Pacific Islands Update 2002
Monday 8 July
Venue: Surveyor’s Room
Conrad Treasury Hotel, Brisbane

9.00-9.10 Welcome and Chair
Beris Gwynne
Executive Director, The Foundation for Development Cooperation

9.10–10.00 The Fiji economy
Sunil Kumar
Department of Economics, University of the South Pacific

10.00-10.10 Comment
Max Quanchi
Senior Lecturer, School of Humanities and Human Services,
Queensland University of Technology

10.10–10.30 Discussion

10.30–11.00 MORNING TEA

11.00–11.40 The new Pacific island free trade arrangements, trade agreements, the prospects and opportunities
Ron Duncan
Director, Asia Pacific School of Economics and Management,
The Australian National University

11.40–11.50 Comment
Frank Yourn
Executive Director, Australia Fiji Business Council

11.50–12.00 Discussion
12.00–12.30 Economic affirmative action in Fiji
Steven Ratuva
Fellow, State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Project, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University

12.30–12.40 Discussion

12.40–2.00 LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION
CHAIR Professor Ron Duncan, The Australian National University

2.00–2.40 The Vanuatu economy
Satish Chand
Fellow, Asia Pacific School of Economics and Management and Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University

2.40–2.50 Comment
Stuart Campbell
Head of Credit, Pacific Banking, Westpac Banking Corporation

2.40–3.00 Discussion

3.00–3.30 Afternoon tea

3.30–4.00 The Solomon Islands economy
Mark Otter
School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland

4.00–4.10 Comment
Natasha Smith
Acting Director, Policy Management and Reform Section, Pacific Islands Branch, AusAID

4.10–4.30 Discussion

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