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There is little point in just addressing the symptoms, instead of the causes of foreign aid programs by Australia unless the real causes are identified first which are that of rapid and unsustainable population growth. which AUSAID has not effectively addressed nor acknowledged.

Australian aid 2010-2011 was Indonesia \$458.7 million, Papua New Guinea \$457.2 million, Solomon Islands \$225.7 million, Afghanistan \$123.1 million plus Australian lives and massive military aid.

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I also would like to have aid given to non-government organisations, rather than to Aus Aid, in the form of birth control and effective family planning issues, as well as environmental groups struggling with an ecologically unsustainable population linked to the massive destruction of Forests and other critical wildlife habitat to agricultural and housing Projects. You can not assist developing countries trying to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development by not giving priority to family planning and birth control education measures, otherwise Australian taxpayers are wasting their hard earned money, including that of consolidated revenue, as

well as money raised from big mining projects, that destroy Australia's fragile eco-systems in order to provide foreign aid. I hope the ODE takes these important issues into account, as well as reduce drastically our foreign aid to assist poverty stricken Australians first, which should be our moral duty, when alone in WA about 26,000 People are homeless.

2. I object to the large amounts of money given to resource rich countries and dishonest Governments that can very well support their People, but enrich themselves, instead, at the expense of foreign aid, that does not reach those that need it most and use it instead for dubious

projects, as Australia is a soft touch and ~~there~~ so they rely on this aid for those that don't need it.

3. I propose a slashing of aid money in the foreign countries like Indonesia where much of it is given to Islamic Schools, by 90% that instead should be given to effective fertility control and family planning issues to empower women, as well as educate them on the importance of better health and quality of life if they aim for Zero Population growth. I would also like some of the aid money \$ used for ABC programs, (Animal Birth Control) as last year on Bali alone about 300,000 homeless dogs were poisoned or beaten to death

with no Animal Welfare Programs in place that would have opted for humane sterilisation programs and volunteers dog and cat carers having to fork out their own money to help the Plight of defenceless animals.

A condition of aid to developing countries should not only stipulate strict Family Planning and birth control measures demanded by the Australian Government and include Animal Welfare Programs, but also educate Families on the merits of a Vegetarian diet with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) report *Livestock's Long Shadow* estimating that 18% of annual worldwide GHG emissions^{are} being attributable to Animals grown for food and vast

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areas of rain forests being cleared for
animal agriculture with are of particular
concern in a vastly overpopulated
Country like Indonesia that also imports
mainly Cattle for beef consumption,
from Australia, aiding and abetting
the needless clearing of wildlife
habitat in Australia to graze cattle
for meat eaters, as well as contributing
to the large scale suffering of live exports,
barbaric and cruel. Beef was also found
more damaging to the environment than
Vehicle emissions.

It's time we attach strict conditions for
foreign aid, drastically reduce monetary
aid and aim for a more environmentally
and animal friendly Planet, with less, not
more People. Astrid Kerkh