



An Important Message About Our National Security

Western Australians,

We face serious threats to our sovereignty and freedom because our elected leaders are failing to protect and defend our country.

Of particular concern is the West Australian Labor Government's increasing camaraderie with Chinese state-owned enterprises seeking control of Australian property and infrastructure. This is a matter of national security and very alarming for all Australians.

Recently, WA Labor MP and Upper House Whip, Pierre Yang, resigned from organisations affiliated to the Chinese Communist Party intent on exerting greater influence on the Australian government.

China's relentless pursuit of Australian politicians is worrying for anyone who values our nation's democratic freedom and sovereignty. The resignation of NSW Labor Senator Sam Dastyari - whose expenses were paid directly by Chinese companies - is the tip of the iceberg. It has been reported that the Labor Party has received large donations from Chinese Government associates in the past.

Premier McGowan and Mr Yang recently visited China together to meet with members of the Chinese government. Following the Premier's meetings, he announced in State Parliament his willingness 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 billion Port facilities at Cape Preston in the Pilbara, which have been established on Mineralogy leases. We believe this is part of China's strategy to control all approaches to the port at Cape Preston.

Chinese Communist Government control of Australian ports is a matter of national security and highly concerning for all Australians.

The WA Government is favouring Chinese Government interests over our rights and 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 be ignored. The role of any Australian State Premier is to defend their state and the nation from infiltration by a foreign government.

It was appalling when Liberal Minister Andrew Robb supported the Chinese acquisition of the Port of Darwin and was then appointed as their key executive on a salary of over \$800,000 a year.

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 was blocked because it was "contrary to the national interest".

Why then is it 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.

No Australian could control a port or other critical infrastructure in China – it just wouldn't be allowed to happen.

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James McDonald, WA Senate Leader, United Australia Party



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