

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

This petition is put forward by Hornsby Baptist Church

Around the world there are 1.4 million children that die each year from diarrhoea, an amount roughly equivalent to the child population of Australia. For these children, not being able to quench their thirst with a glass of water or find a clean toilet isn't merely an inconvenience, it's a death sentence. Things do not have to be this way. Their lives and millions of others could be saved through targeted investments in water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH).

We are calling on the Australian government to do its fair share to ensure that these crucial investments are made, particularly in the areas of sanitation and hygiene where most attention is needed.

We therefore ask the house to increase spending on WaSH in the aid budget to \$500m by 2015 and ensure at least half of this money is spent on sanitation and hygiene.

Let's do our part to WaSH away poverty!