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Re: Indonesia/Australia Free Trade Agreement Feasibility Study

The following confirm my comments re the above after our recent meeting at the DFAT Offices in Perth.

My firm has had a long association in trading with Indonesia and I, personally, have been part of the Australia/Indonesia. Working Group for Food and Agriculture. My experience with my customers, government officials and Ministers has been very pleasant and profitable.

The religious and political differences have never presented a problem unlike some other overseas countries.

My interests with Indonesia are mainly horticulture and forestry particularly now they propose to plant 79 million trees, for carbon credits, to re-afforest large areas that have been burnting out.

We have never given credit to Indonesia but nor have we to any other overseas country, It is not the firm's policy. As long as Canberra is satisfied as the financial stability and the present situation in the USA proves merely a "hiccup". we see no impediment to megatiation a Free Trade Agreement.

It was a pleasure to have met the team from Camberra in Perth recently.

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