Pacific Islands Update 2002
Tuesday 9 July

Venue: Haydon Allen Lecture Theatre
The Australian National University

10.30 Welcome and Chair
Peter Larmour
National Centre for Development Studies, Asia Pacific School of Economics and Management, The Australian National University

MORNING SESSION
10.40-11.20 The Fiji economy
Sunil Kumar
Department of Economics, University of the South Pacific

11.20-11.50 Discussion

11.50-12.20 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

12.20-12.40 Discussion
12.30-1.30 LUNCH—a light lunch will be provided

AFTERNOON SESSION
CHAIR Ron Duncan
Director, Asia Pacific School of Economics and Management,
The Australian National University

1.30-2.00 The Solomon Islands economy
Mark Otter
School of Political Science and International Studies
University of Queensland

2.00-2.20 Discussion
### 2.20–2.40  Accountability in Vanuatu: assessing the impact of the Ombudsman and the Leadership Code

**Anthony Regan**  
Fellow, State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Project,  
Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University

#### 2.40–2.50  Discussion

#### 2.50–3.20  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

#### 3.20–3.30  Comment

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#### 3.30–3.40  Discussion

#### 3.40–4.00  Afternoon tea

#### 4.00–4.30  Custom and democracy in the South Pacific

**Peter Larmour**  
Director, Graduate Studies in Development Administration, National Centre for Development Studies, Asia Pacific School of Economics and Management, The Australian National University

#### 4.30–5.00  Panel discussion  Resolution of conflict in the Solomon Islands

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