

# AUSTRALIA'S SOVEREIGNTY IS UNDER THREAT

**The Chinese Government has secretly  
built an airport in Western Australia  
that THEY CONTROL!**



**Read Senator Brian Burston's  
parliamentary speech on  
the disturbing growth of the  
Chinese Government's unhealthy  
influence in Australia.**

**This is a matter of national importance.  
You owe it to yourselves and your family to  
know what is really going on in Australia.**



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**Mr President, I seek leave to table three documents to better inform the Senate on the matters I wish to bring to the Senate and the nation's attention.**

Australia, in recent times, has experienced disturbing developments threatening the nation's security, along with our political and economic independence.

Our very democracy is under challenge by Chinese Government-owned companies who are systematically targeting every sector of our society for their own national interest and using unlimited funds to buy their way into Australian society.

The Chinese Communist Government is in the process of taking over our culture. Almost all of the Chinese departments at our universities are funded by the Communist Government of China. If we follow the money, scholarships, research projects, student and lecturer exchanges, they are all used to ensure that the Australian view and the view given to the Australian Government, reflects the view of the Chinese Government and what is in their best interests, not ours.

Some courses at Sydney University are majority attended by Chinese nationals and the great learning assets of our nation have in essence been handed over to another power so that they are no longer available to Australian students to the extent they used to be. Sydney University even conducts graduation ceremonies in Beijing awarding degrees and post graduate degrees that in earlier times would have been awarded to Australian citizens.

Money has been used as an effective tool to suppress our national conscience and deprive our children of their heritage. Even Event Cinemas over Christmas had 50% or more of their movies (other than children's movies) made in China with English subtitles.

The attack on our Australian way of life is deliberate and well-coordinated, and well-funded by the Chinese Government. A government that has no respect for our democratic institutions including this Parliament or the sovereignty of the Australian people.

We have seen the Communist Government of China thumb their nose at the International Court of Justice and continue to expand and militarise the South China Sea. Justice to the Government of China means doing what you're told and doing what China wants. Indeed, every member of this Parliament has at one time or another been subject to lobbying by individuals paid and recruited by the Chinese Government-controlled companies in Australia to do their bidding.

Millions of Chinese citizens suffer and do not enjoy the basic freedoms we enjoy in Australia because of the repressive and undemocratic practices of the Communist Government of China. Australia should not abandon its principles and Members of the Australian Parliament should not do the bidding of a foreign power.

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Last year in this place we saw how a Labor Member of Parliament was having his expenses paid by Chinese Government-owned companies and how that senator was quick to support Chinese Government expansion in the South China Sea. Likewise, a Liberal Minister was quick to endorse the Chinese takeover of the Port of Darwin and then accept a job paying over \$800,000 a year as an executive of that company.

Thirty pieces of silver - is that all it takes to buy Australian sovereignty!

In my home state of New South Wales, Chinese interests have now acquired rights to the port of Newcastle.

I must warn all Australians of the serious threat they face to their sovereignty and freedom by the failure of our elected leaders to protect and defend our nation. I am particularly concerned about the Western 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 highly alarming for all Australians.

Recently, we've seen West Australian Labor MP and Upper House Whip Pierre Yang resign from organisations affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party. These Chinese 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. Was this vessel 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.

It was reported in The Australian newspaper 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 Australian Labor Premier Mark McGowan and the Liberal Party Opposition Leader in the West Australian 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.

Labor Premier McGowan, at the instigation of Mr Yang, recently visited China in Mr Yang's company to meet the members of the Chinese Government. Following the Premier's meeting with the Chinese Government, the Labor Premier McGowan announced in State Parliament that he was prepared to change state legislation which guaranteed Australian company Mineralogy rights in the Pilbara to, in essence, favour China's biggest conglomerate, Chinese Government-owned CITIC Limited. Such a move would result, if legal, in the Chinese Government subsidiaries controlling the \$5,000,000,000 Port facility at Cape Preston in the Pilbara, which has been established on Mineralogy Leases.

Further, 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 jets. This is part of China's strategy to control all approaches by land, sea and air to the port at Cape Preston.

Chinese Communist Government control of Australian ports and airports are matters of national security for every Australian.

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**The port at Cape Preston in the Pilbara - also controlled by a Chinese Government-owned company.**

No Australian could control a port in China or build a private airport in China capable of landing and operating fighter jets and bombers. It simply wouldn't happen.

Even pig iron Bob Menzies would not have allowed the Japanese to establish a naval base and airport on the Australian mainland prior to World War II. The Western Australia Labor Government is favouring Chinese Government interests over the rights of Australians and Australian national security! Either Western Australian 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.

The United Australia Party will, after the next Federal Election, in this place move to establish a Senate Committee to enquire into the role played by Chinese Government-owned companies in our economy and how that threatens Australia's security.

In August 2018 the Australian 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, our 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, 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". 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 should be to protect the Australian people and put Australia first. Anything less is an act of treason. The ANZACS put Australia first! It's time this Parliament did the same.

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