

Gauging change in Australian aid - new journal article

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Slowly but surely, the post-2013 changes to Australian aid have begun to attract academic interest. As of late last year, three journal articles [had been published](#) looking at the changes and seeking to explain them or to put them into context. Camilla Burkot, Stephen Howes and I have just added our own contribution with an article in *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies*. You can access the article (open access) [here](#). You can read our APPS Policy Forum summary of it [here](#).

In the paper we draw on data from the 2013 and 2015 [Australian Aid Stakeholder Surveys](#) to examine just how significant the post-2013 changes were. The significance of the changes is something that the other academic authors who have written on them to date have differing opinions on. Drawing upon the detailed data of the Stakeholder Surveys, we're able to offer a clear conclusion: the impacts were major, although not all aspects of Australian aid have been affected equally.

In the article we also look at recent empirical approaches to studying aid change, and assess the relative pros and cons of the different methods in use. Remember, in the case of the Stakeholder Survey data, all of the quantitative survey data are [available online](#) for you to make use of.

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