

# Media Statement

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## HIDES AREA / TUMBI LANDSLIDE

Esso Highlands Limited continues to be in communication with the Government, including the National Disaster and Emergency Relief Office. We have offered our support to the Government and the local community.

Specifically, we are:

- Supporting Government representatives to be transported to the area to assess the extent of the landslide
- Providing support for the *haus krai* with rations, tarpaulins, generators, fuel and lights
- Have offered immediate deployment of equipment to the community to assist with recovery efforts
- Ready to assist the government to reopen the road so that the community can regain access

Our hearts go out to the people who have been affected by this tragedy.

The Project temporarily suspended work in the Hides and Komo area, but has since resumed some operations. The Project is currently working to get full construction activities back to normal.

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