

**SEVENTH DELEGATION FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA –
13-19 FEBRUARY 2005**

The seventh delegation from Papua New Guinea consisted of three Members from the Papua New Guinea National Parliament, plus the Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms of the National Parliament as the accompanying officer.

Delegation members included:

Hon Kuri Kingal MP – (United Resources Party), Member for Mul-Baiyer Open (Delegation Leader);

Hon Clement Nakmai MP – (United Resources Party), Governor, West New Britain Provincial;

Hon Alphonse Willie MP – (National Alliance Party), Member for Kerowagi Open; and
Mr Robert Ponenge – Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms, Papua New Guinea National Parliament.

The delegation visited Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane during its seven-day visit. Delegation members were afforded the opportunity to meet with people involved in politics at the Federal and State levels and with Australian business groups.

Sydney

The delegation arrived in Sydney on Sunday 13 February 2005 and was taken on a sightseeing tour of Sydney before having dinner at The Rocks. The official program in Sydney commenced on Monday 14 February and included:

- Tour of the New South Wales Parliament House;
- Lunch hosted by the **Hon John Aquilina MP**, Speaker of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly and State Member for Riverstone, and co-hosted by the **Hon Amanda Fazio MLC** (Japan 1992), Deputy President of the Legislative Council, and attended by the **Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC** (USA 1993), **Mr Paul Crittenden** (USA 1998) and **Mr Russell Grove PSM**, Clerk of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly; and
- Visit to the Sydney Aquarium.

Canberra

The delegation then departed Sydney for Canberra on Monday afternoon 14 February 2005. After arriving in Canberra, the delegation attended a dinner with **Mr Alan Walter, Mr Kennedy Simpson, Mr Peter Taylor and Mr Frank Yourn**, representatives of the Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council, and **Mr John Edge**, Secretary of the Australian Political Exchange Council.

From Tuesday 15 February to Thursday 17 February 2005, the delegates participated in meetings with:

- **Mr Cleaver Elliot**, Clerk Assistant (Procedure), Senate;
- **Mr Bob Sercombe MP**, Shadow Minister for the Pacific Islands, Federal Member for Maribyrnong and Vice-Chairman of the Australia / Papua New Guinea Parliamentary Group;
- **Mr Evan Langdon** (PNG 2004), ALP National Secretariat;

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- **Senator Lyn Allison**, Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator for Victoria (Principal of the Council);
- **His Excellency Mr Renagi Lohia CBE**, High Commissioner for Papua New Guinea;
- **Hon David Hawker MP** (USA 1984), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Federal Member for Wannon (Patron of the Council) and **Senator the Hon Paul Calvert**, President of the Senate, Senator for Tasmania (Patron of the Council);
- **Mr Kevin Rudd MP**, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Security and Federal Member for Griffith;
- **Senator John Hogg**, Deputy President of the Senate, Senator for Queensland;
- **AusAID**;
- **Australian Electoral Commission**;
- **Mr Peter Langhorne**, Chief of Staff, and **Mr Stuart St Clair**, Senior Adviser - Political to the Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of The Nationals, **the Hon John Anderson MP**; and
- **Mr Bruce Edwards** (Japan 1992) from the **Liberal Party of Australia**.

Other activities included:

- Attending **Question Time** in the House of Representatives;
- Lunch hosted by **Senator the Hon Eric Abetz** (Germany 1991 and Vietnam 1996), Special Minister of State, and attended by the **Hon Alan Cadman MP** and **Mr Paul Neville MP**, Australian Political Exchange Council Members, and members of the Australia / Papua New Guinea Parliamentary Group;
- Dinner with former Australian Political Exchange Council delegates including Mr Michael Barrett (Germany 1999) and Ms Rowena Cowan (USA 2000);
- Attending the **Senate Estimates Committee Meeting on Foreign Affairs**;
- Lunch hosted by the **Hon David Hawker MP** (USA 1984), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Federal Member for Wannon (Patron of the Council); and
- Tour of the **Australian War Memorial**.

Brisbane

The delegation then travelled to Brisbane on Thursday afternoon 17 February 2005. The Brisbane program for Friday 18 February 2005 had been developed with the assistance of Ms Cathi Collier (USA 1992) and included the following:

- Visit to **Durack State School**, 2004 Showcase for Excellence winner;
- Briefing by **Mr Wayne Chalmers**, Queensland Department of Education and the Arts; and
- Followed by lunch with representatives of the Queensland Department of Education and the Arts.

On Saturday morning 19 February 2005, the delegation departed Brisbane for Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.