



very real issues, ranging from the devastation of climate change that may make population relocation necessary to the forced migration caused by the continuing Indonesian oppression in West Papua.

Compared with the problems facing Europe, our problems may seem trivial. Even the word Pacific appears only once in the main body of the text to explain that it is the one region of the world from which no example has been taken.

The manual at least acknowledges that climate change poses dangers in terms of ‘droughts, sea level rise, floods, unreliability in the duration of the rainy season and other factors’, but it ignores the fact that in our region entire nations may disappear because of it (p. 61).

However, the Pacific does not even

rate a mention when it comes to climate change:

The worsening impacts of climate change are expected to displace millions of people internally ... across three world regions—sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Latin America. (p. 76)

The Pacific pollutes the least, but in terms of survival of our nation states, cultures and languages, it will suffer the most. There is clearly a need for a handbook on reporting on refugees, migrants and climate change in the Pacific, but it appears that somebody in our region will have to write it.—*DR PHILIP CASS has written a number of articles on climate change for Pacific Journalism Review*

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