

**Worthington, Glenn (REPS)**

**From:** Gould, Gillian (REPS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 September 2002 10:39 AM  
**To:** Worthington, Glenn (REPS)  
**Subject:** FW: Timor gap treaty

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From: Bishop, Julie (MP)  
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2002 10:49 AM  
To: Gould, Gillian (REPS)  
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From: Heather Smith [mailto:elephantstamp@access.net.au]  
Sent: Monday, 9 September 2002 8:54 PM  
To: The Hon. Julie bishop MP  
Subject: Timor gap treaty

Dear Ms Bishop,

I strongly object to the Australian Government seeking to unjustly appropriate East Timorese resources held in the Greater Sunrise<sup>1</sup> gas field.

Australia, in violation of the International Court of Justice preferred establishment of marine boundaries by lines of equidistance<sup>1</sup>, seeks to claim 80% ownership of this extremely lucrative resource.

In an act hostile to East Timor, Australia has withdrawn from dispute settlement procedures offered by the ICJ.

I am deeply ashamed that this wealthy and resource rich country is planning to unjustly and illegally acquire natural resources rightly belonging to, and essential to the survival of East Timor.

Further to this injustice, the agreement proposed by Australia fails to offer the East Timorese any participation in the lucrative upstream<sup>1</sup> and downstream<sup>1</sup> benefits of the development of this project. Also missing is any mention of training or employment opportunities offered to the East Timorese people via participation in the project.

I urge that you seek Australia's<sup>1</sup> immediate reinstatement to the dispute settlement mechanisms of the ICJ and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

I further urge you to ensure that Australia ceases to exploit East Timor's<sup>1</sup> position of vulnerability because of the destruction and killings inflicted by the Indonesians in its struggle for independence.

I await your reply,

Yours Sincerely,

Don Stokes

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