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Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Alex Greenwich MP  
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Parliament of New South Wales  
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Dear Mr Greenwich

Thank you for your letter of 21 April 2017 regarding Australian aid for sexual and reproductive health and the impact of the reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy by the Government of the United States.

Australia remains committed to supporting the provision of essential sexual and reproductive health services in developing countries. The Government continues to view the protection and the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights as a priority for our foreign policy and aid program. This includes providing the same range of family planning services to women in developing countries that are available in Australia, subject to the laws of those countries.

The Australian Government is engaging with a range of stakeholders in assessing the impact of the US Government's decision to reinstate the Mexico City Policy. We continue to provide core funding to the United Nations Population Fund and International Planned Parenthood Federation. We also fund bilateral and regional programs to strengthen sexual and reproductive health services and policies including in Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, Vietnam and many Pacific island countries.

Thank you for bringing your and your community's concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julie Bishop'.

Julie Bishop

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