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Your Excellency

Please accept my apologies for not being able to personally host the reception at the Hobart Town Hall on 28 November 2016 to mark your official visit to Tasmania. I trust that the Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Christie made you feel most welcome and that you enjoyed the time you spent here. I was advised by the Deputy and other Aldermen present that you gave a wonderful and heartfelt speech.

Soon after your visit, our Economic Development and Communications Committee considered an officer report that introduced the possibility of investigating a relationship with a city in the Asia Pacific region. The report considered a number of countries with the intention of short listing four for further investigation. The Committee recommended that rather than investigating four countries, one country should be chosen to consider in more detail. I am pleased to advise you that the Council supported this Committee recommendation to explore a potential relationship in Timor-Leste.

With this in mind, the City of Hobart would like to commence a dialogue with you about how this idea may be progressed further. Discussion at the Council meeting highlighted an interest from Aldermen in being able to share experiences with a developing city around the way Hobart is governed, particularly as the City of Hobart has been operating since 1852.

We are aware that Dili your capital city, has formal relationships with the Australian cities of Darwin and Canberra and wonder whether you might think it appropriate for Hobart to consider a relationship with an alternative city?

I look forward to hearing back from you about how we may progress these investigations.

Yours sincerely

Alderman Sue Hickey
LORD MAYOR

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