



AUSTRALIAN GREENS RESOLUTION

West Papua

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Principles

The Australian Greens believe that:

1. The indigenous people of West Papua should have the opportunity to decide democratically their own future in accordance with international standards of human rights and the principles of international law.
2. The process of colonisation of West Papua by Indonesia via the 1969 'Act of Free Choice' was conducted without qualification of whether it was an act of "self-determination" as referred to and described in United Nations General Assembly resolutions.
3. The ongoing threats, violence and persecution experienced by indigenous West Papuans, perpetrated by Indonesian police and military forces, are grave abuses of human rights, which indicates the lack of oversight and control of police and military forces by the Indonesian civilian government.

Goals

The Australian Greens will work for:

4. The establishment of a peaceful dialogue between the indigenous West Papuan people and the government of Indonesia.
5. The freedom for West Papuans to express their political views without fear of persecution.
6. An opportunity for the indigenous West Papuan people to participate in a free, democratic process to decide their own future.

Short-Term Targets

The Australian Greens call for:

7. The lifting of restrictions that prevent open access to human rights monitors and journalists to West Papua.
8. Full transparency of Australian funded training of Indonesian military units and suspension of any funding for units found to be involved in human rights abuses.
9. The release of prisoners of conscience imprisoned solely for the peaceful and legitimate exercise of their right to freedom of expression.
10. An immediate improvement of human rights and labour conditions, including an end to abuses by police and military, of workers at the Freeport mine and other enterprises operating in West Papua.

11. Increased regulation and accountability of mining and logging operations in West Papua in order to reduce environmental damage and impact on local communities.

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