

VCE AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

ACTIVITY 1: WORKSHEET RESEARCH FOR OXFAM'S EFFECT ON AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN POLICY AS AN INTEREST GROUP

USE THE BELOW TABLE TO SUMMARISE YOUR RESEARCH

<p>ABOUT OXFAM</p> <p><i>Include: What do Oxfam aim to achieve? How many people have they assisted? A few key facts about Oxfam.</i></p>	<p>OXFAM'S ROLE IN THE HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT</p> <p><i>Include: What is the HPA? How much did Australia contribute between 2011 and 2017? Outline three examples of different states that benefitted from the partnership.</i></p>
<p>OXFAM'S VISION FOR THE AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN POLICY WHITE PAPER</p>	<p>AUSTRALIA'S IMPACT IN TIMOR-LESTE</p> <p><i>How did the Australian government support Timor-Leste work towards the MDGs? What are the goals post 2015? What support is needed from the Australian government to achieve further development in Timor-Leste?</i></p>
<p>OXFAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 BUDGET</p> <p><i>Include: Oxfam's recommendations relating to taxation for multinational companies, official development assistance and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's programs.</i></p>	<p>HOW DO INTEREST GROUPS IMPACT ON AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN POLICY?</p> <p><i>Using your knowledge, consider whether the Australian government is impacted by interest groups such as Oxfam. You may refer to additional research to support your point of view.</i></p>

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ACTIVITY 1: WORKSHEET CASE STUDY: THE EFFECT OF INTEREST GROUPS ON AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN POLICY: A STUDY OF OXFAM

For this task, you are going to complete a case study analysing the impact of interest groups on Australian foreign policy. Oxfam will be considered as the interest group.

Step 1

Using Word or PowerPoint (or similar software), set up a template for your case study with the following headings:

- Introduction
- About Oxfam
- Oxfam's vision for the Australian foreign policy white paper
- Oxfam's recommendations for the 2017-2018 budget
- Oxfam's role in the Humanitarian Partnership Agreement
- Oxfam's impact in Timor-Leste
- The future of Australia's foreign aid policy and the role of interest groups
- Conclusion

Step 2

Next, use the A3 worksheet (taking note of the hints of what to include) and the following links to complete your research for this task:

Oxfam Australia's Submission to the Foreign Policy White paper Consultation: <http://dfat.gov.au/whitepaper/submissions/documents/170227-433-Oxfam-Australia.PDF> (Humanitarian crises and natural disasters, climate change and environmental issues, refugees)

Accompanying media release: <https://www.oxfam.org.au/media/2017/03/never-has-a-vision-for-a-more-prosperous-peaceful-and-secure-world-been-needed-more/>

Oxfam Australia's 2017-18 Pre-Budget Submission: https://static.treasury.gov.au/uploads/sites/1/2017/06/C2016-052_Oxfam-Australia.pdf

Report – Walking with Timor-Leste: https://www.oxfam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Final-Timor-Briefing-Paper-SDGs_WEB.pdf

Case study report – Humanitarian Partnership Agreement, Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Risk management capacity Building Program 2011-2017, case study: Building community resilience through partnerships: <https://oxfam.box.com/s/tgwjir26u9dxnxd4997smgrc7nc07dym>

Step 3

Complete each section of your case study. You should expand your research into fully formed sentences, making sure to proofread each section before moving onto another.

Step 4

Add a cover page to your case study and submit to your teacher by the due date.

Assessment

You will be assessed on the following:

- Quality of research
- Analysis of Oxfam's impact on Australia's foreign policy
- Consistent presentation
- Spelling and grammar