Pacific Islands–Australia Update

Venue: Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney

Monday 27 November 2006
9.30am–3.30pm

Welcome
Professor Andrew MacIntyre
Director, Crawford School of Economics and Government
Allan Gyngell
Executive Director, Lowy Institute for International Policy

CHAIR
Professor Andrew MacIntyre
Crawford School of Economics and Government

9.30–9.50  Pacific 2020: setting the scene
Stephen Howes
Australian Agency for International Development

9.50–10.20 Pacific islander migration to Australia
Gaurav Sodhi
Centre for Independent Studies
Malcolm Cook
Lowy Institute for International Policy
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

11.00–11.25 Morning tea

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Allan Gyngell
Lowy Institute for International Policy

11.25–11.45 Climate change—what changes for Australia and the Pacific?
Frank Jotzo
The Australian National University

11.45–11.55 Discussion

11.55–12.05 Fuel prices and the Pacific islands
Theo Levantis
Australian Agency for International Development

12.05–12.15 Discussion
12.15–12.35  Pacific island fisheries—fished out?
Tom Kompas
The Australian National University
Kate Barclay
University of Technology, Sydney

12.35–12.45  Discussion

12.45–1.30  Lunch

CHAIR  Satish Chand
The Australian National University

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

Political update
Brij Lal
The Australian National University

2.00–2.10  Discussion

2.10–2.30  Update on Vanuatu
Economic survey
Timo Henckel
The Australian National University

2.30–2.40  Discussion

CHAIR  Martine Letts
Lowy Institute for International Policy

2.40–3.10  Aid to the Pacific: part of the problem or part of the solution?
The economic impacts of aid
Satish Chand
The Australian National University

Intervention v aid: the case of Solomon Islands
Matthew Allen, The Australian National University

Learning from success
Stephen Howes
Australian Agency for International Development

3.10–3.30  Discussion

LAUNCH  Crawford School Policy Brief—Corruption and Anti-corruption

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