

up to us

What should Australia's role in the world be?

HAVE YOUR SAY



Right now, the Government is writing a long-term plan or "White Paper" for Australia's foreign policy that will set a direction for our role in the world. It's vital you take a few minutes to add your voice. We've made it easier for you with this submission form.

This is a critical moment to take action. Our world is facing multiple challenges of poverty, hunger, conflict, displaced people and climate change. As a country that values compassion and justice, Australia can and must do more to be a better global citizen - but it's up to us to make it happen!

Let the Government know that tackling shared global challenges ought to be a top foreign policy objective for Australia.

Thousands of submissions will make a powerful statement about the kind of world we want and the role Australia should play in making it happen.

No one else is going to fight for the change we need.

It's up to us to have our say.

HAVE YOUR SAY BY MONDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

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SO, YOU'RE GOING TO WRITE A SUBMISSION. THAT'S GREAT!

Write from your heart about why ending global poverty and Australia being a compassionate global citizen is important to you. Write about the kind of world you want and why Australia should be part of addressing global challenges.

WHAT IMPORTANT POINTS SHOULD I INCLUDE IN MY SUBMISSION?

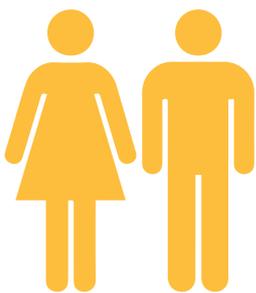
- We are part of a global community so we need to address the global challenges that impact us all as opposed to prioritising our own national-interest
- Ending global poverty, reducing inequality and tackling climate change should be top foreign policy objectives

WHAT ARE SOME SPECIFIC THINGS I SHOULD ASK FOR IN MY SUBMISSION?

- That the primary purpose of Australian aid should be to end global poverty, reduce inequalities, tackle climate change and achieve the UNs Sustainable Development Goals by 2030
- Develop and commit to a plan that sees Australia keeping its promise to contribute 70 cents out of every \$100 of our gross national income to Australian aid

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER POINTS I COULD INCLUDE?

- Ending poverty and eliminating the world's worst epidemics will be one of humanity's greatest achievements but it won't happen by accident
- While the world has worked together to dramatically reduce extreme poverty and diseases like polio and malaria, inequality continues to rise and many millions still live in extreme poverty
- Climate change threatens the good progress we've made towards ending poverty.
- By making the largest ever cuts to Australian aid, we've turned our back on people living in the poorest parts of the world, at a time of unprecedented humanitarian need



Forcibly displaced
65.3m
people
The highest number
of people fleeing their
home, ever.



770m
people
living in extreme
poverty on less than
\$1.90 per day



Since 1990 we've
cut the rate of child
mortality
in half
however an estimated
5.9m children will still
die each year



**Climate
change**
could drive 100m
people into extreme
poverty

WHAT IS A WHITE PAPER?

The foreign policy White Paper is about the Government setting its foreign policy priorities and agenda for the coming decades - how Australia will engage with the rest of the world.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE?

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YOUR SUBMISSION WILL BE PUBLIC.

Submissions will be published on the Foreign Policy White Paper website. Please read the Privacy, Publication and Copyright policy for more details: <http://dfat.gov.au/whitepaper/submissions/make-a-submission/index.html>

A PEOPLE'S FOREIGN POLICY WHITE PAPER? WHAT'S THAT?

We'll collate all the submissions made via our submission tools to create our own "People's Foreign Policy White Paper" to publicly launch when the Government releases its paper.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Tick the box saying you'd like to do more. We'll be in touch after submissions close with further actions to influence decision-makers.

WHAT DO I DO ONCE I HAVE WRITTEN MY THOUGHTS?

There are a few options:

- give the submission to your local Caritas representative
- scan it or take a photo and e-mail it to us at act@caritas.org.au
- post it to Campaign for Australian Aid, 132 Leicester Street, Carlton, 3053 VIC

We will submit it to the Taskforce on your behalf.

CAN I SUBMIT ONLINE?

A paper submission is best, but if you only have a few minutes, go to www.uptous.org.au/caritas from February 1st to 27th to quickly submit online.

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