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# 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 Leventis  
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	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>CHAIR</b>	Bob Cotton Crawford School of Economics and Government, The Australian National University
1.30–2.00	<b>Update on Fiji</b> <i>Political economy</i> Robbie Robertson, University of the South Pacific <i>Political instability and the economy</i> Satish Chand, The Australian National University
2.00–2.20	Discussion
2.20–2.40	<b>Update on Vanuatu</b> <i>Economic survey</i> Timo Henckel The Australian National University
2.40–2.50	Discussion
2.50–3.10	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
<b>CHAIR</b>	Ben Reilly Centre for Democratic Institutions, The Australian National University
3.10–3.50	<b>Australia's recent engagement with the Pacific islands</b> David Hegarty 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	<b>Aid to the Pacific: part of the problem or part of the solution?</b> <i>The economic impacts of aid</i> Satish Chand The Australian National University <i>Learning from success</i> James Gilling Australian Agency for International Development
4.30–4.45	Discussion and close

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