

13:56 From NAB *G'day everyone from Maratua island in East Kalimantan boundary to the Philippines. Since my connection is not good it is going to be cut every now and then.*

13:58 From Catherine Delahunty *Greetings from West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) and thanks for hosting this event.*

13:59 From Ross Himona *Kia ora Catherine.*

14:00 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) *Kia ora Ross Ngā mihi*

14:04 From Tim Howard *Kia ora people. Tim Howard here, from Whangarei, in the country of Te Parawhau, Aotearoa.*

14:17 From Natalie Davey *Wominjeka everyone-Natalie Davey here from Boonwurrung Country- great to be here with you all.*

14:19 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) *I would like to hear the word colonisation used directly as a now issue not just human rights.*

14:20 From Tim Howard *Agreed. Colonisation is not an event but an ongoing structure and process (quoting Moana Jackson) ... and a violent process at that.*

14:23 From David Bridie *Such strong words from the younger ones. Brilliant.*

14:23 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) *I don't think anyone would deny the value of dialogue but clearly the starting point must be issues of independence and genocide would be named by Australia- or my Govt in NZ -instead collusion and failure to act.*

14:25 From Joey Jezuino *Halo....*

14:26 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) *next generation will not accept appeasement/ excellent*

14:28 From Joey Jezuino *I am from Timor-Leste will support the freedom among the fellow human being which we all see that many Papuan have been killing for decades and there must consider as genocide.*

14:29 From NAB *Nur Al Barokah, original from West Papua, Maratua island East*

*Kalimantan, been invited by Louise*

14:36 From Tim Howard *'Geopolitical realities' - the tough situation West Papua is in, in the face of Indonesian right - are not the only reality. That West Papuans speak out should not be underestimated - indeed, for survival, it is the only choice. Ross Himona must not be speaking in support of the realities of power. Even his own people in Aotearoa say stand up, speak, act against colonisation, and are making gains*

14:38 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) *Aotearoa would not be nuclear free if we had bowed to "geopolitical reality " and there are many examples of anti-colonisation activism moving positions towards justice / the " diplomatic realism " turns into business as usual / we can and must do better - without the action of West Papuans to stand up for their freedom nothing would be done!*

14:39 From Billee McGinley *Australia would be in a much safer position geopolitically and economically if it adopted a independent foreign policy and aligned its self more with resource rich Melanesia and the Pacific. Australia needs to move in that direction, untangle itself from the US and Indonesia, and we need to take West Papua with us.*

14:40 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) *Yes Billee and Aotearoa needs to do the same.*

14:40 From Dr Helen M. Hill *Greetings everyone from Dili, Timor-Leste, great to see Moris speaking who was a fellow student with some Timorese and West Papuans at Victoria University many years ago! Congratulations to Vanuatu for supporting the Diplomatic Front.*

14:43 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) *If Vanuatu can be leaders ..*

14:48 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) *The affirmative have just demonstrated why a history of colonialism and a commitment to capitalism offers no hope whatsoever- disappointed to say the least*

14:48 From Tim Howard. *Special Autonomy is a key element of Indonesian relations with West Papua. Yet that strategy has widely been criticised by people right through West Papua. It is a failure. 'Increasing integration' is a total failure.*

14:51 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ). *Australia and NZ are both doing nothing - with multiple excuses as we have just seen and how about West*

*Papuans being heard as to what our countries should do.*

14:52 From Nur Al Barokah - Maratua island East Kalimantan *Nothing new from those speakers.*

14:52 From Tim Howard *'Rocking the boat' - Australia and Aotearoa NZ - DOES require self reflection on our own basis as colonising countries. Support for West Papua means change at home. Time to rock the boat!*

14:54 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) *Thanks Janet - we must never forget the reasons for the violence and it's called corporate extractivism. the pressure for dialogue comes from activism not diplomacy, the hope is the next generation of young Indonesians are starting to stand with West Papuans. Janet is on the button on military training ! we got police training from our country stopped by action of researchers and radical journalists- our Govt did nothing effective! I thought the affirmative could have made the same points in 1969 / trade and dialogue.. nothing was new because of the commitment to the status quo.*

15:11 From Billee McGinley *Good point, and to reflect on that, Australians seem to be rising more for Ukraine than West Papua.*

15:12 From Tim Howard *Agreed, Billee. Much more to be done!*

15:12 From Jean Perth WA *Spot on Billee.*

15:12 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) *These Govts will not solve this issue - they only respond but the vision and imagination of West Papuans should guide us. when I met the Indo ambassador once he was keen to talk because of sustained protest in and out of Parliament- using media is vital!*

15:14 From Pamela Curr from Merri-Bek *Yes Australians are being led by MSM to support certain positions and certain countries. As community groups we have a responsibility to remind Australians about the situation of our WEST PAPUAN Neighbours.*

15:16 From Dr Helen M. Hill *A great debate, and thanks to the commentator on the contributions. we have a small group here in Dili doing information work with a West Papuan with Timorese and expatriate communities here. The lessons of Timor-Leste can be learnt in Australia. Jean McLean and I worked on the Timor issue within the ALP Foreign Affairs and Defence Policy committee for years, one day at the ALP Conference the Shadow*

*Foreign Minister came up to Jean and said he would like to move the resolution she had prepared, she was delighted, for the first time it got through at the national level and policy changed.*

15:16 From Pamela Curr from Merri-Bek *The proximity of compassion is a vital message for our country. Economic groups lobby our government to ignore the Human Rights of our Pacific cousins- its time this was challenged.*

15:18 From Catherine Delahunty, West Papua Action Aotearoa (NZ) Papua Merdeka.