

Belden Norman *Namah*

Member for Vanimo-Green River · Leader, PNG Party · Minister for Tourism, Arts & Culture

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AT A GLANCE

Born

30 December 1969, Vanimo

Electorate

Vanimo-Green River Open, Sandaun

In Parliament

Since 2007 · 4th term

Party

Papua New Guinea Party (Leader, since 2010)

Current role

Minister for Tourism, Arts & Culture

Past roles

Deputy Prime Minister (2011–12); Minister for Forestry;
Leader of the Opposition

Before politics

Officer, PNG Defence Force · Duntroon

DISTRICT SNAPSHOT

5 LLGs

Vanimo Urban, Bewani-Wutung-Onei, Amanab, Green
River, Walsa

112,314

Residents (2024 census)

~12,730 km²

~95% under natural forest

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PROFILE

Belden Norman Namah is the Member of Parliament for Vanimo-Green River, Leader of the Papua New Guinea Party, and Minister for Tourism, Arts and Culture. A former PNG Defence Force officer trained at Australia's Royal Military College, Duntroon, he first entered Parliament in 2007 and has held his seat across four terms.

Entrusted with the PNG Party leadership by its founder Sir Mekere Morauta in 2010, he served as Deputy Prime Minister in 2011–2012 and was later a prominent Leader of the Opposition. His political identity remains anchored to Vanimo-Green: the border economy, the Free Trade Zone, and a belief that PNG should trade its way to prosperity as an export nation.

DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

01 Education Universal access; University & Medical City in the FTZ.

02 Health Universal healthcare; services for border communities.

03 Agriculture & Food Security Border trade zones; fair value for produce.

04 Human Resource Development Youth skills, discipline and opportunity.

05 Economic Development Export-driven economy; FTZ; hydro power.

06 Tourism, Arts & Culture Eco-tourism and heritage as a living economy.

THE VISION · VANIMO 2040

As chief political advocate for the Vanimo Free Trade Zone, Namah backs a master-planned Special Economic Zone at PNG's closest point to Asia — a deep-water port, upgraded international airport and the Indonesia border crossing in one waterfront city.

757 km²

Development zone

500K+

Population by 2040

280M+

Consumers in reach

3

Delivery phases

Signature district projects: Vanimo FTZ & waterfront city · K100m Vanimo-Green hydro · Kembratoro border market (Amanab) · youth development grants · Miss Bird of Paradise – Sandaun (2025) · planned University & Medical City.