



ACT NOW! calls on PM to release SABL land grab report

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Community advocacy group, ACT NOW! has written to the Prime Minister calling on him to immediately release the report from the Commission of Inquiry into Special Agriculture and Business Leases.

ACT NOW! says that while the government has taken a number of important decisions on tackling corruption the issue of the SABL land grab remains unresolved and continues to cast a stain over the Nation.

"The Prime Minister has publicly acknowledged the SABL land grab was "a fundamental mistake" by the Somare government and that it is of "huge concern" that control of 5 million hectares of land has been leased out to foreign companies", says Effrey Daemo. Program Manager for ACT NOW!

"Yet we have still not seen any report from the SABL Commission of Inquiry, despite the fact it began its hearings in 2011. In contrast, the Commission of Inquiry into the tragic sinking of the Rabaul Queen, was completed within just 6 months.

ACT NOW! has told the PM it believes the delay is completely unacceptable as it means the corruption and abuse of process which has adversely affected many hundreds of communities has not been exposed or dealt with.

"We are urging the PM to treat this issue as a high priority and to immediately make the report publicly available", says Ms Dademo.

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