

Annex 10:
Letter from Australia to the Commission of 22 September 2016



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Dear Mr Schofield

***Conciliation Proceedings under Article 298 and Annex V of UNCLOS (PCA Case No. 2016-10)
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and Commonwealth of Australia***

I refer to your letter of 19 September 2016, inviting Australia to indicate whether it considers necessary any redaction of the Commission's Decision on Competence in the abovementioned proceedings.

Having carefully reviewed the Decision, Australia does not seek any redaction of the Decision and approves the release of paragraphs 52 and 53.

I would be grateful if you would convey this letter to the Chairman and members of the Conciliation Commission. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Agent and Deputy Agent for Timor-Leste.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Reid'.

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