Anti Corruption in the South Pacific

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5 Features of Current Anti Corruption Thinking

- **International**
  - Transparency International, donors

- **Economic**
  - Impact of corruption on development
  - Monopoly + Discretion – Accountability = Corruption

- **Impatience with cultural excuses**
  - Gifts can be distinguished from bribes

- **Suspicious of government**
  - NGOs, private sector as victim

- **Education and Prevention**
  - Rather than investigation and prosecution
Types of Definitions of corruption

- **Legal**
  - Eg bribery in Criminal Code

- **Public interest**
  - Eg ‘use of public office for private gain’

- **Popular opinion**
  - Variations in what is regarded as corrupt
Corruption Perceptions Index
- Rankings ‘name and shame’
- South Pacific not included

Bribe Payers Index
- Russia, China, Taiwan, S Korea companies show ‘high propensity’
- So do domestic firms

Kenya Urban Bribery
- Residents’ day to day experience

National Integrity Systems Surveys
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- Holistic
  - Not one agency/piecemeal
  - Related to wider ‘good government’

- ‘Pillars’
  - Political will, institutions, context etc
  - All hold up the house
  - Sideways accountability to each other

- As audit
  - Checklist

- As strategy
  - Fill gaps
  - Use by donors, international community
  - Transferability? Implementation?
NIS
Findings of First 20 Country studies

- Form versus practice
- Gaps in particular countries
  - eg Australian leadership codes
- Lack of accountability
  - Vertical
  - horizontal
- Country groupings
  - Different types/stages of development
  - eg small states? Custom?
- Democracy and new corruption
  - Election funding, patronage
  - Persistence of old politics
- Impact of structural adjustment
NIS Studies in the Pacific Completed

Fiji 2001
PNG 2003

http://www.transparency.org/activities/nat_integ_systems/country_studies.html
NISPAC Studies Underway

Nauru
Palau
Tonga
Tuvalu
Marshall Islands
Solomon Islands
Vanuatu
Samoa
Kiribati
Cook Islands
Niue
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