



AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION PORT MORESBY

21 December 2018

Ms. Tracey Vienings
Resident Representative a.i.
UNDP
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National Capital District

Dear Tracey,

RE: Request for six-month no-cost project extension of Disaster Risk Management Project (Agreement 71223)

We agree to the six-month no cost extension as requested in your letter dated 20 December 2018 for the Disaster Risk Management Project as identified under Agreement Number 71223 (2017). This agreement for a no-cost extension covers the period from 01 January to 30 June 2019.

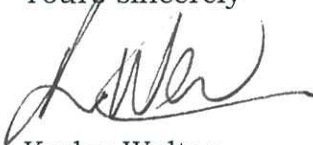
We acknowledge the project's delivery of results as highlighted in the DRM Project Review. This includes progress made in supporting the Government of Papua New Guinea in the development of key disaster policy frameworks such as the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework 2017-2030 and efforts towards DRM planning in the five (5) key project provinces. We further note the project's flexibility and effectiveness in supporting national disaster response efforts in major disasters experienced in the country in 2018.

As discussed the extension should provide sufficient time for the successful completion of a range of project activities taking note of associated costs as outlined in the Annual Work Plan (AWP). While awaiting the finalized AWP it is encouraging to see key recommendations from the project review and inputs from the recent Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting have been integrated in the draft AWP. I understand that a range of these recommendations will be actioned within this extension period and am therefore looking forward to receiving the final work plan.

We welcome the decision by UNDP to undertake financial audits within the country office; and acknowledge the recommendation put forward for prioritisation of the DRM project in the planned audit in 2019. We believe this audit is timely and look forward to receiving the outcomes and findings of the audit relevant to the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact Darian Clark or myself should you wish to discuss any further.

Yours sincerely



21/12/19

Karley Walton
A/g Counsellor
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CC:

- Mr Dickson Guina, Secretary, Department of Provincial and Local Government Affairs
- Mr Martin Mose, A/g Director, National Disaster Centre.