

Aid Budget 2017

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Enter your postcode and follow the instructions in the form. Once you click 'Submit', you'll receive a call from the Campaign for Australian Aid which will automatically put you through to your MP's office.

Introduce yourself

My name is {.....}. I am a member of {...}'s electorate.

You will most likely be speaking to a staffer or office manager. Ask if them MP is available (in most cases they won't be). Ask the person that you are talking to if they can get a message to them.

If your MP is a member of the Coalition:

- Let them know that you are disappointed that the government has once again chosen to cut the aid program.
- You can include an additional remark about why it matters to you. For example:
 - When I travelled to X, I saw firsthand the good that aid can do.
 - This is particularly concerning given as the level of humanitarian need in the world is higher than it has been any time since the Second World War.
 - Australia is already the least generous we have ever been and this cut means that we are stepping back even further from our international responsibilities.
- Conclude by expressing that you believe we can be a generous nation that fulfils its responsibilities and commitments to those in need around the world.
- Thank them for their time.

If your MP is a member of the Labor Party, or a supportive Independent:

- Let them know that you were disappointed when you heard that the government has once again chosen to cut the aid program.
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 - This is particularly concerning given as the level of humanitarian need in the world is higher than it has been any time since the Second World War.
 - Australia is already the least generous we have ever been, this cut means that we are stepping back further.
- Express your thanks that the Opposition has chosen to speak out against these cuts and has called for Australia to be a more generous nation.
- Let them know you appreciate them and their party representing your view and values on this critical issue in the Parliament.