

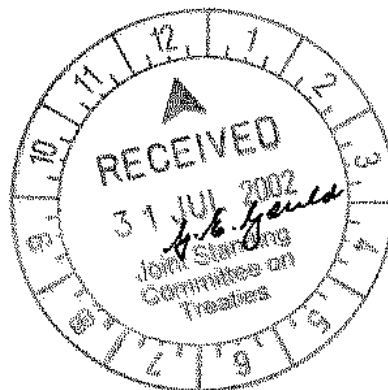
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Dear Ms McInnis

RE: TREATY ACTIONS – INVITATION FOR INPUT

Thank you for your letter dated 3 July 2002 regarding the above matter.

Nexen operates a marginal oilfield, Buffalo, in WA-19-L, in the Timor Sea which has a remaining expected economic life of 24-30 months. Any changes to fiscal regime could adversely impact the continued operation of the field, and resultant benefits to the people and Government of Australia.

Nexen Petroleum Australia Pty Limited would like to see the treaty ratified between the Government of Australia and the Government of East Timor, and the respective jurisdictional boundaries to remain the same.

Yours faithfully


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