

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

The petition of some members of the Western Heights Uniting Church, Douglass St.
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Draws the attention of the House to the fact that the health and welfare of women and children are lagging behind with regard to the UN Resolution of 2002, "Make Poverty History" and the Millennium Development Goals to which Australia is a signatory.

We therefore ask the House to support the call by "Make Poverty History" that the Australian Government integrates the Millennium Developments Goals into its aid program. We also ask the House to provide the financial assistance necessary to meet the MDGs, specifically cancelling debt repayments that impair government spending towards meeting the MDGs in indebted countries, and to significantly increase the level of aid investment through the provision of funding directed at achieving MDGs, for example, basic health and education programs.