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CONSTITUTIONAL AND LAW REFORM COMMISSION REFERENCE NO. 1 OF 2018

REVIEW OF THE ORGANIC LAW ON NATIONAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND RELATED ELECTORAL LAWS AND SYSTEMS

I, GRAND CHIEF SIR BOB DADAE, GCL., G.C.M.G., K. St. J., Governor-General, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 12(1) of the Constitutional and *Law Reform Commission Act* 2004 and all other powers me enabling, acting with, and in accordance with, the advice of the National Executive Council, hereby direct that—

- (a) the Constitutional and Law Reform Commission (the Commission) review or enquire into and report on the workings of the Organic Law on National and Local-level Government Elections (the Organic Law); and
- (b) in the conduct of this review or inquiry into the Organic Law, the Commission must work in close consultation with the Electoral Commission of PNG, Department of Provincial Governments and Locallevel Government Affairs, the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties and Candidates and other releant agencies; and
- (c) in the conduct of this review or inquiry into the *Organic Law*, the Commission must be guided by the following Terms of Reference, without limitations:
 - (i) the electoral roll system; and
 - (ii) the pollling system, including polling periods and polling places; and
 - (iii) the electoral boundaries; and
 - (iv) women and special interest representation in Parliament; and
 - (v) the nomination fees; and
 - (vi) the eligibility for nomination; and
 - (vii) the election petitions filing fees and period of filing; and
 - (viii) the voter identification system; and
 - (ix) the Local-level Government elections; and
 - (x) the electoral offences; and
 - (xi) the powers, functions and composition of electoral commissioners; and

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- (xii) the decentralisation of election responsibilities; and
- (xiii) such other matters that may arise in the course of the review or inquiry, and
- (d) that the Commission must complete this review or inquiry within 18 months from the date of signature of this Instrument; and
- (e) that the Commission must submit its findings and recommendations to the National Executive Council at the end of the 18 month period; and
- (f) that this Direction takes effect on and from the date of signature of this Instrument.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2018.

Sir BOB DADAE, Governor—General.

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