

West Papua: human rights, environment, and peace

**You are invited to a
public meeting with
Paula Makabory**



Since 1963 West Papua has been occupied by the Indonesian armed forces. For the past forty-six years, the people of West Papua have been subjected to gross human rights violations including rape, torture, cultural genocide, murder and massacre. The exploitation of West Papua's natural resources by multinational corporations has caused massive social dislocation and environmental devastation; there have been serious human rights violations in the areas where logging and mining companies operate.

Paula Makabory is a resolute defender of women's rights and human rights. After graduating from Cendrawasih University, Jayapura, in 1997, Paula worked with ELSHAM, the Papuan human rights NGO, documenting human right violations in Timika, a town near the massive Freeport McMoran mine. Paula was also involved in mediation and peace building.

Since 2006, Paula has been living in exile in Australia where she is working with the Institute for Papuan Advocacy and Human Rights. She is part of the West Papuan lobby for peaceful dialogue with Indonesia, working to establish West Papua as a land of peace.

**6pm to 7.30pm, Tuesday 11 August
Mezzanine Floor, Wellington Library**



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