

Timor Sea Treaty

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Dear Ms Bishop MP

I am writing to you urging you to ensure that ratification of the Timor Sea Treaty is accompanied by public commitments to the measures that have already been outlined.

The failure to unlock the resources of the Timor Sea for the full benefit of East Timor may have significant consequences for long term human development, economic self-reliance and stability in East Timor. Revenues from Oil and Natural Gas currently represent East Timor's greatest hope for meeting the people's basic needs, including economic development, health and education. In contrast Australia is already well endowed with natural, mineral and petroleum resources and wealth. The people of East Timor as a new nation deserve the opportunity to pursue their desire to define their sovereign boundaries and secure their place in the world.

Your respectfully
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