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Dear Politician Title and Name,

I am writing to you as my local politician to express my concern about the situation in West Papua and the deeply disturbing human rights abuses that are being carried out there.

As a country with great pride in our respect for human rights, we cannot continue to turn a blind eye to the clear and well documented violations that continue in the region on a daily basis. The Government needs to fulfil its obligations by sending a clear message that this is unacceptable.

Recently, Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu publically renewed his call for the UN Secretary General to investigate the UN’s conduct in relation to the now discredited 1969 ‘Act of Free Choice’, where a handpicked group of 1,022 West Papuans were coerced, under threat of violence, into voting unanimously for integration with Indonesia.

Since this ‘sham vote’ it is estimated that as many as 500,000 Papuans have been killed at the hands of Indonesian security forces. Yale and Sydney Universities report that the situation is effectively a genocide against the indigenous population. Papuan activists campaigning for self-determination are also routinely arrested and jailed for peacefully expressing their political opinions.

As my elected representative, I am trusting you to voice my concerns on this matter and to make sure that you are informed on the issue.

I would also urge you to add your name to the International Parliamentarians for West Papua (IPWP), where your signature simply acknowledges the inalienable right of the people of West Papua to determine their own future through a free and fair referendum.

[www.ipwp.org](http://www.ipwp.org)

I look forward to hearing your response on this matter and discussing these concerns further.

Sincerely,