

Treatment 1 Medical national interest

Australian aid crucial to keep Australia safe from coronavirus

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Treatment 2 China

Australian aid crucial against China's coronavirus diplomacy

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Experts say the aid Australia gives to its poorer neighbours is needed to reduce China's rising influence during the global coronavirus pandemic. Dr Terence Wood from the Australian National University said, "Coronavirus is taking off in poorer countries right now. It's in Australia's strategic interest to use aid to fight the illness beyond our borders. China is using aid to extend its influence during the crisis. We need to do the same. If we don't, China's power will rise to an unprecedented level in our neighbourhood."

Treatment 3 Altruism

Australian aid crucial to fight global coronavirus calamity

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Experts say the aid Australia gives its poorer neighbours is needed to prevent suffering in these countries. Dr Terence Wood from the Australian National University said: "Coronavirus is taking off in poorer countries right now. It's important Australia uses its aid to fight the illness beyond our borders. If we don't, people will die. Globally the virus could kill millions of people. Its economic costs may push hundreds of millions into extreme poverty. It will be a calamity for our poorer neighbours too."