



In 1996, the Papua New Guinea Government recognised that their Civil Fire Service had become increasingly inefficient and was not providing an adequate level of firefighting services. ACCG studied the legislative framework, funding, structure, human resources, facilities and equipment, management and operational procedures, communications, fire prevention and safety. The team also studied building legislation and maintenance and the adequacy of public infrastructure (telephone systems, roading, water supply, etc), and how these effect the level of fire safety.

The report has three levels: 1) An overview covering proposed restructuring of the Fire Service, a new Fire Service Act, new funding arrangements and a new Fire Service management structure. 2) Recommendations targeted at National Management, covering human resources, operational procedures, communications, purchasing and foreign aid donations. 3) Recommendations targeted at local fire station commanders including procedures for breathing apparatus, maintenance procedures and even replacement boots. Key ideas included the introduction of volunteer brigades, expanded programmes for fire prevention and safety, and the need to ensure essential built infrastructure is up to scratch.

### Project Description

**Project:** Review of the Civil Fire Service in Papua New Guinea

**Location:** Papua New Guinea

**Client:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade ( NZODA)

**Total Project Value:** US\$130,000

**Start Date:** July 1996

**End Date:** December 1996

**Lead Company:** AC Consulting Group

**Associated Consultants:** None

### Key Features:

- Review of building legislation and maintenance
- Review of public infrastructure and how these effect the level of fire safety