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The  
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Mr. David Sullivan  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament house  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Australia

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

Thank you for your letter concerning the inquiry into the delivery and effectiveness of Australia's bilateral aid programme in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

WFP is present in Asia, but, for the moment, has neither presence nor programmes in the Pacific. We have therefore not received Australian aid for PNG. WFP has, however, submitted a proposal to the Department of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade on establishing a technical presence in the Pacific. The project aims to strengthen the capacity and capability of selected Pacific Island Countries' National Disaster Management Organisations to prepare for and respond to disasters in a timely, effective and well-coordinated manner.

Australia remains a strong and strategic partner for WFP. We are grateful for the partnership we have built, and, we will continue to strengthen.

Sincerely,

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cc: H.E. Michael David Rann, Ambassador, Embassy of Australia, Rome

Mr. Samuel Beever, Alternate Permanent Representative to WFP