

I commend the government and the people who are doing all they can to help the victims of the Tsumani disaster.

Unfortunately, this country itself, has its own sad disasters which unfortunately in our situation is created by our politicians. How can the government continuously scream that they have no money to fund issues like getting young people out of nursing homes (of course one of many problems/disasters) **BUT** can give \$1 billion to help the tsumani disaster hit areas??? Please explain. Let's not forget that the rest of the world is also helping.

Of course one should help them and the other parts of the world that are suffering **INCLUDING** the ones in Australia. It is so so sad that the Howard government likes to be seen as doing the right thing to the world but doesn't worry about crisis situations that are happening on his own door step (unless of course there is good publicity to be had by him). I have always taught my children (who are now adults) that "**charity begins at home**". Maybe all politicians should absorb some of that and hand out **OUR** money generously to get young **AUSTRALIANS** out of nursing homes and into an environment better suited for them.

I do have a friend in a nursing home and it is quite sad to see that he does not have a voice and, like most of them, **WE THE COMMON PEOPLE** are their voice. Let us also not forget that these humans were once taxpayers and is it not the government's turn to now give a little of what they contributed to the governments big fat wallet.

I have written several letters in the past and have as usual gotten the usual standard reply. How can one get through to the government and ask them or even plead with them to help these people.

Think of their families. What happens to the young people when the parents or guardians of these people die??? Are they to be left to rot in the nursing homes until they themselves become old????

Look around you and see the problems of the Australian people, our hospitals are overcrowded, one has to go on a waiting list or tough luck if you don't make it. I could really go on and on and so can the millions of Australians.

My main aim at the moment is to help the young people and get them out of these unfortunate places. I am person who has no degrees, diplomas or any proper qualifications can make many suggestions along I am sure with many other Australian people on what the government could do about this situation. There are many groups no doubt that you have heard from regarding the young people in nursing homes. Please listen to their pleas for help before it is too late.

My saying to the government is:

PLEASE GIVE A DAMN.

Understand how frustrating it is for the families of these people who are just chasing their tails and the politicians are just shuffling paper until their term is up. Hey what a great little perk they will be on once they retire. The families of these people are on an even better perk "human compassion". Don't think all the dollars in the world can add up to those two words. But also let's not forget that the families of these people

will never be able to retire because they have to constantly be there for these young people and care for them.

I could go on but hey I have discovered gets me nowhere but won't give up. I hope that again someone considers this email as desperate and the many that are received regarding the above subject and the many other concerns that Australian people have.

Regards

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