

# Landowners agree to reopen Kokoda Track

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**Kokoda Track landowners have agreed to reopen the war time trail to tourists after being given an ultimatum by the Papua New Guinea Government.**

Upset Kokoda track landowners closed the track last month in support of a proposed copper mine that would give them a better life.



Protest: Upset Kokoda track landowners closed the track last month in support of a proposed copper mine (file photo) (ABC TV)

However spokesman Barney Jack says the landowners were given no choice by the PNG Government after it told them that no mining would be taking place.

"We are left with no other option because the Government said there would be no mining, because of the environmental issues they keep telling us about," he said.

The landowners are seeking a compensation package worth over \$100 million.