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## CLRC REFERENCE No. 9: REVIEW OF LAWS ON CITY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

I, Hon. Kerenga Kua MP, Minister for Justice and Attorney General, having regard to:

- the events leading up to the Lae City ethnic crisis in November and December 2011; and
- the death of a number of citizens due to the ethnic crisis in Lae City; and
- the displacement of a large number of citizens particularly from the Highlands region; and
- the need to promote the positive growth of cities in the country; and
- the need for the proper planning and management of cities and urban development;

hereby direct the Constitutional and Law Reform Commission (CLRC), by virtue of the power conferred on me by Section 12(2) of the *Constitutional and Law Reform Commission Act 2004* (the Act), as follows:

1. Enquire into and report and recommend in accordance with Section 12(2) of the Act, on the reform of laws relating to city planning, growth and urban development.
2. In performing its functions in relation to this reference, the CLRC will consider:
  - (a) the relevance of the *Cities Act 1971*; and
  - (b) to what extent the relationship between urban local governments and provincial governments under the *Organic Law on Provincial and Local-level Governments 1995* affect the planning and management of cities and urban development
  - (c) to what extent the *informal Sector Development and Control Act 2004* affects the economy and management of cities and urban centres.
3. The CLRC shall identify and consult with relevant stakeholders including the Department of Provincial and Local-Government Affairs, the Development for Community Development, the Department of Lands and Physical Planning, the Royal Papua New Guinea Police Constabulary, Office of Urbanization, the Association of Urban Local Councils, the PNG Business Council, the Morobe Provincial Government, the Lae Urban Local-level Government and such other agencies, organizations operating in cities and urban centres and people who dwell in cities and urban centres.

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4. The CLRC shall report to me within six (6) months from the date of publication of this reference in the *National Gazette*.
5. This reference shall be referred to as *CLRC Reference No. 9: Review of Laws on City Planning and Urban Development*.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2013.

Hon. K. KUA, MP,  
Minister for Justice and Attorney-General.