Dear Julie Bishop,

I am writing to raise my concerns about Australia not having the best long term solution over the Timor Gap dispute. The Treaty (May 2002) is not a long term sustainable treaty and may cause trouble with our neighbour in a recent future. Australia needs a viable East Timor as a neighbour. For this, the ratification of this treaty must be accompanied of:

+ Recognising its international legal obligation to engage with East Timor in "good faith" towards the achievement of permanent maritime boundaries.
+ Establishing a time frame, not exceeding 5 years, in which boundaries will be settled.
+ Declaring the centrality of the Treaty's 'without prejudice' clause and acknowledging that the Treaty's arrangements are provisional only.
+ Declaring that the Treaty does not inhibit the extent of East Timor's maritime claims.
+ Confirming that, consistent with Article 11 of the Treaty, Australia will prioritise "training and employment opportunities for East Timorese nationals and residents."
+ Ensuring that Production Sharing contracts include provisions that prioritise East Timorese interests, in particular capacity building measures.
+ Immediately reinstate its adherence to the dispute settlement mechanisms of the ICJ and UNCLOS.

I am convinced that you will take the appropriate action that your position allows.

Wishing the best long term outcome in this matter,
Best regards,
Jordi