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As a rich nation I think that you would agree that Australia has a responsibility to help the millions of people across the world who live in poverty, without adequate shelter or access to sanitation. Their children die for want of clean water or simple food and too often they cannot attend school.

These are our neighbours, our fellow human beings and we should not, and can not, ignore their suffering. If compassion for our fellow human beings is not a sufficient argument then I suggest that the security of this nation be considered. As long as people are suffering in other parts of the world there will be political unrest, armed struggles and the mass movements of people. In one way or another these will have impacts on Australia. This means foreign aid, appropriately targeted can assist our national interest and security.

This is a matter of deep, deep concern to me and if these reports are correct I would be deeply disturbed at the callous response of this nation to the hungry, the poor and the marginalised overseas. I beg you as the Prime Minister of this nation to make sure that this does not happen.

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