West Papua, refugees and Australia
Public Forum

6PM for 6.30 PM start Thursday, February 16, 2006
Eastern Avenue Lecture Theatre
Level 1 Eastern Avenue Complex
The University of Sydney

On 16 January 43 asylum seekers from West Papua arrived in Australia fleeing persecution by the Indonesian military. They are now detained on Christmas Island. West Papua was invaded by Indonesia in 1962. As in East Timor, the West Papuans have been brutally repressed and their struggle for independence has been ignored by the Australian government.

This is a public forum and discussion about how to support the West Papuans featuring:

- **Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees**, Director, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies
- **Australian Greens Senator Kerry Nettle**, recently visited the asylum seekers on Christmas Island
- **John Wing**, co-author of recent report "Genocide in West Papua? The role of the Indonesian state apparatus and a current needs assessment of the Papuan people."
- A Video Statement from **asylum seeker leader Herman Wainggai** filmed on Christmas Island and John Wing's photos from his visit to West Papua will also be screened.

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