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## **PM's Announcement on SABL's Increasing Landowners Frustration and Anger**

The Madang-based Bismarck Ramu Group (BRG) says the recent announcement by Prime Minister Peter O'Neill in regards to revoking of some SABL leases is not going down well with the majority of grassroots people throughout PNG.

“The day prior to the announcement we (BRG) let the PM know there needed to be quick action if he was to prevent trouble from spreading throughout the SABL areas,” said BRG spokesperson Rosa Koian.

“His announcement will continue to delay action on SABL's and is already frustrating landowners whose land has been stolen. The Commission report ALREADY revealed the three (3) government departments - Land, Agriculture & Forestry worked together to purposely avoid the guidelines set out for SABL's. And so what does the PM do? He sets up another Commission headed by those same three departments to implement the original Commission's recommendations!!!!”

“The people see this for what it is. This is what they are talking, texting and tweeting about. They are seeing this as another delay tactic by the government and they've had enough.”

“The government does not seem to understand that modern technology has allowed to people to communicate, to stay on top of the issues, to talk to each other and now to organise themselves.”

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