

The Threats to Our National Security You Cannot Ignore



Fellow Australians,

I must warn you all of the serious threat we face to the sovereignty and freedom of our nation by the failure of our elected leaders to protect and defend our country.

I am particularly concerned about the West Australian Labor Government and the Liberal opposition teaming up, in particular, their increasing camaraderie with Chinese state-owned enterprises who seek control of Australian property and critical infrastructure.

Make no mistake, this is a matter of national security and alarming for all Australians.

Recently, West Australian Labor MP and Upper House Whip Pierre Yang was forced to resign from organisations affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party. These communist government organisations are dedicated to extending Chinese Communist government influence in Australia and supporting the establishment of Chinese Government military bases in the South China Sea.

Mr Yang also spent several months on a Chinese government ship searching for the missing Malaysian Airlines flight MH370. It is clear to me that the vessel was spying on the Australian military as it spent little time in the actual search zone.

China's relentless pursuit of Australian politicians is worrying for anyone who values our nation's democratic freedom and sovereignty. The resignation of New South Wales Labor Senator Sam Dastyari - who was getting his expenses paid directly by Chinese companies - is but the tip of the iceberg.

It was reported in mid-December that Mr Yang's political mentor, Edward Zhang, is a member of several China-based organisations who are run by the Chinese Communist Party. Western Australia Labor Premier Mark McGowan and the Liberal Party Opposition Leader in state Parliament, recently attended a gala dinner hosted by Mr Zhang. Both the Labor Party and the Liberal Party have received large donations from Chinese Government associates in the past.

Premier McGowan and Mr Yang recently visited China together to meet the President of China. Following the Premier's meeting with the Chinese President he announced in State Parliament that he was prepared to change state legislation which guaranteed rights in the Pilbara to Australian company Mineralogy. In essence, these changes favour China's biggest conglomerate and Chinese Government-owned CITIC Limited.

Such a move would result in their wholly owned subsidiaries controlling \$5,000,000,000 Port facilities at Cape Preston in the Pilbara which have been established on Mineralogy leases.

Despite the existence of an airstrip at Karratha which is used by BHP, Woodside and other mining companies, under a cloak of secrecy Chinese Government-owned companies have built an international standard airstrip capable of landing large jets. This is part of China's strategy to control all approaches by sea and air to the port at Cape Preston.

Chinese Communist Government control of Australian ports and airports are matters of national security and concerning for all Australians.

The WA Government is favouring Chinese Government interests over the rights of Australians and Australian national security. This, together with the Chinese company lease of Darwin and Newcastle Ports, means Australia's vulnerability in the event of international conflict, or even a collapse in diplomatic relations, cannot and must not, be ignored. Surely the role of any Australian state Premier is to defend their state and the nation from infiltration by a foreign government?

As an Australian, I was appalled when Australian Liberal Minister Andrew Robb supported the Chinese acquisition of the Port of Darwin and then was promptly appointed by the Chinese company to be its key Australian executive at a salary of over \$800,000 a year.

Either Western Australia Labor Premier McGowan is so naïve that he is blind to the stealth of their approach, or he is too weak to challenge them and stand up for Australia. Labor or Liberal - you just cannot trust them.

United Australia Party Leader in the Senate, Senator Brian Burston, has foreshadowed he will seek a Senate enquiry into the activities in Australia of Chinese Communist Government-owned companies. Brian and Australia need your full support. This matter is not about hopeless politicians in parliament; it is too important. It's about protecting and defending Australia and our way of life.

In August 2018 the Australian Federal Government disqualified Chinese-owned tech giant Huawei from taking part in the rollout of 5G mobile infrastructure due to growing national security concerns.

Soon afterwards, the Australian Government blocked the \$13 billion sale of Australian-owned energy company APA to Cheung Kong Infrastructure (CKI), a Chinese state-owned entity. APA own a \$20 billion, 15,000km pipeline network which delivers natural gas to 1.3 million Australian homes and businesses.

The sale would have given CKI and another Chinese state-owned company, state ownership of 100% of gas transmission pipelines in NSW and the ACT, 99% in Victoria, 86% in South Australia, 78% in Queensland, 74% in the Northern Territory and 65% in Western Australia. The sale was blocked because it was "contrary to the national interest".

An Important Message About Our National Security



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Why then is it deemed acceptable to allow another Chinese government-owned corporation to control major infrastructure and exert an unhealthy influence over an Australian state government and Australian politicians?

The government's role is to protect Australian people and put Australia first. Anything less is an act of treason.

It's not about the Labor way or the Liberal way, it's about Australia's future. Stand up for your country as the ANZACs did and put Australia first. Join the United Australia Party and fight for Australia remaining a free and independent nation. No Australian could control a port in China or build a private airport in China capable of landing and operating fighter jets and bombers.

Go to www.unitedaustraliaparty.org.au join the United Australia Party and seek endorsement to represent the party at the next Federal Election. Together we can achieve the extraordinary by putting Australia first.

All the best to you and your family in 2019.



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