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Key observations from the 2022 National General Election in the Highlands region

Papua New Guinea (PNG) held its 10th National General Election from 12 May to 29 July 2022. The PNG Constitution entrusts the PNG Electoral Commission to administer elections in a safe, fair, and free environment.

The National Research Institute Spotlight volume 16, Issue 17 entitled: “**Key findings from the 2022 National General Election observations in the Highlands region of Papua New Guinea**” by Jeremy Goro, Research Fellow, gives an insight on how the National General Elections were conducted in the Highlands region.

For campaign strategies, it was observed that campaign started well ahead prior to official nomination as awareness and lobbying for support.

The key issues that were observed during the 2022 National General Elections were the following:

- Common Roll issues,
- Control, block, and distributive voting,
- Compromising of voting materials,
- Lack of security for polling officials, and
- Time constraints/limited time.

The key recommendations to improve the electoral process include the following:

- Develop a new mechanism to update common roll, and
- Improve election planning and administration by including two or more commissioners to assist the Chief Electoral Commissioner.

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