



CALLING

INSTRUCTIONS



The charity for girls' equality

Thank you for calling Minister Wong and Conroy's offices to talk to them about how important it is for Australia to contribute the Education Cannot Wait fund and protect every child's right to access an education.

Typically, these calls to the Minister's office are very brief. However, sometimes they do want to engage deeply with you around why you care about this issue. It is good to be prepared with:

- 1.** A brief pitch for why our government should contribute to the Education Cannot Wait fund. The script below will come in handy for this.
- 2.** Why it is important to you personally, think about why you believe we should protect every child's right to an education. The second talking point in the table below might give you some inspiration for what you might say.
- 3.** Familiarise yourself with a few key additional points in the script in case they ask you some follow-up questions, though this is unlikely to be the case.

If you are asked any questions that you don't know the answer to, please direct them to discuss this issue with Plan International Australia staff.

Though these calls are often brief, each one of them is recorded and the Minister's staff are obliged to let the Minister know that you called about this issue. This is a very powerful way to raise your voice about the issues you care about.



Call Penny Wong's Office on
(02) 6277 7500 (Ministerial Office) or
(08) 8212 8272 (Electoral Office)

Call Pat Conroy's Office on
(02) 6277 7840 (Ministerial Office) or
(02) 4947 9546 (Electoral Office)

Fill out the survey [online](#) to share with us how your conversation went so we can track our collective impact.



SCRIPT:



Hi,

My name is [YOUR NAME], I'm calling to discuss the Education Cannot Wait fund with the Minister and how Australia can play a part in supporting every child's right to an education.

As a Plan International Australia supporter, I recently learned that around the world, a shocking 222 million children are at risk of missing out on an education because of armed conflicts, forced displacement, climate-induced disasters and protracted crises.

I also learned that there exists a specific UN fund called Education Cannot Wait

(ECW) to specifically support and protect these children's right to access an education.

At the moment, ECW is calling for replenishments from governments around the world. Experts recommend Australia contribute \$24 million over three years to do our part to help ECW ensure these children can access safe, inclusive, quality education.

Will our government make a contribution to do our part in supporting every child to access an education?

Thank you,

OTHER TALKING POINTS

Talking point	Detail
ECW has had an enormous positive impact around the world since its inception in 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Supported 7 million children and adolescents to get an education across 41 countries affected by war, climate-induced disasters, and displacement- Supported 31.2 million children and adolescents through its COVID-19 emergency response, 51.8% girls- Trained almost 90,000 teachers - 57% women
Education is critical to alleviating poverty	Education is a catalytic investment when it comes to alleviating poverty. For children affected by crises, it is even more important, providing protection, normalcy and a sense of hope for their futures.
Australia's contribution to ECW is critical to its success	<p>ECW needs \$1.5 billion to ensure that 20 million children and young people affected by crises – including 12 million girls – receive an education over the next four years.</p> <p>Historically, Australia has been a strong supporter of ECW. Australia played an important role in the establishment. Our financial resources, strategic leadership and technical support helped ECW evolve into the high-impact global public good it is today. Australia's investment also sent a signal to other donors to join – in total, the fund now has 25 donors. \$24 million is a small piece of the puzzle, helping us play a role in supporting ECW's critical work.</p>



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