



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

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Dr Christopher Ward
Barrister-at-law
5th Floor Wentworth Chambers
180 Phillip Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Dr Ward

I have been advised of your concern that you have been incorrectly identified as being 'of Deacons Lawyers' in Report 49 of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties relating to the Timor Sea Treaty.

You were associated with Deacons because of your appearance in response to the Committee's invitation to Deacons to provide evidence at a public hearing. It is normal Committee practice to assume that a witness appearing in response to an invitation to a particular organisation is identified with that organisation.

On behalf of the Committee I apologise for any embarrassment or inconvenience that this may have caused you.

Yours sincerely



JULIE BISHOP MP

Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties