

Timor Sea Treaty
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Dear Hon Bishop

I am very happy with the way Australia eventually assisted the East Timorese people gain their independence.

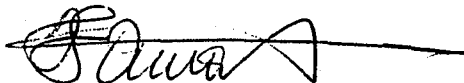
Similarly to what has been done so far, I believe we now have the obligation and role in ensuring the economic survival of this new country and our closest neighbour.

In regards to this, I would like to see Australia return to the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea, in order to once and for all solve the boundary dispute presently affecting the sharing of resources between Australia and east Timor.

A significant benefit of sharing the resources in accordance with a median or equidistant line is that in the future, East Timor will be able to rely less on assistance from Australia and other countries. A truly independent and free East Timor can only be good for Australia and its people.

Hoping that the above will be considered in any policy in relation to the issue of boundaries.

Yours sincerely



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