured his officer.

"Due to the sensitivity of the issue, security and safety risks of our staff, the management has decided to temporarily cease all operations and

close the office indefinitely while waiting for investigations," Mr. Ain said.

Meanwhile, all consumer complaints, queries and request from industry stakeholders should be directed to Consumer Protection Division on 3124600 or via email at [infor@iccc.gov.pg](mailto:infor@iccc.gov.pg).



ICCC officers checking prices of the declared goods in shops in New Ireland Province. Pictures by Connie Tuvui



# ICCC completes price inspection in New Ireland

ELEVEN shops in New Ireland Province will be prosecuted by the Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (ICCC) for increasing their prices above 10 percent (10%) without prior approval.

During ICCC’s nationwide price measure exercise carried out in the province recently, it was recorded that eleven shops in Kavieng and Namatanai districts were found to have increased prices of certain goods listed in Schedule 1 of the Price Measure No.4 above 10% without seeking prior approval from the ICCC.

Out of the 32 shops inspected, 11 were issued with an Infringement Notice (IN) for failing to comply with the Price Control Measure No. 4

These shops have been given 14-days if they choose to appeal the IN that was

issued by the ICCC. In the appeal these shops are to justify their reasons for increasing the prices of the certain goods sold or pay a K10,000.00 fine for non-compliance.

Failing this, they will be taken to court by the ICCC.

ICCC Commissioner and CEO Mr. Paulus Ain who was on the ground welcomed and acknowledged concerns by shop owners about price increases at the suppliers and wholesalers end however, cautioned them to always apply to the ICCC before increasing their prices of the scheduled goods.

Mr. Ain noted the retail prices for flour, cooking oil, laundry soap and sugar remained steady (reasonably flat) when the base price was collected last year during Phase 1.

However, the prices for rice have

been increasing gradually and it is a concern. Mr. Ain is warning shop owners who pretend to comply with the Price Order during the price inspection exercise that this is an ongoing exercise and if they are caught, they will be penalised.

“Let this be a warning to all the shop owners that ICCC will not hesitate to penalise any shop that increases its prices of the certain goods per Schedule 1 without applying to the ICCC prior to increasing the prices” Mr. Ain warned.

He added that those shops in other centers yet to be visited by the ICCC must seek approval for any price increase now to avoid being penalised.

He further applauded the other shop owners for being compliant and keeping their prices at a reasonable level despite the current inflationary pressure experienced in the country.

# High domestic fuel prices explained

THE Independent Consumer and Competition Commission ('ICCC') has advised that the increases in the retail prices for petrol, diesel and kerosene throughout Papua New Guinea (PNG) are attributed to the recent movements in international crude oil prices and international freight charges.

Crude oil is a globally traded commodity and its prices are highly volatile due to changes in global demand, supply conditions, and geopolitical tensions in the Middle-East.

ICCC Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Paulus Ain also advised that the current high level of fuel prices in the country and globally is also attributed to global crude oil production levels as agreed upon by members states of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Nations (OPEC).

“By restricting supply and cutting production levels, OPEC is effectively supporting the current price levels for



A fuel bowser in PNG. ICCC Media

fuel worldwide. PNG is also a small player in the global market for crude oil hence, the current production levels in the country does not have any impact on global prices for crude oil. PNG is a price taker in the global market for crude oil,” Mr. Ain said.

Fuel prices are cheaper in some countries because their governments heavily subsidised their fuel prices.

Therefore, it is not accurate to di-

rectly compare their fuel prices in those countries with the fuel prices in PNG.

Furthermore, the Napa Napa Project Agreement between the State and Puma Energy PNG Limited requires domestic fuel prices to be priced based on the prices of refined fuel produced in Singapore, which also reflects the world market prices for crude oil.

Mr Ain also elaborated that the depreciation of the Kina against the US dollar will also put added pressure on domestic fuel prices throughout the country.

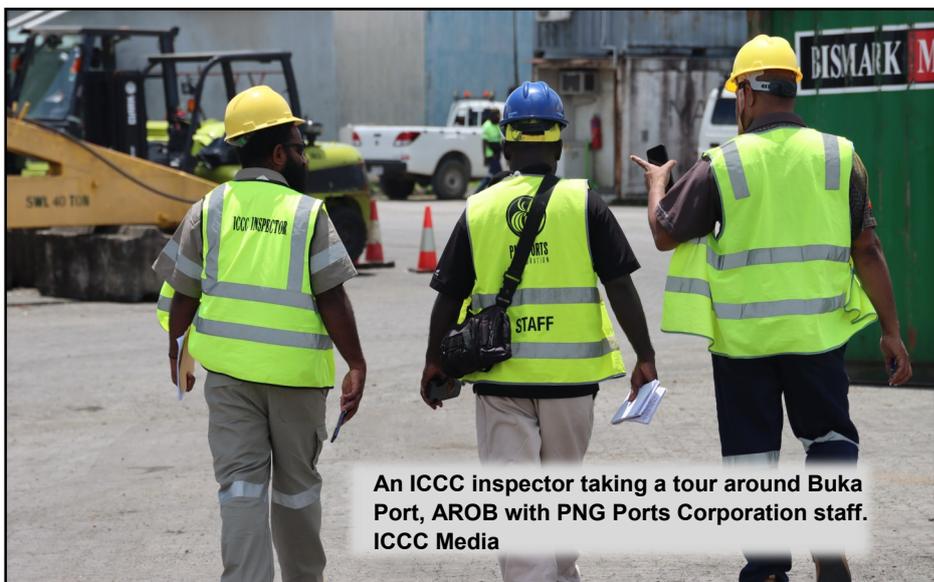
Crude oil prices continue to be volatile in the global market hence it’s difficult to predict the future trend of fuel prices, however, the ICCC is of the view that the looming election in the United States of America may have a significant bearing on global crude oil supply and fuel prices going forward.

## Buka port boasts of meeting requirements

THE PNG Ports Corporation Limited ports of Kimbe, Buka and Kavieng ports boast of meeting the minimum service standard requirements of the PNG Ports Regulatory Contract.

During this year’s port inspection carried out at respective ports, ICCC inspectors recorded compliance by the port staff in ensuring the port facilities are in order.

Buka Port Business Manager, Mr. Henry Singkep said Buka Port is one of two ports in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville after Kieta Port and boasts of facilitating direct overseas export of its main commodities



An ICCC inspector taking a tour around Buka Port, AROB with PNG Ports Corporation staff. ICCC Media

like cocoa and copra.

“The port has two berths, a hardstand that is suitable to accommodate more than 10 containers stacked in single height, including road and pavements sealed and in good condition,” he said.

Meanwhile, ICCC’s Regulated Indus-

tries and Productivity Executive Manager, Mrs. Stella Kora said generally all ports are compliant despite minor issues highlighted.

Mrs. Kora added that her team is working on the inspection report and will be provided to the PNG Ports Corporation Limited.



# INDEPENDENT CONSUMER & COMPETITION COMMISSION

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PRICES REGULATION ACT (CHAPTER 320)

The Independent Consumer & Competition Commission (**ICCC**) is a multi-sector regulator of the supply and sale of goods and services under the Prices Regulation Act Ch. 320 (**PR Act**).

The ICCC advises all stakeholders and the general public of our proposal to amend Part VII of the PR Act to ensure the application of unilateral price controls under special circumstances (based on grounds of social equity).

The ICCC is required to consult stakeholders and the general public to obtain their views on the proposed amendment. The ICCC therefore seeks comments or views from all stakeholders and the general public on its proposal to amend Part VII of the PR Act to empower the ICCC to apply unilateral price controls under special circumstances. Under the current legislative regime, the ICCC can only apply price control if it satisfies the economic justification of market competition. Only when a market is less competitive, the ICCC will apply some form of price control. This approach is to prevent businesses with market power from charging monopoly prices. It does not prevent all businesses from charging excessive and unreasonable prices. As a result, the cost of living has risen and continues to rise across the economy regardless of the level of competition in certain markets.

The following changes are proposed, with respect to Part VII of the PR Act:

1. Insertion of Section 56A;
2. This creates two subsections; 56A (1) and 56A (2);
3. Section 56A (1) provides for the ICCC to impose unilateral Price Controls; and
4. Section 56A (1) is subjected to section 56A (2), which sets out the circumstances where the ICCC may exercise unilateral price controls:

The proposed amended Section 56A will read as follows: –

#### **56A. Unilateral Price Control.**

##### **1. Notwithstanding Section 21(2A) and subject to subsection (2)–**

- a) *the Commission may, without consultation required under Section 20A, decide the maximum percentage margins, or the maximum selling prices, to apply to goods and services that are not declared under Sections 10 and 32A of this Act or the ICCC Act or any other Act; and*
- b) *The Commission shall publish any Price Control Order made under Section 56A (1)(a) in the National Gazette.*

##### **2. The Commission may apply subsection (1):**

- a) *Where required under the National Pandemic Act, any other Emergency Laws, or the Constitution; or*
- b) *During natural disasters such as but not limited to; hurricanes, earthquakes, drought, famine, frost, flood, landslide, cyclones, and tsunamis; and any form of civil unrest resulting from any natural disasters with the likely effect of affecting the supply and prices of goods and services; or*
- c) *In periods of inflationary pressures to prevent the exploitation of consumers by body corporates or individuals setting excessive prices of goods and services; or*
- d) *In instances of public interest concerns, to ensure access to essential goods and services or services for vulnerable populations are met at reasonable costs; or*
- e) *In instances of a market failure where markets fail to allocate resources efficiently, align prices of goods and services with long term consumer interests; or*
- f) *In instances of international trade considerations on imported goods to protect domestic industries from unfair competition, to stabilize domestic prices affected by global market fluctuation.*

Please contact the ICCC at the address below to obtain copies of the relevant documentation discussing the proposed amendments. The documents will also be available for access on our Website, [www.iccc.gov.pg](http://www.iccc.gov.pg) and Facebook (ICCC PNG) page.

The consultation timeline for the proposed amendments is set out below.

STAGE	ACTION	DATE
1	Commencement of consultation process by release of Public Notice	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
2	Close of comments and submissions to the Public Notice	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

The ICCC kindly requests all stakeholders and the general public to provide written submissions on the proposed amendments before or by **11<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

Written submissions must be delivered to the following address:

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Attention: **Mr. Paulus Ain, Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer**

Electronic submissions can also be sent to Mr. Jason Sirue, Corporate Secretary and Legal Counsel, by email, at [jsirue@iccc.gov.pg](mailto:jsirue@iccc.gov.pg).

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**MR. PAULUS AIN**  
Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer

05<sup>th</sup> August 2024

# Kirina reminisces good times with ICCC

STARTED as a Finance Manager and leaving as an Executive Manager, Mr. Vincent Kirina, from Boregaina, Rigo in Central Province was recently released from the ICCC following a long illness.

Sitting at his farewell function at Tuhava Town outside Port Moresby, Mr. Kirina reminisces his time with ICCC.

“I’m very happy to hear you all speak about me. I never knew how much I impacted everyone and it is fascinating to be told that this was what I’ve done,” he said smiling.

“I really enjoyed my time with ICCC, I’m glad I was EMFAD that I was able to conduct interviews, inquiries, talk to Papua New Guineans through you and I’ll take this home with me.

“One of the highlights of my eight to nine years with ICCC was being responsible for almost K100 million. A massive amount of money in a country where there’s a lot of misappropriation and it requires very good people who respect the process and appreciate the system that was established before and allow accountability to prevail.

“With the help of the senior management committee, I was able to



Top: A group photo of the FAD staff with Mr. Kirina, center-seated, for the last time. Middle row left: Staff having light moments with Mr. Kirina during his farewell function. Right: A cheerful Mr. Kirina sharing the highlight of his journey with ICCC. Bottom: ICCC’s GM, Mr. Brian Ivosa, right, joins Mr. Kirina for his farewell cake cutting. ICCC Media.

ensure that money was used properly and to ensure ICCC progressed in delivering its services for the benefit of Papua New Guineans.

“With that kind of money came the responsibility to ensure there’s credibility in its use and between 2015 and 2019, we ensured that all our audits had good outcomes, all were unqualified – a massive achievement for us,” he added.

ICCC’s General Manager, Mr. Brian Ivosa recounted Vincent’s contributions to the commission over those years.

“Thank you, Mr. Kirina, for your contributions to the commission,

your work supports the core division including the management. You’ve done a lot in your years here and we will certainly miss your presence,” Mr. Ivosa said.

As expressed by other staff, Mr. Kirina has a cheerful character where his presence lights up the office and he has left a big void in the finance and administration division.

In late 2022, Mr. Kirina was diagnosed with Tuberculosis and Potts disease and was bed ridden whole of 2023 until his official release this year by the management to allow him to concentrate on his recovery.

## Employment journey

- ⇒ **2005** – Employed as a casual officer in the Finance Division with ICCC
- ⇒ **2007** – Dealer Accounts Manager, Momase Region, Telkom PNG
- ⇒ **2009** – Finance Manager, ICCC
- ⇒ **2012** – Finance Manager, Securities Industries Authority
- ⇒ **2015 – 2024** Executive Manager, Finance and Administration Division, ICCC



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