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Dear DFAT,

For my submission to the Foreign Policy White Paper, I append the following link:

<https://pngexposed.wordpress.com/2017/02/07/australia-entrusts-its-governance-program-to-an-exposed-fraudster/>

with the following comment:

The end of the Strongim Pipol, Stronim Nesen program that delivered Australian funded projects across PNG was deeply disappointing for the many local organisations that had benefitted from it. In particular, I would single out the Goroka-based NGO 'Family Voice', whose program of counselling for victims of domestic violence, court support, anti violence promotion and rape crisis support was very nearly wiped out when SPSN funding was abruptly withdrawn. SPSN was a flagship program that sometimes did some useful things, like help deal with the No.1 barrier to progress in PNG - the status of women - and build school toilet blocks to try and improve hygiene among children, another critical issue in a population where stunting of under 5s due to recurrent infections is among the worst in the world.

The replacement, is the absolute farce that is the PGF - millions of taxpayer funds being given to foxes to look after the henhouse. Along with the 20%-30% of the aid budget to PNG that will be spent on APEC in Port Moresby, we can safely say that ALL of the aid budget to PNG is a complete waste in terms of improving anything except the Cairns property market and perpetuating the gulag on Manus. Ashamed.

Meanwhile, China is building the new hospital in Goroka. China built the new student accommodation at Univeristy of Goroka. We are the laughing stock of the Pacific if we think we have any traction left at all on any issue except further lining the pockets of the already corrupt. Peter O'Neill seriously can't believe his luck to have such a bunch of mugs to the south.

Cheers!

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