

On Thursday last week, Julia Gillard became Australia's first female Prime Minister. She is also the first woman to chair the Pacific Islands Forum in the lead up to the August meeting of leaders in Port Vila, but does this offer the region fresh hope?

Derek Brien, PiPP Executive Director, and Fei Tevi, Secretary General of the Pacific Conference of Churches, join Barbara Heggen and Isabelle Genoux on Radio Australia's In the Loop programme to discuss what this may mean for the Pacific island countries.

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