AusAIDâ??s Information Publication Scheme: Draft Plan & Consultation

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Introduction

â??AusAID is the Australian Governmentâ??s Agency for International Development, an executive agency within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio. Its primary role is the implementation and oversight of the Australian Government aid program. The aim of the program is to assist
developing countries reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, in line with Australiaâ??s national interest.

Reforms to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act) have established the Information Publication Scheme (IPS). The purpose of the IPS is to give the Australian community access to information held by the Australian Government and enhance and promote Australiaâ??s representative democracy by increasing public participation in government processes and increasing scrutiny, discussion, comment and review of government activities and decisions.

AusAID is committed to greater transparency through the implementation of the Information Publication Scheme (IPS) and other initiatives that will introduced. As Australiaâ??s ODA commitment has increased, public interest in the aid program has correspondingly increased and this will continue. Implementation of the IPS will provide more information to Australians about AusAIDâ??s activities and help increase public participation understanding and scrutiny of Australiaâ??s aid program.

This draft plan has been prepared to assist AusAID implement the IPS, in accordance with section 8(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 1982 and to give the Australian public the opportunity to comment and provide feedback on this plan.

As AusAIDâ??s final plan is implemented it will be progressively updated in light of experience and feedback. The list of documents that is a core part of this plan will, in particular, be amended.â?•

The consultation: Visit this AusAid website to see how to participate and to read the views of others who have already contributed.

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