

Media Statement

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O'Neill: Marape Endorses Candidate in Sohe Open By-election named by the Supreme Court as involved in Bribery

"It is an absolute disgrace that Marape has endorsed Henry Amuli as the Pangu Pati candidate for Sohe Open," said PNC Party Leader and former Prime Minister, Honourable Peter O'Neill.

"Does the decision of a three-man Supreme Court bench consisting of Justices Cannings, Tusais and Lindsay mean nothing to the power hungry Marape?"

"In late November last year, the Supreme Court in ordering a by-election for the Sohe Open seat in Oro Province, upheld a National Court decision of January 2023, declaring the election win of Henry Amuli null and void. The Court agreed that the winner of the election Henry Amuli knew about and authorised bribery to his own election benefit."

"The National Court trial judge found that bribery was committed on three occasions with the knowledge and authority of Amuli."

"Declaring yourself to be honest and a man of Christian values and simultaneously going about your political business without upholding ethics is bringing the office of Prime Minister into disrepute and is a sad day for Pangu Pati leaders past and present."

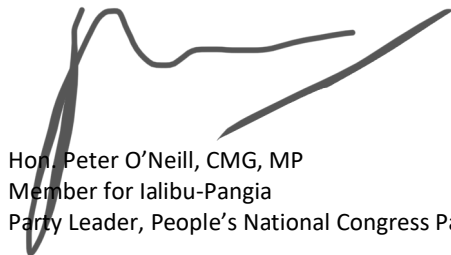
"The people of Sohe and the people of Papua New Guinea deserve better than this unscrupulous behaviour."

"Time for the voters of Sohe to throw their support behind honest, capable and visionary local candidates not recycled friends of James Marape."

"Enough is enough."

"Sohe people need to vote for ethics and speak on behalf of all our country who are deeply unhappy with the way our country is being mismanaged and held hostage by cargo cult leadership."

"I urge the good people of Sohe Open to vote for the people you know will deliver and uphold democracy."



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