

# The Sepik Infrastructure Project

This Project will see Frieda River Limited build shared-use transport and communications infrastructure that will enable social and economic development in one of the least developed parts of Papua New Guinea.



The Sepik Infrastructure Project aligns with the Government of Papua New Guinea's goals to connect remote and rural areas to major infrastructure services that transform lives.

**The early development of shared-use infrastructure will enable a decision to develop The Frieda River Copper-Gold Project and the Frieda River Hydroelectric Project.**

The proposal is to redevelop the existing port at Vanimo to support the Frieda River Copper-Gold Project and other port users including horticulture and forestry businesses.

The upgraded port will have two international berths, both with direct shipping lines to China and South East Asia. The first berth is for outbound copper gold concentrate from the mine. The second will be for general international freight and will be suitable for fuel and freight vessels. The new facilities will support Papua New Guinea's growing export capacity.

The proposed public roads network will connect Vanimo to Telefomin. The roads will provide transport routes along the border corridor and promote social and economic activity together with border security. The existing road south from Vanimo will be upgraded and extended from Green River to north of the Sepik River

The upgrade of the existing Green River airstrip will create a shared use regional airport along the border corridor. The airport design will comply with Civil Aviation Authority of Papua New Guinea's requirements. It will be a commercially operated regional airport suitable for passenger and freight aircraft. Domestic and commercial air services will help facilitate tourism and employment opportunities in the region.

The development of the public road will be based on the Papua New Guinea department of works and Australian standards. The public road network will have a significant bridge crossing at the Sepik River

and will include construction of numerous minor bridges. A 111-kilometre road will be constructed from Hotmin to Telefomin. Communications infrastructure will be established along the public roads including optical fibre cables that will provide high bandwidth communications, and which will be linked to a future international connection at Vanimo.

The Sepik Infrastructure Project aligns with the Government of Papua New Guinea's Development Strategic Plan 2010 - 2030. It will deliver high quality infrastructure that is critical to the future social and economic development of north-west Papua New Guinea.

