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DESIGN AND EVALUATION OF PROJECTS

WITH VARIABLE LABOUR RESPONSE; CASE

STUDY OF AGRICULTURAL AID

ON ATIU

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ABSTRACT

This thesis analyses producer response to technical change using agricultural aid projects on Atiu, Cook Islands, as an example. Part One is a case study of the island, its economic activities, social organisation and cultural attitudes.

Part Two presents a theoretical model of grower response to new technical opportunities, looking at the implications of new risky decision over time in a particular community; it also considers the role of the community and the administration in encouraging change.

Part Three concludes with policy implications for designing, administering and evaluating aid projects with variable labour response.

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