Papua New Guinea Update

Tuesday 17 April, 9am–4.30pm

Venue: Wanigili Centre, Alotau

9.00–9.15  **Chair**: Bob Warner, Centre for International Economics

**Welcome**
Henry Bailasi
Provincial Administrator, Milne Bay Province

9.15–9.35  **Economic update**
Rod Duncan, Charles Sturt University

9.35–9.45  **Comment**: Paul Barker, Institute for National Affairs

9.45–10.00  **Discussion**

10.00–10.15  **Government, company or community? Is management of the Beche-de-mer fishery possible in PNG?**
Jeff Kinch, Coastal Fisheries Advisor

10.15–10.25  **Comment**: Fiu Igara, Beche-de-mer fisher tbc

10.25–10.35  **Discussion**

11.00–11.20  **'Preparing PNG - 'NOW'- for climate change & El Niño!'**
John Bailey, Principal Scientist, Natural Resource Management, The National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI)

11.20–11.30  **Discussion**

11.30–11.50  **Milne Bay Community-based Coastal and Marine Conservation Program: what is happening?**
Modi Pontio

11.50–12.10  **Discussion**

12.10–1.30  **Lunch**

1.30–1.50  **Use of developmental intermediaries for service delivery**
David Kavanamur, the University of Papua New Guinea

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The role of Australian aid in service delivery
Bill Costello, Counsellor, AusAID, PNG

2.10-2.30  Comment: Gretta Todurawai, President, Chamber of Commerce

2.30-2.40  Discussion

2.40-3.10  Problems with InterIsland shipping in PNG
Leah Sharp, CEO Star Ships

3.10-3.20  Discussion

3.20-3.40  Afternoon tea

Chair: Paul Barker

3.40-4.00  Mama Lus Frut program
Bob Warner, Centre for International Economics
Abel Iso, Project Manager of the Milne Bay Oil Palm Project

4.00-4.10  Discussion

4.10-4.25  Electoral ("slush") funds
Joe Ketan, UPNG

4.25-4.30  Discussion and Close