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Australian aid

AUSTRALIA is giving \$172,454 in assistance to help in cyclone rehabilitation work. Australian Foreign Minister Stephen Smith said Canberra was concerned for the welfare of those affected by Cyclone Mick, and would offer the appropriate assistance through UNICEF, Fiji Red Cross Society and National Disaster Management Office. "This funding will provide for the immediate distribution and replenishment of relief and sanitation supplies, and to help conduct damage assessments," Mr Smith said.