



# Free West Papua Campaign

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Dear MP/MSP,

I'd like to introduce you to the Free West Papua Campaign ([www.freewestpapua.org](http://www.freewestpapua.org)) and appeal for your support towards gaining self-determination for the people of West Papua.

For more than 50 years, West Papuan people have suffered a creeping genocide under a repressive Indonesian military occupation that is estimated to have claimed 500,000 West Papuan lives.

Your support now would be especially pertinent because later this week the Melanesian Spearhead Group (The MSG is a Pacific regional trade and cultural body) will decide whether to invite West Papua to become a member.

This meeting is a critical opportunity to give West Papuans a voice, and to allow them to take their rightful place in the Melanesian family.

Your diplomatic weight can help us make the final case for our membership by writing to the MSG leaders directly urging them to support West Papua. To assist with this process please find below a sample letter which you may wish to tailor accordingly.

The necessary electronic addresses for the MSG Leaders are also below and please do blind copy us ([office@freewestpapua.org](mailto:office@freewestpapua.org)) to the email.

Many thanks in advance for your support. With the MSG meeting convening in The Solomon Islands on 18 June, time is short.

## **Lend your diplomatic weight to support West Papua**

The International Parliamentarians for West Papua (IPWP) is a cross-party group of politicians from around the world supporting self-determination for the people of West Papua. IPWP was launched in the Houses of Parliament, London on 15th October 2008. I helped to establish the group, and it is co-chaired by the British politicians Andrew Smith and Lord Harries. Andrew Smith was also Chairman of the British All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for West Papua.

The goal of IPWP is to develop international parliamentary support and awareness for the West Papuan civil society movement, the illegality of the 1969 Act of Free Choice (the bogus referendum), and to highlight the inalienable right of the people of West Papua to determine their own future through a free and fair referendum. The IPWP takes as its model a similar group that helped lead the independence movement of East Timor.

If you would like to join the IPWP please see [www.ipwp.org](http://www.ipwp.org) for more information and to add your signature. A list of current and former incumbent members can be found at: <http://ipwp.org/parliamentarians/>

If you would like to consider joining the APPG on West Papua then please get in touch for more information on how and when we hope to reconvene.

Thank you for considering these requests at a particularly critical time in West Papua's history. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benny Wenda', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Benny Wenda

West Papuan representative twice nominated for the Nobel peace prize

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**Sample Letter to MSG leaders:**

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you in my capacity as an elected Member of Parliament. I wish to urge you to support the United Liberation Movement for West Papua's (ULMWP) application for full membership of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) when the matter is formally considered by you and your fellow Melanesian Leaders in Honiara later this month.

As the ULMWP have made clear, West Papua's request for MSG membership is grounded firmly in the group's founding principles: respect for and promotion of Melanesian cultures, traditions and values, the inalienable human rights of the indigenous peoples of Melanesia, and most of all, the spirit of Melanesian solidarity.

Despite this, I am deeply concerned that in recent weeks peaceful demonstrations of support throughout West Papua have been broken up, people imprisoned, and some beaten and tortured by the security forces. Worryingly many people remain in detention. This is part of the ongoing brutal oppression that West Papuans live under every day.

This month's meeting is a critical opportunity for Melanesia's Leaders to finally give the West Papuan people a voice, and to allow them to take their rightful place in the Melanesian family. I urge you to stand with your Melanesian brothers and sisters in West Papua.

Yours sincerely,

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