

# Communities Policy

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The history of the Panguna mine highlights the crucial importance of effective two way community engagement.

Bougainville Copper Limited **[BCL]** is committed to sustainable development which means contributing to the long-term development of host communities, the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and Papua New Guinea.

BCL seeks enduring relationships with key stakeholders including landowners, women's groups, and the wider community of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville based on mutual respect, active partnership and long term commitment.

BCL recognises that one of the most effective contributions that it can make to the community is the provision of employment, local contracts and development assistance.

Mutual respect depends on an understanding of the issues that are important to neighbours and neighbours understanding of what is important to BCL. BCL will strive to accommodate the different cultures, lifestyles, heritage and preferences of its neighbours. Community and environment work is closely coordinated and takes account of peoples' perceptions of the effects and consequences of BCL activities.

Compliance with this commitment to communities compliments the principles set out in the BCL Code of Conduct.

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