

- Policy development:- Facilitates a sound policy framework
- Providing brochures:- To assist & capture all DLPP processes and procedures are making them available to DLPP stakeholders.

3. Special Projects Unit

- Monitor's projects under the National Land Development Program.
- Management of Special Projects:- Effective resolution of issues requiring a project approach.
- Devolution of powers to the Provinces:- Empowering Provincial Government to manage their land by the devolution of the Physical Planning, Land Administration and Customary Land functions and Land Information Functions.



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Policy and Legal Division



Purpose:

To ensure a corporate policy environment for DL&PP and its stakeholders which encourages consistent and legitimate corporate decision making and complies with relevant PNG Legislations and National Government Policies.

Policy and Legal Services Division is the Division responsible for providing Legal services, analyzing new and existing policies and managing special projects within the department.

However, its core function is to provide sound legal advice and policies to the Ministry and Department of Lands & Physical Planning to ensure that the Ministry and the department are working within the framework of our Constitution, relevant Act of Parliament whereby providing efficient services to our citizens and our internal stakeholders.

The Division is further a champion of the National Land Development Program whereby all our policies and laws are to be aligned to this program so as to provide land to be accessible for development, whilst ensuring our land rights are guaranteed.

The Division's aim is to improve efficiency and service delivery within the department through the proposed amendments that have been recommended and through the drafting of new policies and reviewing our current or existing policies.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Policy and Legal Services Division comprises of three different units, the roles and responsibilities of each division are stated accordingly under each respective unit.

Legal Services Unit

- Monitor and ensure that DL&PP maintains a sound legislative framework.
- Represent the Department and Ministry in the Supreme and National Court and further
- Specializes in providing appropriate legal advice to DLPP, the general public, statutory bodies, Government Departments, various stakeholders, the Minister, the Secretary and all staff

Policy Analysis Unit

- Ensures that the Department has a sound Policy and Legislative framework.
- Reviews policies of respective Divisions to ensure that they comply with the Departments' overarching policies and the National Governments Policies.
- Drafts new policies which are relevant to current scenarios experienced within the department, ensuring a clear understanding of stakeholder requirements .
- Publishing all the necessary processes and procedures manuals concerning the department's official activities and policies.

Special Project Unit

This unit is assigned to take responsibility of managing all the Projects within the Department. It also ensures that DLPP completes projects on a timely basis within budget and ensures objectives are achieved. It further assists in monitoring Provinces' performance of Land administrative functions and works towards devolving the functions to the provinces. Another important role that Special Projects Unit plays is to liaise with stakeholders to establish a working relationship to assist DLPP where required.

TYPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

1. Legal Services Unit

The following are the types of services provided

Legislative review:- Review of appropriate legislations relating to Land and Physical Planning

Legal Services:- providing the best possible legal advice and representation

2. Policy Analysis Unit

- Stake holder liaison:- Facilitates the Understanding of stakeholder requirements
- Research and analysis:- Facilitates the Understanding of current issues pertaining to Land and Physical Planning