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**Mr Joao Pequinho**  
**Director**  
**Forum Tau Matan**  
**Dili, Timor-Leste**

**7 June 2005**

Dear Mr Pequinho

I write with reference to the Australian Government's Human Rights Small Grants Scheme.

I regret to inform you that Australia is unable to provide support for your project 'Human Rights Monitoring and Dissemination Information, and Human Rights Popular Education in the Development of Timor Leste's Justice System.'

In the past few months there have been a number of significant developments in the Australian development cooperation program with Timor-Leste. Australia's Country Strategy for Timor-Leste is now nearly finalised. In this context, we have been reviewing the ways in which we engage with NGOs in different sectors.

I apologise for the uncertainty on this matter in the last few months.

Yours sincerely

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Peter Ellis  
Counsellor (Development Cooperation)