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## Pangia gives forest for carbon trade

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**MORE** than 100,000 hectares of forest in Pangia, Southern Highlands has been handed over to a company to trade its carbon.

The executive chairman of the Tiyebo and Associate Tribes of East Pangia Ltd Timothy Tepi gave the 100,400 hectares to the broker and developer Robert William of Nupan (PING) limited in a small ceremony on Saturday at Apenda village.

Mr Tepi when handing over the site told the crowd that they would need to look after their forest to get services.

He said Pangia is the third to enter into this carbon trading and that it would take some time to effect this carbon trading through Nupan Trading.

Businessman James Kond whose Koo Trading is co-ordinating this project, called on the people to allow the developer to sell its carbon and not to enter

into other deals. The three men said the landowners will be rewarded and paid for not cutting down their trees.

Mr Kond urged the people not to enter into any deals that would clear the trees for any oil

or gold mine. He asked them to consider their children's future and look after the forest and get paid for looking after the trees.

Mr William thanked the East Pangia people for involving his company.



**Timothy Tepi hugging Mr Williams after handing over the forest at Apenda.**



**Sir Tei Abal Secondary School students all in smiles during the presentation of school uniforms.**