

AID WATCH



ANNUAL REPORT **2018**



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COVER IMAGE:

Paga Hill youth leader, Allan Mogerema staging a one-man peaceful protest outside Parliament House in Canberra on 14 November 2018 with the support of AID/WATCH and the Aboriginal Tent Embassy. Allan staged his peaceful protest in the lead up to the APEC summit in Papua New Guinea to calling for justice for his community who were illegally evicted and homes demolished by two Australian companies.

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Special thanks to Planet Wheeler for the significant funds that enabled AID/WATCH to continue our important work throughout 2017 and 2018

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ABOUT AID/WATCH

Our Purpose

For over 25 years, AID/WATCH has been Australia's independent watchdog on aid, trade and debt. We campaign against the use of Australia's aid budget and foreign policy practices to further Australia's national economic and security interests that undermine the ability of local communities to protect their collective rights, lands and livelihoods, and determine their own futures and development alternatives.

Working in solidarity with local communities, organisations, and movements in Australia and the Global South we monitor, research, advocate and campaign against a narrow vision of economic development that directly advantages the private sector and Australia's commercial interests to the direct disadvantage of the environment, and local communities in the Global South.

Our Vision

A thriving global justice movement, based on mutual solidarity where trade, aid and debt no longer exploit people and the environment, but instead promotes social, economic and environmental justice. A world free from structural inequalities, where people can determine their own futures within a global framework of mutual respect for the environment and for one another.

Our Values

We believe in solidarity not charity

We are committed to global justice and equality. We campaign as much for our futures as for the futures of others. We are respectful of the different approaches and views of others in the movement for global justice. We acknowledge and aim to strengthen the power and agency of communities.

We are independent and fearless

We are a member-based organization. We do not take funds from governments or corporations. We respect diversity of ideas. We are free to make critical comment and are uncompromising in advocating for social and environmental justice. We are principled and where necessary pugnacious. We are never afraid to say what we think.

We are informed and transformative

Our campaigns are grounded in experience and our research is thorough and constructive. We believe in building alternative futures, founded on experience and on community-level capacity. In this respect we are innovative and creative.

We are activist and movement-based

We are a member-driven activist organisation, working as part of the wider global justice movement. Our campaigns provoke public debate to generate engagement with development issues, and to inspire public participation in efforts to transform development policies and practices.

CHAIR'S REPORT

2018 was a year of consolidation for AID/WATCH, where we rebuilt our internal structures, strengthened our on-the-ground links with community-based organisations in Papua New Guinea, and collaborated with partner organisations in Australia to undertake joint campaigning. Through the year we developed a new proposal for a new 'Global Justice Project', which is now to be created in 2019.

Our renewed internal strength is reflected in our extended Management Committee, and the addition of a new part-time communications assistant, Dina Rui Hopstad, who is worked closely with AID/WATCH coordinator and campaigner Nat (Natalie) Lowrey to help boost our public engagement and membership. We also have established a new website, which provides our supporters with regular updates and easier management of membership and donations. Special thanks to Glenn Todd from Dvize.com and Dina Hopstad Rui for support with building the website.

Our links with Papua New Guinea (PNG) have deepened further, principally through the work of Nat Lowrey where we have joined with a range of community groups and organisations to undertake an extensive program of campaigning against land-grabbing. In 2018 this entailed a range of activities including a speakers tour, on-the-ground investigation into the conditions for displaced communities, and public campaigning, for instance, opposition to the agenda of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, a gathering of 21 Asia-Pacific leaders, which met in PNG in late 2018. We have maintained a range of other campaign commitments as outlined below in the campaign report.

Our collaboration with partner organisations in Australia have deepened considerably during 2018, enabling us to undertake research including a joint social mapping project with Jubilee Australia and the Paga Hill community in Port Moresby, PNG with the support of **Media Stockade** and funds from the **Caledonia Foundation**. With these and other organisations we have been developing a proposal for a collaborative 'Global Justice Project' where we can establish a new focus for the wide range of international justice-focused campaigning in Australia. We have secured funding for this project through **The Christenson Fund** and will be seeking to establish the collaboration in 2019. This is a major departure for AID/WATCH and is the product of several years of strategizing and engagement.

I wish to thank the Management Committee for their on-going generous commitment to AID/WATCH, and our campaigner Nat Lowrey, and communications assistant, Dina Rui Hopstad, for their vitally important work with the organisation. We would also like to thank **Planet Wheeler** for the significant funds that helped us through our late 2017 and 2018. And most important, a big thank-you to our members and supporters who have helped us to arrive at this new juncture in the development of the organisation.

James Goodman
Chair, AID/WATCH

CAMPAIGNS & ACTIVITIES



AID/WATCH partner Allan Mogerema (second from right) from the Paga Hill community in PNG with Dr Ruth Saovana-Spriggs (right) Bougainville People's Research Centre, hosted by Jubilee Australia, Millicent Nomfundo Shungube, an activist from Phola, South Africa hosted by ActionAid, and Emily Dwyer, Co-ordinator, Canadian Corporate Accountability Network, on a panel at the *Australian Corporate Accountability Network Symposium*, UNSW, 16 Nov 2018. Photo: Nat Lowrey.

Throughout 2018, AID/WATCH continued to expose bad aid and call for a new aid agenda founded on global, economic, environmental and climate justice to address the pressing problems of growing inequality, land grabbing and climate change. AID/WATCH has continued to hold Australian aid, our foreign policies and Australian corporations operating overseas accountable by highlighting an aid-industrial complex that solidifies vulture capital, aid agencies, 'donor' governments and local cronies.

AID/WATCH has continued to participate in existing networks and keep up the momentum on building a Global Justice Project with partners across Australia to not only focus on a counterpoint to the Australian 'aid paradigm' that favours national interest and private finance over the need for real aid, but to go beyond the 'aid lens' and build a movement that is grounded in global justice - where more Australians can hold our corporations and those in power to account, and to create a just and equal world in which Australians act in mutual solidarity, particularly in the global south.

Nat Lowrey
Campaign Coordinator, AID/WATCH

CAMPAIGNING & ADVOCACY

#Justice4Paga

There is nowhere more evident of the aid-industrial complex than in AID/WATCH's work with the Paga Hill community in downtown Port Moresby, PNG. Evicted, displaced, abandoned - their homes were completely demolished at the hands of two Australian-run companies, Curtain Brothers and Paga Hill Development Company (PHDC). Paga Hill was once home to 3000 people of up to four generations, an established settlement that was safe with basic services, a church, law and order committee, and a school Paga Hill. The area of Paga Hill became part of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit 'AELM Precinct' which was held in November 2018 and the two Australian companies with support from key PNG politicians who became shareholders of PHDC citing the development of a marina and hotel as 'a project of national significance'. As at the end of 2018 only a ring road has been built on the site with the APEC Haus adjacent, no marina, hotel or other buildings have been developed.

In 2017, in collaboration with the Paga Hill community, Jubilee Australia, Human Rights Law Centre and *The Opposition* film, AID/WATCH continued to seek justice for the Paga Hill community through research, advocacy, lobbying, and media, including a petition calling for Australia's public money not to enrich land grabbers in PNG and for global summits not be bankrolled by development aid. With living conditions and evictions of informal settlements becoming one of the most pervasive violations of human rights globally AID/WATCH has continued to challenge the illegal evictions of the Paga Hill community and seek #Justice4Paga in 2018.

#Justice4Paga in Papua New Guinea

With support from *The Opposition* film team and in collaborations with Paga Hill community leaders, AID/WATCH Coordinator Nat Lowrey spent the month of May in 2018 working closely with Paga Hill Youth Leader, Allan Mogerema and the broader Paga Hill community to deliver *The Opposition* film to the leaders and community as part of a joint impact and advocacy strategy, this included:

1. Screening *The Opposition* film to the Paga Hill leaders and community who have been displaced and are currently living in other settlements or on the streets;
2. Screenings in other informal settlements in PoM, and Madang; and
3. Support activities for the Anniversary and Remembrance of the Demolition and Illegal Forced Eviction of the Paga Hill community on May 13th (Mother's Day) – 6 years since the first demolition of the Paga Hill community.

All the objectives were successfully achieved including screenings of *The Opposition* film in 12 informal settlements in Port Moresby and Madang, including discussions within youth leaders and elders in informal settlements on the Paga Hill story as a cautionary tale for all informal settlements across PNG. AID/WATCH and the Paga Hill community also delivered the film and met with The Alliance of Solwara Warriors, Bismarck Ramu Group, Rise Up Women's Collective, Act Now PNG, Transparency International-PNG, PNG National Institute of Affairs and politicians including former Chief Justice and Attorney of PNG, Sir Arnold Amet, Governor of Oro Province, Gary Juffa and Madang Open MP, Bryan Kramer.



Around 200 Paga Hill community members staged a peaceful protest to seek justice from the illegal evictions and demolitions of their community in downtown Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The youth perform as the Paga Mothers hand over *The Opposition* film to PNG National Central District Governor, Powes Parkop requesting their concerns of human rights violations be heard. 13 May 2018. Photo: Allan Mogerema.

“I couldn’t believe our leaders would suppress law to defeat our own country men on our own land. I feel I can’t trust our government of Papua New Guinea or foreign corporations after seeing what has happened to the Paga Hill community”.

Godfrey Abage, Alliance of Solwara Warriors, and
Caritas Kaveing Diocese-Assistant Coordinator, New Ireland Province, PNG

On 13th May, Nat Lowrey supported the Paga Hill youth and some PNG independent media on media training to document a peaceful protest in Port Moresby. The action was successful with 200 Paga Hill community members lead by Paga Hill mothers delivered *The Opposition* film to the National Capital District Governor (NCDC), Powes Parkop. That evening the footage taken by Paga Hill youth became the headline news on PNG’s EMTV.

#Justice4Paga Speaking & Awareness Tour in Australia

In the months of September and November 2018, AID/WATCH hosted Paga Hill youth leader, Allan Mogerema for two separate speaking and awareness tours. The September tour including screenings and meetings with community activists in Sydney, Melbourne, Albury, Canberra and Newcastle as well as meetings with AID/WATCH partners, Jubilee Australia and Human Rights Law Centre.

On 14 November 2018, Allan Mogerema, with the support of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, staged a one-man peaceful protest in the lead up to the APEC Summit in Port Moresby outside Parliament House in Canberra to highlight the human rights violations his community has suffered at the hands of Australian corporations.

Outcomes of the tour included a crowdfunder initiated by activists in the Blue Mountains to successfully fundraise for a water pump for the Paga Hill community displaced at Gerehu where they have no basic services. AID/WATCH acted as a reference in support of Allan being accepted into the Diplomacy Training Program, UNSW’s 28th Regional Human Rights & Peoples Diplomacy Training Program, held for two weeks in October in Timor Leste.



Australian rare earth miner, Lynas Corporation has over 1.5 million tonnes of toxic and radioactive waste stacked up high by its rare earth refinery plant near Kuantan, Malaysia. This is in total disregard of Malaysian regulation which allows no more than 20 tonnes of toxic waste to be stored for less than 180 days on site. A mass movement in Malaysia has been calling for Lynas' refinery to be shut down and their license to not be renewed.

The November tour included presentations at the *Autonomy and Resistance* 2-day conference held at Trades Hall in Melbourne and the *Australian Corporate Accountability Network Symposium* held at the University of NSW. AID/WATCH facilitated media interviews with Allan including a live interview on NITV's *The Point*.

Stop Lynas Campaign

Since 2014, AID/WATCH has supported the Australian-Malaysian Stop Lynas campaign to hold an Australian rare earth corporation, Lynas Corporation accountable for imposing the world's largest rare earth refinery on Malaysians with no social licence to operate. With more than one million metric tonnes of toxic and radioactive waste piled up at the refinery, hundreds and thousands of Malaysians, including the Environment Minister, Yeo Bee Yin, are demanding Lynas resolve the issue of radioactive waste produced at its plant in Pahang before it is allowed to continue operations. With the renewal of its licence coming up in September 2019 AID/WATCH will be joining Friends of the Earth Australia, Stop Lynas campaign and Malaysian partners Himpunan Hijau and Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM)-Friends of the Earth Malaysia in releasing a public statement calling on Lynas to clean up its toxic radioactive mess and for their licence not to be renewed. AID/WATCH will continue to support our Malaysian partners and colleagues in their struggle for environmental justice over the corporate impunity of an Australian-owned Lynas Corporation.

International campaign on Mining, Renewables & Post-extractivism

AID/WATCH has joined a growing international movement calling for a transformative climate justice transition centred in global justice. With a belief that Australia and other rich countries are entitled to a greater share of the world's finite resources through the global mineral supply chain we are now seeing mining giants and dirty energy companies waving the flag of climate emergency to justify the same deathly business model. AID/WATCH is calling for a transformative transition away from poverty and climate harms and towards social, economic, political and cultural liberation for all,



Youth leader and independent journalist, Lemach Dunamis Lavari, interviewing a Paga Hill resident who is now displaced in Port Moresby. The joint social mapping project with AID/WATCH, Jubilee Australia and the Paga Hill community aims to examine and compare what life was like for residents in Paga Hill before the illegal evictions and demolition to what life is like for them now they are displaced throughout Port Moresby, PNG. Photo: Allan Mogerema

RESEARCH

Paga Hill Social Mapping Project

AID/WATCH and Jubilee Australia received funds through the Caledonia Foundation with support from Media Stockade and Beacon Films producers of *The Opposition* film. The funds have focused on a social mapping research project in collaboration with the Paga Hill community to examine what life was like when they were living at Paga Hill to what life is like now 4 years on after the final eviction and demolition of their community.

The first phase of the research was led by AID/WATCH Coordinator, Nat Lowrey and Paga Hill Youth leader, Allan Mogerema using a participatory research approach with the Paga Hill community. With inputs from Paga Hill leaders and Jubilee Australia, AID/WATCH designed an online survey that Paga Hill youth used on their mobile phones to easily interview over 200 Paga Hill community residents displaced and living in poor conditions across Port Moresby - many of whom still live on the streets. The second phase of the social mapping has involved analysing the data and research collected. AID/WATCH in collaboration with Jubilee Australia, Paga Hill community and supported by *The Opposition* team are in the final drafting stage of the report. The report will be launched in early July 2019 as a side event screening of *The Opposition* film at the UN Habitat's Fifth Pacific Urban Forum (PUF5) to be held in Nadi, Fiji which will be focusing on informal settlements in the Pacific region.

PUBLIC EVENTS

- APRIL 2018: Screening of *Disaster Capitalism* and a Q&A co-hosted by AID/WATCH and Jubilee Australia with speakers Director Anthony Lowenstein, AID/WATCH Chair James Goodman, and Jubilee partner, Dr Ruth Saovana-Spriggs from the Bougainville People's Research Centre.

- MAY 2018 in PNG: Screenings of *The Opposition* film in collaboration with the Paga Hill community and Media Stockade in settlements in Port Moresby and Madang Province, Papua New Guinea. Discussions were held in the settlements after the screenings about how the Paga Hill evictions and demolitions act as a cautionary tale of landgrabbing and human right violations for all informal settlements across PNG.
- SEPTEMBER & NOVEMBER 2018: #Justice4Paga screenings and Q&A with special guest Paga Hill youth leader, Allan Mogerema with Friends of the Earth Melbourne, Warriors of the Aboriginal Resistance in Brisbane, and community activists in Albury, Katoomba, Newcastle, Sydney & Canberra.
- NOVEMBER 2018: AID/WATCH Coordinator Nat Lowrey with Paga Hill Youth leader, Allan Mogerema presented at the *Autonomy and Resistance Conference* in Melbourne hosted by the Latin American Solidarity Network (LASNET). They also spoke outside the International Mining and Resource Conference (IMARC) at a protest co-organised by LASNET, Melbourne Rainforest Action Group, Mapuche-Aboriginal Struggles for Indigenous Land and FrontLine Against Coal
- NOVEMBER 2018: AID/WATCH Chair James Goodman and Paga Hill Youth leader, Allan Mogerema presented and spoke in a Q&A session on Australian Aid at the 2018 Greens National Conference. Allan presented on the #Justice4Paga campaign to support getting the issue further informed on the Australian Greens agenda James further educated delegates and members on the current state of Australian aid.
- NOVEMBER 2018: AID/WATCH hosted a #Justice4Paga evening forum at Sydney University with keynote speaker Lee Rhiannon, co-founder of AID/WATCH and former Greens Senator. Lee gave a history of Australian aid up until the present and the key work AID/WATCH has done for over 25 years. This was followed by a presentation from Allan Mogerema after the screening of *The Opposition* film. With around 40 people attending the forum, including several Papua New Guineans, there was a robust and dynamic discussion about the Paga Hill issue and foreign corporate impunity in PNG. Thanks to the Papua New Guineans who came to the event., and special thanks to Porgera leader, Jonathan Paraia, Chairman of the Justice Foundation for Porgera

LEFT: AID/WATCH Chair, James Goodman (left) talking about the state of Australian aid at the Greens National Conference, with Emma Bacon, APHEDA-Uniona Aid Abroad and Paga Hill youth leader, Allan Mogerema. Nov 2018 RIGHT: Co-founder of AID/WATCH, Lee Rhiannon speaking at the #Justice4Paga evening forum at University of Sydney. Photos: Nat Lowrey



who shared 15-minute documentary film of the large gathering of local communities in the Porgera region, Enga Province calling for Canadian mining company Barrick Gold to leave their lands after three decades of environmental and human rights violations.

- NOVEMBER 2018: AID/WATCH, Jubilee Australia and Action Aid co-organised a panel at the *Australian Corporate Accountability Network Symposium* held at the University of NSW with frontline communities who are fighting against human rights violations at the hands of Australian corporations. Speakers included Allan Mogerema from Paga Hill in Papua New Guinea hosted by AID/WATCH, Dr Ruth Saovana-Spriggs from the Bougainville People's Research Centre hosted by Jubilee Australia, and Millicent Nomfundo Shungube, an activist from Phola, South Africa hosted by ActionAid.

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

We have a new website!

Since 2016 AID/WATCH has focused on streamlining our administrative and governance processes, and our organisational capacity to support our small team of volunteer Committee of Management members and part-time staff member. 2018 saw another significant step for AID/WATCH with the launch of a new website to support our external communications and internally with the integration with our platforms for donations and memberships. We aim to use our website platform to continue sharing our work and building our supporters and funder base. Special thanks goes to Glenn Todd from Dvize.com and Dina Hopstad Rui in working with AID/WATCH coordinator on archiving the old website and the back end to make it all possible.

#Justice4Paga and Land Grabbing in Papua New Guinea

Over 2018 AID/WATCH generated a lot of media on the #Justice4Paga campaign including working collaboratively with the Paga Hill community on their Mother's Day peaceful protest in Port Moresby that made headline news on PNG's EMTV. Other media from the speaking and awareness tour with Allan Mogerema included: NITV *The Point*; ABC Radio's *Pacific Mornings*; 3CR *Hometime* radio program; Radio Skid Row *Coming Home* radio program; The Asia Pacific Report; Mongagbay; and SBS radio.

Australian Aid in Asia Pacific

Both AID/WATCH Coordinator, Nat Lowrey and AID/WATCH Chair, James Goodman were interviewed by The Guardian and ABC respectively on the significant shift in the aid program since DFAT took over from AusAid. AID/WATCH highlighted that the focus of Australian aid has now shifted from development to investment favouring large corporates to deliver foreign aid in the Asia Pacific region without proper scrutiny and accountability, and in doing so Australian aid money has been used in corruption, including bribery by local authorities and political cronies.

Silencing political debate in the NGO Sector

For over 25 years AID/WATCH has remained a strong and resilient voice in Australia's advocacy sector despite a political climate in which many non-government organisations are self-censoring because of funding agreements and repercussions of political speech. Setting precedent in a five-year political and legal activist campaign from 2005-2010, AID/WATCH redefined charitable status in Australia in a win in the High Court for freedom of political communication that acknowledged that political debate in advocacy work is in Australia's public interest. In 2018 the continued

undemocratic trend of the Australian Government attempts to silence the not-for-profit sector became a reality again with three bills introduced to Parliament by the Coalition Government at the end of 2017. This revived attacks on Australian charities and not-for-profits and a campaign to defend charities engaged in advocacy was established. Many articles throughout 2018 argued against such attacks, including The Sydney Morning Herald, The Australian and The Guardian. This also included a lengthy article from AidWatch Chair, James Goodman published for an open access journal detailing the AID/WATCH campaign. The impact of the AID/WATCH case was repeatedly cited in media as imposing a limit on government interference in advocacy. The outcome resulted in the Government's proposed legislation being substantially amended with the removal of the most onerous aspects for advocacy organisations.

LOOKING AHEAD - Global Justice Project

In 2017, AID/WATCH initiated and coordinated the *Economic Justice Collective* bringing together key organisations working on global justice including Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA, Jubilee Australia, Australian Fair Trade & Investment Network, SEARCH Foundation and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons to provide an alternative voice in the debate on Australia, aid, trade and foreign policy. In 2018, AID/WATCH continued discussions and networking to develop a proposal for a new collaborative 'Global Justice Project' to establish a new focus for the wide range of international justice-focused campaigning in Australia. In 2019, AID/WATCH will be seeking to establish this collaboration to focus on land grabbing, alternatives to development, and economic, environmental and climate justice with the aim to build it as both an alliance and funding vehicle for activism around global justice in Australia in solidarity with partners and local communities in the global south.

AID/WATCH with Paga Hill partner, Allan Mogerema joined the peaceful protest co-organised Melbourne Rainforest Action Group (MRAG), Latin American Solidarity Network, Mapuche-Aboriginal Struggles for Indigenous Land and FrontLine Against Coal outside the International Mining and Resource Conference (IMARC) protesting against the increase in global extractive developments in protected forests and on Indigenous lands.
IMAGE: Nat Lowrey



PEOPLE & PARTNERS

Staff

Natalie Lowrey, Coordinator (from 11/11/16),

Dina Rui Hopstad, Communications (Part-time contract from June-December 2018)

Committee of Management

The Committee of Management is elected from the AID/WATCH membership. Throughout 2016, the following members gave generously of their time by serving on the AID/WATCH Committee of Management:

- James Goodman (Chair)
- David McGill (Treasurer)
- Katie Barry (Public Officer)
- Natalie Lowrey (Coordinator)
- Gareth Bryant
- Dina Rui Hopstad
- Luke Fletcher
- Ken Davis
- Pooja Chowdhary

Networks

- Reality of Aid Network
- PACTRADE – Pacific Trade Network
- ACAN - Australian Corporate Accountability Network
- YLNM - Yes to life No to Mining
- NENA - New Economy Network Australia
- Our World is Not for Sale
- IBON Foundation
- Asia Pacific Research Network

Partners in the Global South

The backbone of AID/WATCH's work are our partners in the Global South. Special thanks to the below groups:

- Paga Hill Communtiy (PNG)
- RiseUp (PNG)
- Bismarck Ramu Group (PNG)
- Act Now! PNG
- Melanesian Indigenous Land Defence Alliance (MILDA)
- Focus on the Global South

Partners in Australia

AID/WATCH could not do the work we do without the Australian networks and organisations we collaborate and partner with. Special thanks to the below groups:

- Jubilee Australia
- *The Opposition* film
- Rainforest Action Group (Melbourne)
- Friends of the Earth Australia
- AEEL - Australian Earth Law Centre
- Latin American Solidarity Network
- APHEDA-Union Aid Abroad
- Stop Lynas Campaign
- Human Rights Law Centre

FINANCIAL REPORTS

OVERVIEW

AID/WATCH's financial year runs from January 1st to December 31st. These reports cover the timeframe from January 1 2018 to December 31 2018.

Statement by the Committee of Management of AID/WATCH Incorporated

In the opinion of the Committee:

- a) The attached financial report presents fairly the financial position of AID/WATCH Inc. as 31 December 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
- b) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that AID/WATCH Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management of AID/WATCH Inc. and is signed for, and on behalf of, the Committee by the chairperson of AID/WATCH.

Declaration by the chairperson of the Committee of Management of AID/WATCH Inc.

In my opinion,

- a) the attached accounts give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure during the year ended 31 December 2018 with respect to fundraising appeals;
- b) the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018 gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of AID/WATCH Inc. with respect to fundraising appeals;
- c) the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, the regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by AID/WATCH Inc.; and
- d) the internal controls exercised by AID/WATCH Inc. are as appropriate and effective as is practicable in accounting for all income received and applied by AID/WATCH Inc.

James Goodman
Chair, AID/WATCH
4 June 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT 2018

AID/WATCH remained financially stable during 2018. The organisation achieved a modest net income result of approximately \$280 in 2018. A grant from Planet Wheeler, awarded in late 2017, funded most of the organisation's activities throughout the year.

The Donations in Advance liability of approximately \$4,000 represents the unspent funds from the Planet Wheeler grant awarded in 2017. The Unspent Grant liability of approximately \$6,400 represents the unspent funds from the Grassroots Foundation grant (also known as the "Malawi" grant) awarded in 2015.

As at 31 December 2018 AidWatch held Net Assets of approximately \$12,500. The organisation remains in a financially sustainable position.

In January 2019 AidWatch was notified that it would receive a further grant of approximately \$35,500 USD from the Christensen Fund.

David McGill
Treasurer, AID/WATCH
2 June 2019

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET)

As at 31 December 2018

Accrual Basis	AUD \$ 2018	AUD \$ 2017
Assets		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
Bank Aust -Fund	8,797.97	12,005.71
Bank Aust - Grants	5,127.43	25,181.53
Bank Aust - Operating	8,264.45	5,257.68
Westpac -Cash Reserve	-	1.56
Westpac -Fund Account	525.44	192.23
Westpac -Operating Account	618.28	461.51
Total Chequing/Savings	23,333.57	43,100.22
Total Current Assets	23,333.57	43,100.22
Fixed Assets		
Equipment at cost	5,944.00	5,944.00
Equipment at cost less Acc Dep	(5,944.00)	(5,944.00)
Intangible Assets at Cost	3,000.00	3,000.00
Intangible Assets less Acc Dep	(3,000.00)	(3,000.00)
Total Fixed Assets	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	23,333.57	43,100.22
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Donations in Advance	4,014.90	24,440.00
GST Payable	-	328.00
Unspent Grant	6,430.05	6,750.05
Supplier Payables	371.00	-
Total Other Current Liabilities	10,815.95	30,862.05
Total Current Liabilities	10,815.95	30,862.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,815.95	30,862.05
NET ASSETS	12,517.62	12,238.17
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	12,238.17	10,141.84
Net Income	279.45	2,096.33
TOTAL EQUITY	12,517.62	12,238.17

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (PROFIT AND LOSS)

As at 31 December 2018

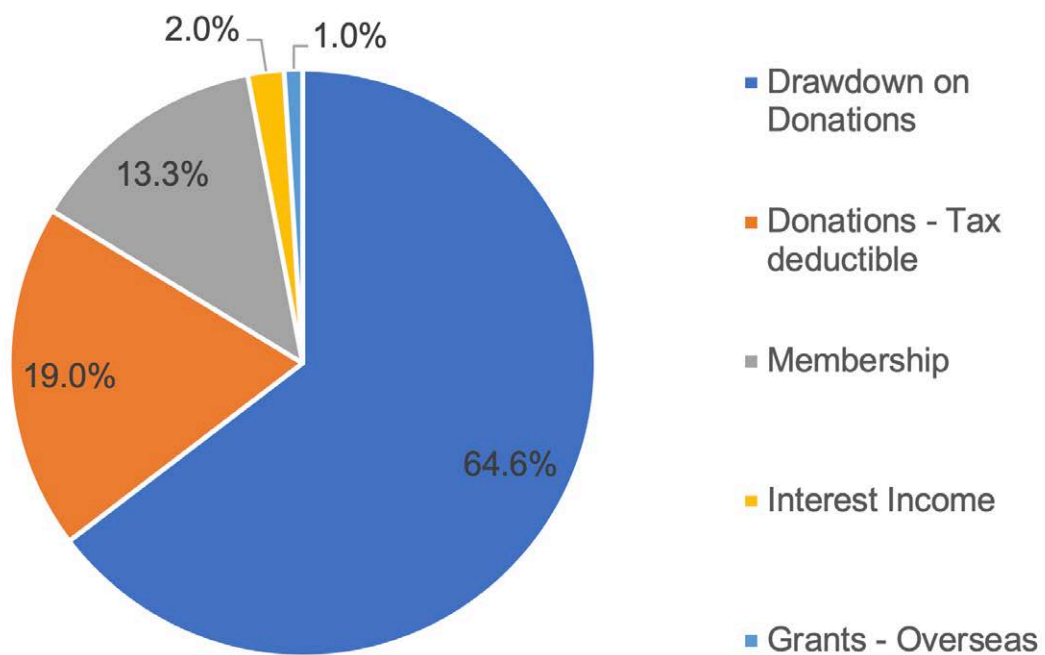
Accrual Basis

INCOME

	AUD \$ 2018	AUD \$ 2017
Drawdown on Donations	20,425.10	560.00
Donations - Tax deductible	6,015.00	12,455.00
Membership	4,205.00	1,625.60
Miscellaneous Income	3,679.95	223.10
Donations - Non Tax deductible	1,371.60	1,261.60
Interest Income	629.93	372.79
Grants - Overseas	320.00	15,956.78
Grants - Aust	-	3,000.00

TOTAL INCOME

36,646.58	35,454.87
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (PROFIT AND LOSS)

As at 31 December 2018

Accrual Basis

EXPENSES

	AUD \$ 2018	AUD \$ 2017
Grant Expenses	20,745.10	19,765.87
Contracting Expenses	13,790.00	11,650.00
Subscriptions	932.56	994.25
Business Insurance	435.00	300.00
Bank Fees	193.87	276.56
Stationery	142.60	18.93
Government Fees	128.00	44.00
Miscellaneous Office costs	-	2.99
Postage	-	167.28
Event Expenses	-	138.66

TOTAL INCOME

36,646.58 **35,454.87**

TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)

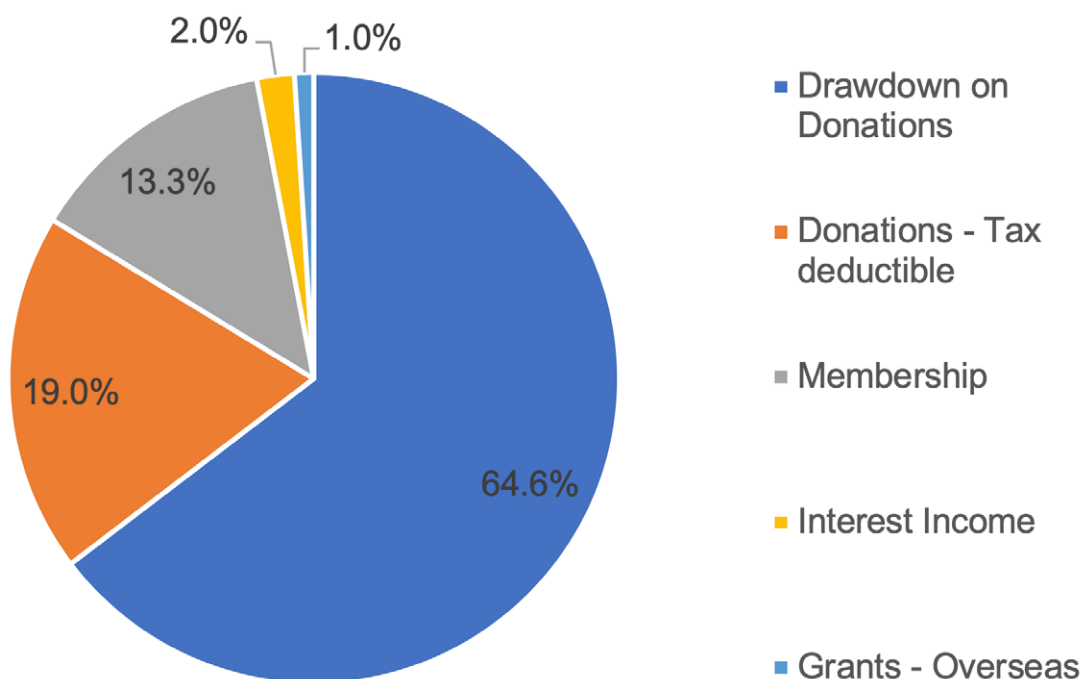
279.45 **2,096.33**

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

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TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS)

279.45 **2,096.33**





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LEFT: Keren Adams, Advocacy Director, Human Rights Law Centre, Allan Mogerema, Paga Hill youth leader, Nat Lowrey, Coordinator AID/WATCH, and Christina Hill, Jubilee Australia calling for #Justice4Paga, Melbourne, September 2018. CENTRE: AID/WATCH and Allan Mogerema met with the Australian South Sea Islanders Association to show solidarity with their ongoing campaign to be recognised in Australia, Sydney, November 2018. RIGHT: Allan Mogerema with Dr Ruth Saovana-Spriggs from the Bougainville People's Research Centre, and Dr. Luke Feltcher, Executive Director, Jubilee Australia at the Australian Corporate Accountability Network Symposium, UNSW, Sydney, November 2018.



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