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THE member for Ielibu Pangia Hon .Peter O’Neill fully supported the will of the 45,000 people of the vast forest area when publicly endorsed the Carbon Trading project initiated by the people of East Pangia. Mr. O’Neill, in his speech last Saturday during the opening of the new double classroom building for the Tiripini Primary school worth more than K100, 000, emphasized that the people had made the decision not to log their forest, choosing instead to preserve them for future. He said that by doing this the project area can look forward to many years of productive activity in forest management, land management, and agriculture based activities. The revenue from Carbon Trading will enable the people to build roads, schools hospitals and infrastructure denied them in the past because of their inaccessibility and lack of modern facilities he added.

MP O’Neill urge people to work hard to preserve their forest, adding that maintain the whole area in a pristine condition, so that the independent verifies can come back year after year and see for them the great progress that will be made with the revenue from Carbon Trade. However, one of the representatives, of 274 East Pangia Incorporated Land Group (ILG) Aliya councilor Luke Yawa praised MP Peter O’Neill for the support that he had given to the people of East Pangia to trade their vast forest area in Carbon Trading. He said that the local MP and developer to work together to fast track the Carbon trading project. Councilor Yawa said people had died and still some are waiting to die, let us not speak the words only but let the action speak louder than the words. Meanwhile in a later interview, Developer Nupan (PNG) Trading Corporation Ltd managing director Roberts Kirks William said that “the process now was one of consultation and formal documentations. He said to get the project to the point where independent verifies could be involved to calculate the potential of the projects. He also said that he officially listed the Carbon Credits with a third independent validator. Mr William stress that this process is expected to take from three to four months, depending on the weather.

He said that East Pangia is a beautiful selection of mountains and forest adding that you can’t always get to where you want to go on the you chooses go there”.

“We have to make sure that the project area is mapped correctly, all the land owners identified, consult with them, and then formed into Incorporated Land Groups (ILG) said Mr William. He said that this is a commercial activity under existing PNG Corporation Law, supported by the government and the Parliament as a “demonstration” project at this stage. “From the work all do here the government will derive the policies needed to support the development of further projects in the months to come,” William added.

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274 Incorporated Landowner Groups (ILG) putting hands together after the local MP Peter MP Peter O’Neill made a speech on fully supporting the East Pangia Carbon Trading during the opening of new double classroom in Tiripini at Pangia last Saturday.

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Crowds listening to the MP Peter O’Neill while making his speech on the Carbon Trade project during the opening of the new double classroom in Tiripini at Pangia last Saturday.

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