

# Critics concerned about viability of Timor Leste oil project

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Next month Timor Leste and Australia are set to ratify the maritime treaty that will give Timor the lion's share of royalties from the Timor Sea, including the undeveloped Greater Sunrise field.

In anticipation, the tiny nation is pouring billions of dollars into infrastructure – to pipe oil and gas to its south coast, to process onshore.

But critics say the project is unviable, and if it fails could send Timor Leste bankrupt.

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