

# Evangelism and Politics Policy

## WaterAid Australia

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### Version control

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## 1 Background

WaterAid is an international NGO whose mission is to transform lives through sustainable and safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Access to these services supports the health and livelihoods of people (including women, children, people with a disability and vulnerable population groups) and strengthen resilience to climate change in the countries and communities we work.

WaterAid Australia's philosophy is derived from a belief that access to safe water, improved hygiene and sanitation is a human right. These essential services underpin human development and transform lives enabling people to overcome poverty.

WaterAid Australia's policy and programming supports government and non-government actors to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly SDG Goal 6.

## 2 Policy

WaterAid Australia is an independent overseas development agency which works free from any party political or religious involvement. WaterAid has no membership or affiliations with any political party or religion.

WaterAid Australia does not use any funds or other resources to support projects designed to promote particular religious beliefs, requiring beneficiaries to follow a particular set of beliefs in order to be involved in the project and/or where the beneficiary is a religious institution as distinct from a local community.

## 3 Definitions

### **Supporting a particular party, candidate or organisation affiliated to a political party:**

Supporting a particular party, candidate or organisation affiliated to a political party: Agency personnel or their representatives (when using the agency name or resources in paid time) being involved in party political activities; using funds or resources to facilitate or support a specific political party, candidate, or party political organisation in a local, regional or general/national election; using funds or resources to facilitate or support a particular politician or faction to gain power within a government or within a party-political structure. (ACFID, Quality Assurance Framework, March 2020).