

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PNG GUN CONTROL COMMITTEE

(Recommendations highlighted in red are Gun-control related)

That the National Executive Council:

1. Adopts a National Guns Control Strategy and establishes a National Guns and Violence Reduction Council (Appendix A, Recommendations 1-9).
2. Establishes performance targets, and commissions the independent monitoring of their achievement (Appendix A, Recommendations 10-20).
3. Makes legislative and management provisions to improve the accountability of leaders, and addresses underperformance and corruption (Appendix A, Recommendations 21-30).
4. Encourages and enforces the removal of guns and the eradication of armed violence from public life (Appendix A, Recommendations 31-35).
5. Improves service delivery through improved decentralisation and funding to local levels to increase community self-help (Appendix A, Recommendations 36-40, 42, 162-163, 171-173).
6. Improves service delivery and curbs militancy in those areas which are affected by armed violence (Appendix A, Recommendation 41).
7. Supports the infrastructure and funding needs of the disciplined forces, particularly the Police (Appendix A, Recommendations 43-44).
8. Establishes a body to mediate on land disputes (Appendix A, Recommendation 45).
9. Enhances coordination with and between donors and civil society partners (Appendix A, Recommendation 8, 46, 193).
10. Drafts and presents to Parliament, legislation reflecting the will of the people of Papua New Guinea (Appendix A, Recommendation 47), in order to:
 - a. ensure that stiffer penalties are imposed more routinely for firearms and all related offences (Appendix A, Recommendations 48, 52-57, 59, 66-69, 76-77, 82-90, 194);
 - b. regulate freedom of movement (Appendix A, Recommendations 49-50, 73);
 - c. retain the moratorium on new firearms licences, ban weapons held for personal protection and by security companies, provide for a national firearms amnesty, introduce limits on ammunition purchases, ban the transfer of licences, and tighten licensing procedures (Appendix A, Recommendation 51, 61-65, 71-72);
 - d. improve security in the handling of court exhibits (Appendix A, Recommendation 58).
 - e. ensure that strict penalties apply for leaders and officials who are found guilty of crimes or misconduct in relation to firearms, and in general (Appendix A, Recommendations 60, 74-75, 91-93, 96).
 - f. ban toy guns and replicas (Appendix A, Recommendation 70, 78).
 - g. ensure that no electoral candidate who has been implicated in gun violence or intimidation can be elected to, or enter, the National Parliament (Appendix A, Recommendations 94-95).
 - h. enhance powers of officials to combat transnational crime (Appendix A, Recommendations 79-81).
11. Conducts a high-level independent investigation into the management and control of the Central Firearms Registry (Appendix A, Recommendation 97).
12. Tightens and enhances procedures for the issuing and renewing of firearms licences (Appendix A, Recommendations 97-98, 101).
13. Enforces a moratorium on the importation of all weapons and ammunition until state stocks are properly secured, and enforces strict limits on the sale of ammunition (Appendix A, Recommendations 99-100, 102).
14. Prevents the leakage of weapons from state stocks (and seized weapons and exhibits) and identifies and destroys surplus weapons and ammunition (Appendix A, Recommendations 103-107).

15. Builds public confidence in the Police by improving discipline in relation to firearms, including curbing the use of unreasonable force, creating a channel for addressing grievances, and implementing the recommendations of the Police Review, particularly by delivering community policing in areas which are prone to violence (Appendix A Recommendations 108-109,112,164,172,181-183,191).
16. Locates and destroys Second World War munitions, with international assistance (Appendix A, Recommendation 110).
17. Increases the efficiency of the judicial system through the offering of timely and just verdicts (Appendix A, Recommendation 113, 184-190).
18. Establishes a core sector agency to deal with national security, and within it, a Border Management Authority (Appendix A, Recommendations 114- 115).
19. Enhances border control through better coordination, training, resources, mobility, and community participation, with increased funding partially offset from the proceeds of its own operations (Appendix A, Recommendation 111, 117-129, 133-136).
20. Puts in place procedures and infrastructure to properly secure airfields and aircraft (Appendix A, Recommendations 130-132).
21. Subjects logging and other companies to the rule-of-law, and monitors their activities (Appendix A, Recommendations 137-138).
22. Encourages economic development in communities which are affected by trafficking, crime, and group fighting, through training, microfinance tools, and employment generation initiatives (Appendix A, Recommendations 139-147, 151-157, 179-180).
23. Improves transport and access to markets (Appendix A, Recommendations 148-150).
24. Discourages migration through rural development, but improves social conditions in settlements (Appendix A, Recommendations 158-161).
25. Discourages and cracks down on illegal drug use and trafficking, at the community level (Appendix A, Recommendations 165-170).
26. Encourages community engagement in solving problems, through concerted, targeted public awareness initiatives (Appendix A, Recommendations 175-178, 183,217-244).
27. Conducts a National Firearms Amnesty for all civilian-held guns, preferably with leadership from politicians (Appendix A, Recommendations 196-198).
28. Undertakes carefully-designed and safe peace-building, disarmament, and development in the most troubled communities, learning lessons from previous failures, and working through community groups in a way which is sensitive to community concerns (Appendix A, Recommendations 199- 216).
29. Increases communications capacity between the State and the people (Appendix A, Recommendations 217-224).

Note:

1. *These recommendations are grouped from an initial 244 recommendations.*
2. *The Coalition's objectives are echoed in thee recommendations.*
3. *11 of the recommendations are specifically related to guns while the rest related more broadly to governance and accountability.*