



Speech by  
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**Mr BEANLAND** (Indooroopilly—LP) (4.53 p.m.): On behalf of the Opposition, I rise to support the motion before the Parliament. I believe it is self-explanatory. Not only all Queenslanders but all Australians would be aware of the atrocities that have occurred in East Timor in recent decades. We all wish our peacekeepers well over this Christmas and New Year period when they will be on duty in a dangerous situation.

Our congratulations go to the Australian troops and other members of the Australian Defence Forces who have gone forward to restore peace and what we hope are human rights and justice in East Timor. Many people said that it could not be done, but it has been done. As Australians, we can be proud of that. This motion offers support to the United Nations. We are sending forward a very clear message that we want our forces, under the auspices of the United Nations, to restore human rights in East Timor.

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