

GOLD BILL KILLS PNG!



How does the National Gold Corporation Bill affect Services at PNG's Entry Ports?

The Papua New Guinea Ports (PNG Ports), Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), and National Airport Corporation (NAC) are state agencies crucial for overseeing and managing business operations at airports and ports in Papua New Guinea.

The following are the impacts that the bill will have on those key state institutions:

- a.** Undermines and/or duplicate PNG Port's function to build and regulate ports, wharves, docks, and similar infrastructures, particularly for storage and movement of gold goods (**Section 208, Section 209, and Section 210**).

208. STORAGE FACILITIES.

Without limiting Section 207, the National Mint may establish, operate and maintain storage and safekeeping facilities to international standards for gold, gold goods and gold products, and other valuable objects or things, in Papua New Guinea or any foreign country, including -

- (a) storage facilities, and warehouse and delivery facilities, at airports, or any other customs controlled border, port of entry or export, in Papua New Guinea or any foreign country; and
- (b) facilities and services to enable storage and delivery of gold, gold goods and gold products for import or export, whether for travellers, commercial or other customers, which, in the case of Papua New Guinea, has, where required, received Customs clearance, or, in any other place or foreign country, has received similar clearance.

- b.** Restricts CASA's authority to oversee airport operations, facilities, and security by duplicating its responsibilities. It introduces provisions related to security, access to premises, and private security arrangements, which may overlap with CASA's existing role (**Section 940**).
- c.** Interferes with the National Airport Corporation's ability to oversee airport operations. It requires the Minister for Civil Aviation, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Director of Civil Aviation, and airport authorities to follow the rules outlined in the bill, even if they contradict the Civil Aviation Act (**Section 210, Section 939, and Section 940**).

210. CUSTOMS AUTHORISATIONS.

The Chief Commissioner of Customs shall, upon application by the National Mint, promptly grant and issue any licence or other authorisation required under the *Customs Act*, and without fee, permit the National Mint or National Gold, as the case may be, to -

- (a) establish, operate and maintain -
 - (i) the storage facilities, warehouse and delivery and facilities; and
 - (ii) retail shops, including outward duty free shops and inwards duty free shops; and
- (b) provide the facilities and services, prescribed in Sections 205, 207, 208 and 209 at airports, or any other Customs controlled location or order, port of entry or exit in Papua New Guinea.

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