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**Global Goals reach pockets of every federal politician**

Advocacy group, Global Goals Australia Campaign has sent all Australian federal politicians copies of their Global Goals pocket reference guide to the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development to which Australia became a signatory at the United Nations General Assembly last year.

“All candidates in this year’s federal election are going to be asked for their commitment to the Global Goals, so we want to make sure every sitting and intending MP and Senator is completely up to speed with them,” said Global Goals Australia CEO, Caterina Sullivan.

“It has been disappointing that the Global Goals have not been an integral part of the political discourse since they were signed by Foreign Minister Julie Bishop in September 2015,” she said.

The Global Goals Australia Campaign has activated a website containing in-depth information on the Global Goals and issued a call to all Australians to become involved and active in ensuring the 17 goals are addressed and achieved by their 2030 deadline.

According to Caterina Sullivan, there is an unfortunate belief in Australia, at all three levels of government, that the Global Goals relate primarily to developing countries. However, there are areas of the 169 targets for the goals, according to the Global Goals Australia Campaign, where Australia is nowhere near achieving.

“We are talking to politicians at federal, state and local government level to have the Global Goals embedded in all their strategic and forward planning; this will allow progress in achieving the goals to be both transparent and accountable,” Ms Sullivan said, adding, “we have met some bureaucratic resistance, but we are slowly winning.”

“Australia cannot sign up for these type of international obligations and then carry on as though they do not apply to us. The future of our planet, our children and our grandchildren are at stake here,” Ms Sullivan said.

The Global Goals Australia Campaign is partnering with other international and Australian NGOs to broaden the reach of their campaign.

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