



**ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOLLOWED
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA IN OBTAINING THE OFF-SHORE LOAN FROM
THE UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

**Press Statement
(No. 16 of 2021)**

The Chief Commissioner today announced the recent appointment by the Prime Minister of an additional commissioner and of three counsel assisting.

The Honourable Margaret White AO has been appointed an additional Commissioner. Commissioner White was a Judge and a Judge of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Queensland; the Commissioner of the Queensland Racing Commission of Inquiry, and a Commissioner of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory of Australia. She replaces The Hon John Gilmour QC who passed away recently.

The Commission also announced the appointment of three new overseas counsel assisting the Commission, pending the determination of appeals lodged by previous overseas counsel against the refusal of their applications for admission by the National Court. All three Counsel hold current PNG practicing certificates.

Dr James Renwick CSC SC has been appointed Senior Counsel Assisting the Commission. He has been Senior Counsel at the NSW Bar for a decade, is a former Fulbright Scholar, was the Third Independent National Security Legislation Monitor of Australia and has extensive experience in commissions of inquiry.

Dr Dominic Katter and Mr Levente Jurth have each been appointed as Counsel Assisting. Both have been at the Queensland Bar for almost two decades, have been admitted as lawyers in PNG for more than a decade and have extensive experience.

Further announcements as to the next steps in this inquiry will be made shortly.

DATED this **16th** day of **February** 2021.


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