Dear Mr Bishop Mq,

I am writing to you urging you to ensure that ratification of the Timor Sea Treaty is accompanied by public commitment to the measures that have already been outlined. The failure to undertake the resource of the Timor Sea for the full benefit of East Timor may have significant consequences for long term human development, economic self reliance and stability in East Timor. Revenues from oil and natural gas currently represent East Timor's greatest hope for meeting the people basic needs, including economic development, health and education. In contrast, Australia is already well endowed with natural mineral and petroleum resources and wealth. The impact of East Timor in a New Nation should be the opportunity to future their elected to realign their foreign boundaries and secure their place in the world.

Yours faithfully,

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