
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*

CHAIR 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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