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Mr. Paul McMahon,

Thank you for your attention.

My address is: 9, Bathurst Street, Woodleigh Gardens-Leanyer, N.T. 0812

My regards  
John Severino

Dear Sirs,

I saw in newspaper some advertising from Parliament of Australia about Inquiry into the Timor Sea Treaty and ask for comments. I can't believe that the Parliament of Australia could agree with this Treaty. Australia is one of the best country in the world and has a very serious image.

This Treaty cannot to be ratified by the Australian people representatives.

This Treaty is not serious.

East Timor is a new country without definite maritime boundaries and first of all need to seek maritime boundary agreements with both Indonesia and Australia. Only after that can think about oil and natural gas exploration. The eminent specialist in the field of public international law, Professor Vaughan Lowe of Oxford University already proved that East Timor maritime boundaries including the reserves of Greater Sunrise, Laminaria/Corralina and Bayu-Undan.

The Timor Gap Treaty is absolutely illegal and was signed on the back of Australian and Timorese people. There are many questions that have not yet been clearly answered, and many matters insufficiently explained. A number of East Timor's leaders have long been aware of the unjust nature of the east-west boundaries of the Timor Gap.

The Parliament of Australia cannot be allowed to undermine the new country's future, only to protect the interesting of Philips Petroleum or other oil and gas companies.

The people of Australia is not corrupt. And our representatives cannot stay in History with a black stain.

Sincerely  
John Severino