

Aid Effectiveness Submission

I am happy for Australia to give aid to foreign countries which suffer a disaster.

However I am concerned that we never get to hear how the money was spent and what percentage went to just administering the aid.

I am also very disappointed that much of the aid often ends up in the bank accounts of foreign politicians and their mates.

From what I hear, not much of the money donated to Indonesia after the Tsunami ended up helping the victims.

I think future aid should be conditional on it reaching the victims. One way to do this is to divide the aid into 2 parts, with the 2nd half only given after it has been confirmed that the 1st half payment was well spent and all accounted for.

Then if the 2nd half is not well spent, the country receives no aid after the next disaster, unless a new government can guarantee it will be well spent.

I would also like to see our overseas aid temporarily cut by an amount equal to the recent flood damage in Australia, so that we don't need to have a flood levy.

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