Why are Queenslanders against increasing the aid budget?

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Here’s a screenshot from the ABC’s Vote Compass survey results with a state and territory breakdown of the top twenty electorates where voters are most at odds with each other over prominent issues in the upcoming election.

All the seats most opposed to an increase in foreign aid are in Queensland, and not just in the far north. Queenslanders seem to have different views on other issues as well, but are the Queensland floods (and the campaign to divert aid to fund flood relief and reconstruction) an issue?

The ABC survey is not random (you opt in here), but there are over 400,000 participants.
Australia should spend more on foreign aid.

Seats least in favour of this statement (relative to other electorates)
1. Hinkler (QLD)
2. Flynn (QLD)
3. Kennedy (QLD)
4. Forde (QLD)
5. Maranoa (QLD)
6. Fadden (QLD)
7. Capricornia (QLD)
8. Dawson (QLD)
9. Longman (QLD)
10. Wright (QLD)

Seats most in favour of this statement (relative to other electorates)
1. Batman (VIC)
2. Grayndler (NSW)
3. Wills (VIC)
4. Melbourne (VIC)
5. Sydney (NSW)
6. Kooyong (VIC)
7. Gellibrand (VIC)
8. Denison (TAS)
9. Melbourne Ports (VIC)
10. Higgins (VIC)
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