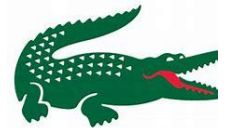




## “Kangaroo’s Concern for Crocodile’s Future”

This is the story of the Kangaroo who expressed his concern for and then persuaded Crocodile to do what Kangaroo thought might be in Crocodile's best interests.



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The Crocodile, as a national symbol of Timor-Leste, represents the country of Timor-Leste; with one of the national symbols of Australia, the Kangaroo, representing Australia. Other animals that are mentioned in this story are the Eagle, a national symbol of Indonesia, the Green Pheasant, a national symbol of Japan and the Rooster, a Portuguese national symbol.



*These symbols represent the countries that have interfered politically in the history of Timor-Leste.*

*N.B. This article is addressed to Australian politicians not to the Australian people who were and are very supportive of Timor-Leste.*



**Kangaroo:** Hello my friend *Crocodile*.

**Crocodile:** Hello my dear friend.

**Kangaroo:** How are you?

**Crocodile:** I'm fine *kangaroo*.

**Kangaroo:** Are you sure that you are fine?

**Crocodile:** Of course, I am.

**Kangaroo:** Don't lie *Crocodile*. I am aware that your life and your future is very uncertain. You are very poor and you have been through a difficult time in your life. I don't want you to continue to live like this.

**Crocodile:** Why do you have to worry about me?

**Kangaroo:** My friend, don't you see you are very poor. You don't have any capital or intellectual and technological capabilities like me. So, if you like, we can make a deal to explore your natural resources and share in any revenue, say 50/50!

**Crocodile:** Okay, let's do that.

**Kangaroo:** Cheers, yes indeed we are good friends.

*A few years past, Crocodile became aware that Kangaroo was not playing fair. So Crocodile questioned Kangaroo's credibility.*

**Crocodile:** *Kangaroo* why are you doing this to me?

**Kangaroo:** My friend *Crocodile* your home was invaded by the *Rooster* for four and a half centuries. The *Rooster* took all your good fortune to its country. When the *Rooster* left your homeland, it left you with nothing. Later the *Eagle* went and occupied your homeland







