

## Newsletter: White Paper submission – aid themes and volumes | Pacific conditionality and ownership | PNG Update and news

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### White Paper submission: aid themes and volume

Devpolicy's Foreign Policy White Paper submission argues for less focus in our aid on countries, and more on international development challenges. It also argues for a new aid target of 0.3% of GNI, the average for OECD countries. Read Robin Davies' blogs [here](#) and [here](#), and the full White Paper [submission](#). Other topics covered by our submission are: the role of development in foreign policy, Australia and the Pacific, Pacific labour mobility, and Australian values.

### Policy conditionality in the Pacific

Is it possible to combine aid with policy conditionality without undermining country ownership? In a new [paper](#) and [blog](#) on aid and policy reform in the Pacific, Matthew Dornan shows that it is.

### PNG Update

The 2017 PNG Update, with the theme "PNG: after the elections" will be held on 10-11 August 2017 at UPNG's Waigani Campus. See the [call for papers](#). Abstracts due for submission by 28 April 2017.

In other PNG news, [UPNG's School of Business and Public Policy](#) will officially launch its new Master in Economic and Public Policy (MEPP) on 16 March 2017 at 10am, in the Main Lecture Theatre, Waigani Campus. This will be followed by the launch of the Development Policy Centre Papua New Guinea Election Results database by Terence Wood, who will discuss the database and demonstrate its use.

Missing out on our new Devpolicy PNG Project News? This newsletter will be circulated every four weeks, and will keep you up to date on our [PNG Project](#) research and events. Subscribe [here](#).

### AAC podcasts

Lots of 2017 Australasian Aid Conference podcasts are now available. Check the [website](#) for details.

### People news

Rob Lamontagne, a doctoral candidate at Griffith University, is visiting the Development Policy Centre until May. Rob interned at Devpolicy in 2014 whilst researching his master's thesis on Australia's anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering policies in Papua New Guinea. His current focus is Australian anticorruption and governance aid to PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. He is collaborating with Grant Walton.

### Upcoming events

*European Union development policy*

1215 - 115pm, Tuesday 28 March, Barton Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

*Understanding how change happens*

1230 – 130pm, Tuesday 4 April, Weston Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

*Democracy in Africa: past, present and future*

1230 - 130pm, Wednesday 12 April, Brindabella Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

*Complexity in governments and markets*

530 - 630pm, Thursday 20 April, Weston Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

### **Blog highlights**

[Reframing migration through the lens of inequality](#)

[Piecing together the global climate finance system](#)

[Health services working in remote PNG](#)

[Fiji needs a Parliamentary Budget Office](#)

### **On the blog**

[The policy framework for Australian aid: from countries to themes](#) by Robin Davies

[How new is 'new conditionality'?](#) By Matthew Dornan

[Australian aid volume: an international burden-sharing perspective](#) by Robin Davies

[Supporting health service delivery in New Ireland: an evaluation of ADI health patrols](#) by Liz Mackinlay

[Piecing together the global climate finance system](#) by Jakob Skovgaard, Jonathan Pickering and Carola Betzold

[Principles of Family Law in Papua New Guinea: a reflective review](#) by Michelle Nayahamui Rooney

[A Parliamentary Budget Office in Fiji: a resource for accountability and development](#) by Usman W. Chohan

[Inequality and immigration in Australia](#) by Henry Sherrell

[Syrian refugee resettlement: are Australia and New Zealand doing their fair share?](#) By Jo Spratt

[Australia's development program – delivering clean solutions to energy poverty](#) by Scott Ludlam

### **In brief**

[Fortnightly links: Fanon, voting, new podcast, Global Fund, and more](#)

[Australian Doctors International seek volunteer medical staff for health patrols](#)

[The Australian Government responds to the Seasonal Worker Program inquiry](#)

[She Decides: donors respond to the Global Gag Rule](#)

[Oceans of Opportunity: a new report on Pacific labour mobility](#)

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