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Dear Ms Burmeister,

I was given your name by Chris Barnes whom I met at an Australian Indonesian Business Council gathering in Sydney.

I should explain the basis of my interest in Indonesia comes from wearing two very different hats. I will explain perhaps the more interesting side first.

Although I am a Senior Counsel in private practice at the NSW Bar, I do quite a lot of work as a freelance photographer and writer travelling throughout Asia but particularly in Indonesia. In the past several years I have had many articles published about Indonesia (principally), Bhutan, Mongolia, and India in airline magazines for Garuda, Silk Air and Lion Air in Indonesia, as well as in Asian Geographic. I also do some photographic work for World Expeditions. My particular interest is in more remote and exotic places and cultures. All of my work in this regard has involved me both taking the photographs and writing the stories about unique places with a strong traditional culture. The topics are very diverse ranging from simple travel stories to culturally sensitive stories about Ramadhan or more bizarre subjects like traditional Bugis transvestites (Bissu) in Sulawesi or the Pasola ritual war in Sumba..

I have travelled very expensively throughout Indonesia (especially remote parts) from Aceh to Papua. I am fully aware of the great cultural differences between a Batak, a Bugis, a Sundanese and a Balinese. I have held an Indonesian business visa for several years and have visited the country over 50 times. I speak some Indonesian (not well), and putting it simply, I have pretty good understanding of the cultures of much of the country, not just Jakarta and/or Bali.

My far less interesting side is best covered with a brief CV – set out below. I will explain the connection (as I see it) at the end of this email

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***Date of admission to NSW Bar:*** *25 July 1977*

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### ***Brief Summary of Practice as a Barrister:***

*1977 - 1985 Practice predominately commercial litigation, contractual disputes, administrative law and common law.*

*1985 - 1992 Practice encompassed all of the above areas with greater emphasis on common law trials, particularly jury trials in the Supreme Court, medical negligence and public liability trials, major inquests (including for e.g. the Brooklyn train crash), and occupational health and safety matters.*

*March - December 1991 Counsel assisting the Royal Commission into the Building Industry held by R V Gyles QC (as he then was).*

*1992 - 1998 Common law and commercial practice as set out above with a greater emphasis on jury trials, building disputes, including arbitrations, inquests, workplace accident prosecutions, disciplinary work for legal practitioners, contract and*

*commercial cases as well as a substantial common law practice in regional areas – notably Newcastle, Taree, Port Macquarie and Dubbo.*

*1998 - 2009 Practice as Senior Counsel involved appellate advocacy, commercial litigation, mediation and arbitration, major inquests (most recently the Kovco and Iredale Inquests) and the conduct of common law cases involving particularly product liability cases, medical negligence cases, matters in the DDT, appearing for barristers in disciplinary matters on instructions from insurers such as Willis.*

*Accredited Mediator – appointed as the mediator in many cases in areas of commercial law, medical negligence, product liability and personal injury matters.*

*2003 - 2004 Chairman of Maurice Byers Chambers.*

#### ***Additional Legal and Non-Legal Activities***

*I have served on NSW Bar Association committees over many years with particular emphasis on Alternative Dispute Resolution and mediation. I am currently on the ADR committee of the NSW Bar. I frequently lecture and give papers on numerous topics associated with my practice. I lecture the NSW Bar Readers Course, various firms of solicitors, at CLE seminars arranged by the NSW Bar, Maurice Byers Chambers and at international conferences, including the Inter-Pacific Bar Association conferences in April 2008 in Los Angeles, USA and in May 2009 in Manila. At the Asian Mediation Conference in Singapore in June 2009 I wrote the script for and participated in a mock mediation with a number of eminent Singapore lawyers (including four Senior Counsel) as a plenary session. I also gave a paper on mediation of medical negligence matters at the same conference. I am actively involved in the promotion of ADR in South East Asia, particularly in Indonesia.*

*In my spare time, I have travelled very extensively on many occasions in Asia over many years – from Central Asia across the length of the Himalaya and Karakorum from Pakistan to India, Nepal and Bhutan, China and much of south east Asia. I write articles and photograph with particular emphasis on the people and cultures of remote Asia for various magazines, from airline magazines to more serious cultural publications like Asian Geographic. My photographic work has taken me on assignments, been the subject of exhibitions and has been extensively used by travel companies such as World Expeditions and charities and NGOs such as USAID and Youth off the Streets.*

To get to the point of this email, Chris told me about the trade agreement being negotiated with Indonesia. As you can see from my CV, I have a particular interest and considerable practical experience in dispute resolution and mediation, particularly in an Asian (and Indonesian) context. I would think that given a number of issues with respect to the Indonesian legal system (of which we are well aware) an effective dispute resolution procedure written into the agreements would make trade far more attractive to both Indonesian and Australians wishing to do business together. As you are no doubt aware, some of the difficulties with the Indonesian legal system - not just corruption but also entrenched inefficiencies and difficulties with enforceability – are of as much concern to many Indonesian as they are to foreigners.

I do not wish to be immodest but I have a unique perspective due to my on the ground knowledge of Indonesia, its people and culture, on the one hand and my professional career which is now very much focussed on alternative dispute resolution. I would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss whether I could have some input into what Chris tells me is presently happening between the two countries.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

**Campbell Bridge SC**

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