



PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Inquiry into Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries

On 13 March 2002 the Senate referred the following matters to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 2 December 2002:

Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and the island states of the south-west Pacific (known as Oceania or the South Pacific), with particular reference to:

- (a) the current state of political relations between regional states and Australia and New Zealand;
- (b) economic relations, including trade, tourism and investment;
- (c) development cooperation relationships with the various states of the region, including the future direction of the overall development cooperation program; and
- (d) the implications for Australia of political, economic and security developments in the region.

Guidelines on making a submission can be found on the Committee's website at http://www.aph.gov.au/senate_fadt, or contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 3535.

The Committee invites individuals and organisations with knowledge and information relevant to the inquiry's terms of reference to lodge submissions by **11 June 2002** with:

The Secretary, Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee,
Room S1.57, Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600 or Email:
fadt.sen@aph.gov.au.

All communications with the Committee and its Secretariat are protected by parliamentary privilege. It is expected that submissions will be published unless clearly marked as confidential. Persons making submissions must not disclose them

without the prior approval of the Committee. Submissions are covered by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not.

The Committee encourages the lodgement of submissions in electronic form. E-mailed submissions must include the author's full name, phone number and postal address.

NOTE: ON 25 MAY 2002 THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF SUBMISSIONS WAS EXTENDED TO 8 JULY 2002