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The Secretary Joint Standing Committee on Treaties Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Submission on Australian-Indonesian Treaty

Dear Committee Member

Please read the attached information and view the enclosed DVD of television commercials that have begun running on Australian television and which will run shortly overseas.

The Australian Government's conduct has been appallingly bad with regard to West Papua. The Australian people will be dissatisfied if they become aware of our past government's actions.

As an Australian citizen I want to see:

1) Human Rights monitoring and

2) free access for journalists

added to the treaty so as to provide some recompense for our past bad government decisions and conduct.

If this is not actively pursued by the Howard Government a blunt advertising campaign against our government for its failure to pursue Human Rights will occur. This will highlight our past appalling conduct. This may then be mixed with other issues so as to increase the public's level of dissatisfaction with the Howard Government.

Please read the attached information carefully and watch the DVD commercials and advise of any matters with which you disagree or do not understand. Please contact me for any further details you require on my mobile or at my email address.

Yours faithfully

Ian Melrose

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