

Memorandum of Understanding

The Cities of Moreland and Hume through their local governments recognise the CNRT (National Council of Timorese Resistance) as representative of the East Timorese people and acknowledge UNTAET (United Nations Transitional Administration of East Timor) as the interim governing authority of East Timor under the United Nations mandate on behalf of the people of East Timor.

The people of Moreland and Hume and the people of Aileu agree to enter into a Friendship City relationship to assist the rebuilding of Aileu and the restoration of local democracy. The friendship between Moreland, Hume and Aileu is based on respect for local decision-making and local autonomy. Moreland and Hume recognise the need for long-term and short-term assistance for the community of Aileu.

Moreland and Hume will work to facilitate and obtain resources for agreed projects within Aileu. Moreland and Hume will liaise with the leadership of the CNRT to reach agreement on projects. Moreland and Hume will liaise with UNTAET in Aileu to ensure coordination.

The CNRT in Aileu will ensure that its community is consulted and informed on projects. The CNRT will acknowledge Moreland and Hume's support for agreed projects. The CNRT will from time to time as agreed, provide documentation on projects.

Upon election of the local government of Aileu, Moreland and Hume will renegotiate this agreement with the elected local government of Aileu.

Dated this 4th day of May 2000

Xanana Gusmão
President
CNRT



Cr Stella Kariofyllidis
Mayor
Moreland City Council



Cr Gary Jungwirth
Mayor
Hume City Council

