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THE HON JULIE BISHOP MP

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Dr Dennis Jensen MP
Chair
Standing Committee on Petitions
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2015 regarding a petition on Papua submitted to the Standing Committee on Petitions.

Australia has long recognised Indonesia's sovereignty over the Papua provinces. This is a bipartisan position, underlined by the 2006 Lombok Treaty between Australia and Indonesia. Indonesian sovereignty is widely recognised by the international community. The Australian Government has no plans to revisit the issue of Indonesian sovereignty over the Papua provinces in the United Nations or any other forum.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julie Bishop'.

Julie Bishop

29 JUN 2015

