

Regionalism and Australia's Post-9/11 Posture in the Pacific Islands

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	Perception of Region	Nature of risk	Regional Response
1800 - 1901	Arena of threat	Imperial rivals	Imperial expansion
1870s - 1901	Source of threat	Labour	WPHC /Federation
1894 - 1914	Security risk	Invasion	Imperial protection
1914 - 1939	Security asset	Buffer zone	Conquest/alliance
1939 - 1944	Security risk	Invasion	American protection
1944 - 1976	Security risk	Various weak risks	ANZAC Pact/ANZUS
1976 - 1989	Security liability	Soviet "breakout"	"Strategic Denial"
1990 - 2000	Financial liability	"Pacific Paradox"	"Constructive Commitment"
2001 - 2006	Failed state incubator	Non-state risk	RAMSI/ECP/"Pacific Plan"

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