Submission to

The Joint Standing Committee on Treaties Inquiry

cconcerning

Certain Maritime Arrangements – Timor Leste

Marian Lester
Regarding: ‘The consequences of termination of the Treaty between Australia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea’

- I applaud my Government, the Government of Australia, for its commitment to negotiate with the Government of the DRTL in this regard.
- I ask my Government, the Government of Australia, to respect International Law and to abide by any decisions or ruling made in the UN Compulsory Conciliation process.
- I believe in and support the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in securing their sovereign rights over (their land and) maritime borders. It is imperative that a Nation has sovereign rights over their borders. I feel it is especially important for DRTL, given the recent history of bloody warfare to gain Independence.
- I am dismayed that my Government, the Government of Australia is obstructing DRTL exercising its sovereign rights over their maritime borders.
- I beseech my Government, the Australian Government, to use this opportunity to use the median line as the right and proper Sea Border with DRTL.

I make this submission with the utmost respect,
Marian Lester