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**A spokesperson for the Foreign Minister**

Australia is a partner our region can count on.

The Albanese Government is committed to supporting independent, resilient, and professional media in our region.

We have rebuilt our international development program, ensuring Australia remains a partner of choice for the countries in our region, with more than \$2.1 billion to the Pacific and \$1.28 billion to Southeast Asia.

Recognising the impact of global aid cuts, we have reprioritised our development assistance to dedicate 75 cents of every Australian development dollar to support the Indo-Pacific.