Pacific Islands–Australia Update

Venue: National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
Thursday 7 December 2006
9.30am–4.45pm

Welcome and Chair
Andrew MacIntyre
Director, Crawford School of Economics and Government

9.30–9.45 Pacific 2020: setting the scene
James Gilling
Australian Agency for International Development

9.45–9.50 Discussion

9.50–10.20 Pacific islander migration to Australia
Graeme Dobell
ABC Radio Australia
Glenn Withers
The Australian National University
Gaurav Sodhi
Centre for Independent Studies
Charles Lepani
Papua New Guinea High Commissioner to Australia

10.20–10.40 Discussion

10.40–11.00 Open discussion on recent events in Tonga

11.00–11.20 Morning tea

11.20–11.40 Climate change—what changes for Australia and the Pacific
Quentin Grafton
The Australian National University

11.40–11.50 Discussion

11.50–12.00 Fuel prices and the Pacific islands
Theo Levantis
Australian Agency for International Development

12.00–12.10 Discussion

12.10–12.30 Market access and finance for development in the Pacific islands
Carolyn Blacklock
ANZ Banking Group

Discussant
Bob Warner
The Centre for International Economics

12.30–12.40 Discussion
12.40–1.30  
**Lunch**

**CHAIR**  
Bob Cotton  
Crawford School of Economics and Government, The Australian National University

1.30–2.00  
**Update on Fiji**  
*Political economy*  
Robbie Robertson, University of the South Pacific

*Political instability and the economy*  
Satish Chand, The Australian National University

2.00–2.20  
Discussion

2.20–2.40  
**Update on Vanuatu**  
*Economic survey*  
Timo Henckel  
The Australian National University

2.40–2.50  
Discussion

2.50–3.10  
**Afternoon tea**

**CHAIR**  
Ben Reilly  
Centre for Democratic Institutions, The Australian National University

3.10–3.50  
**Australia's recent engagement with the Pacific islands**  
David Hegarty  
The Australian National University

Anthony Regan  
The Australian National University

Matthew Allen  
The Australian National University

Sinclair Dinnen  
The Australian National University

3.50–4.10  
Discussion

4.10–4.30  
**Aid to the Pacific: part of the problem or part of the solution?**  
*The economic impacts of aid*  
Satish Chand  
The Australian National University

*Learning from success*  
James Gilling  
Australian Agency for International Development

4.30–4.45  
Discussion and close

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