

STOP STEALING EAST TIMOR'S OIL: COMMUNITY DELEGATION TRAVELS TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE WITH CLEAR MESSAGE FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

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Fair minded Australians from Timor Sea Justice Campaign groups from around the country will this week gather in Canberra to hold a protest in the capital city and meet with politicians.

Media Alert: Protest outside of Parliament House at 12 midday, Wednesday 14 June 2017.

Speakers will include:

- **Mr Bernard Collaery, human rights lawyer**
- **Senator Claire Moore, ALP Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific**
- **Senator Scott Ludlam, Greens spokesperson on international relations**
- **Senator Nick Xenophon, leader of the Nick Xenophon team**

Media Release:

Fair minded Australians from around the country will this week gather in Canberra to hold a protest in the capital city and meet with politicians. Peter Job, one of the organisers from the Timor Sea Justice Campaign said the national community delegation was standing up for the Australian notion of a fair go.

"The Australian Government has bullied East Timor out of billions of dollars worth of oil and gas. It's got to stop. It's well and truly time to set some permanent maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea in keeping with international law so that the Timorese can benefit from their own natural resources," said Mr Job.

The governments of East Timor and Australia are currently in negotiations after the Timorese initiated a 'compulsory conciliation' process at the United Nations which has never been used before and only exists for disputes where one country (in this case Australia) has refused to listen to the independent umpire.

"Australians believe in the fair go and treating your neighbours with respect, but our Government seems more interested in ripping them off. The Timorese aren't asking for any favours, they just want what is theirs under international law," said Mr Job.

In 2002, just two months before East Timor became an independent nation, the Australian Government withdrew its recognition of the maritime boundary jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice. In the years that followed it then refused to set permanent boundaries and instead jostled Timor in a series of dodgy oil sharing deals that short-changed the tiny nation out of billions of dollars.

"Once again its fallen to the Australian people to make sure our Government stops doing the wrong thing by East Timor. The good news is there's a solution to all this under international law – just draw a line half way between to two coastlines. Fair's fair, if an oil field is closer to Timor well then it's theirs. It's not rocket science," said Mr Job.

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