

183 Gertrude Street,
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9 March 1983

Dear

This year, 1983, will be a crucial year for the future of East Timor as an international issue.

The election of a Labor Government offers a good chance, but not a guarantee, of a significant change in Australian policy on East Timor at both bilateral and international levels.

Media interest in the A.L.P. policy before and after the election indicates that the new government's actions will be closely scrutinized. No doubt the 'uncritical ties with Jakarta' lobby in Foreign Affairs and Defence and sections of the media and academia will have already begun approaches to weaken the policy.

We are proposing that an urgent meeting of interested individuals and organisations be held to discuss activities in defence of East Timor for 1983 - in particular, how to support and strengthen the new Government's East Timor policy.

The meeting will be held at:

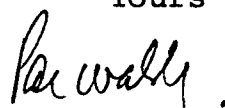
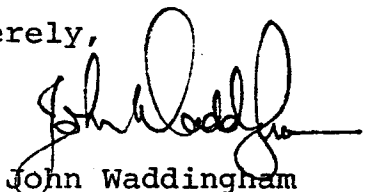
Action for World Development office,
1st floor, 183 Gertrude Street,
Fitzroy. Vic.

(corner of George & Gertrude Streets - entrance
in George St behind fast-food shop)

Date: Saturday - 19 March. Time: 2:00 pm

We realise that notice is short - but the urgency is unquestionable. If you are unable to attend, we would be grateful if you could still give the topic some thought and communicate with us before the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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