



Independent Australian Senator Jacqui Lambie has warned in a speech in the Australian Senate on the 8th September that China's actions in the South China Sea compromised Australia's national security and sovereignty.

She said that in May, media articles described the reactions of two cabinet ministers to China's relationship with Australia: "Firstly, we have a finance minister who urges the Australian people to embrace a deal with China which, first, has the potential with investor-state dispute settlement or ISDS clauses and associated legal opportunities for our government to be sued by Chinese companies and, second, has provisions that allow the importation of Chinese workers to seriously compromise our nation's security and sovereignty. Secondly, we have a Defence minister who essentially urges the Australian people to be wary and on guard against a China whose unlawful international actions in international waters in the South China Sea have already compromised our national security and sovereignty."

She also said that Australia has many free trade agreements with other countries but that the difference is that "those countries have democratically elected governments who have not used their military to threaten Australia's security and sovereignty. China does not have a democratically elected government. Under communist rule, it has a long and spectacular history of human rights abuses. It has an equally long history of uninvited, aggressive military acts towards its neighbours, including our very own Australia."

### **Political influence and corruption**

Senator Lambie was also critical of the relationship between Australian politicians and the Shenhua group that has been given approval for a coal mine in the middle of the Liverpool Plains, one of the most fertile agricultural areas in Australia: "Key Liberal and Labor politicians who enabled and helped the establishment of the Shenhua coalmine are not the only ones who have been caught up in corruption. The ABC reports that a number of directors of the Shenhua mine company have been investigated for corruption in China.

Most Australians would be shocked to learn of the size of the donations to our major political parties by people who have links—most likely strong links—to the Chinese communist government. The question must be asked and answered, especially in light of the approval of

the Shenhua mine, a Chinese government state owned mine: what political influence does this money—\$3.5 million—buy?

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She said that Dr Chau Chak Wing—also known as Zhou Zerong—is a Chinese-Australian billionaire property developer who, in 2013-14, invested a total of \$1,355,000 in the following political parties: the Australian Labor Party, the Liberal Party of Australia and the National Party of Australia, including their New South Wales branches. Dr Chau in 2007-08, the year the Shenhua mine was approved in New South Wales by corrupt Labor minister Macdonald, invested \$761,000 under Hong Kong Kingson Investment in the Liberal, Labor and National Parties of Australia, including the New South Wales divisions.

Dr Chau in 2007-08 made a further donation of \$399,962 under Chun Yip Trading in the Liberal and National Parties of Australia, and made another \$200,000 donation under Tech Dragon Holding Limited to the Liberal Party of New South Wales.

Chau Chak Wing recently donated \$AUD 20 million to the University of Technology Sydney to support the new Faculty of Business building designed by Frank Gehry. He also donated a further \$5 million to create an endowment fund for student scholarships.

A former PHD student said that UTS is the only University in Australia that allows PHD students in China Studies to submit their assignments and theses in Chinese language, taught and supervised by Chinese professors, with the doctorate presented from UTS in English.

One may wonder what is taught and learnt by these students when supervision is only by Chinese supervisors who may be beholden to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). A worry is that many of these graduates then sit on various think tanks and policy committees on China

and may wield great influence.

Chau's daughter, Winky, operates the family Chinese language newspaper, Australian New Express Daily which is very much pro-CCP. When the Beijing Olympics torch relay was passing through Canberra, Chinese diplomatic missions and companies were helping to organise and sponsor volunteer units to protect the passage of the torch.

A Chinese student leader said the Chinese embassy had promised to provide free interstate bus rides as well as breakfasts and lunches on the day. Australian New Express Daily, imported 1000 Chinese flags as part of a campaign to "dye Australia red".

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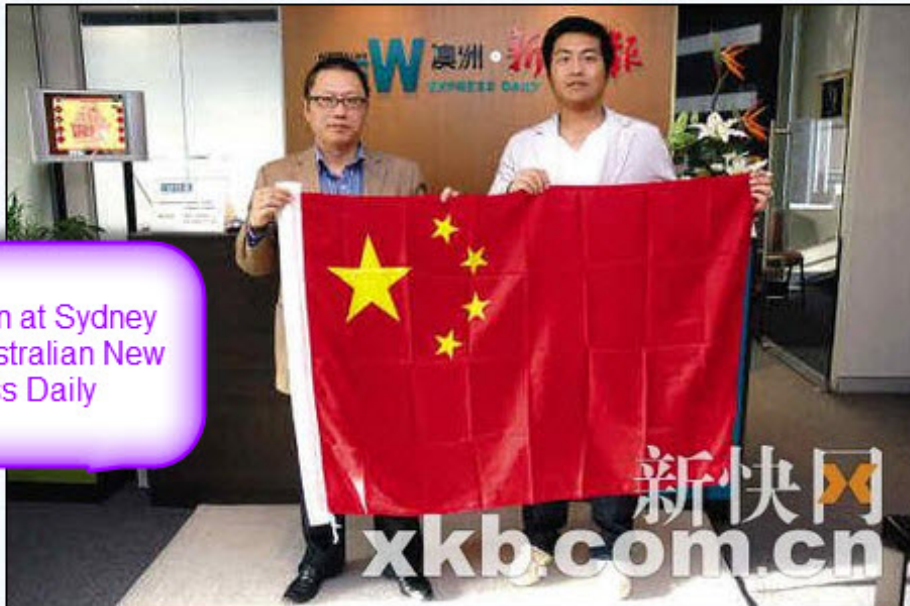


Photo taken at Sydney office of Australian New Express Daily

"Support torch rally, Dye the whole of Australia red with national flags."

■澳洲新快报副总经理刘卫东（左）向留学生代表转交国旗

“让客场迎火炬也有主场的气氛”

新快报悉尼讯（记者 马小龙）1000面中国国旗自广州顺利送抵悉尼。在《澳洲新快报》的配合下，其中的300面已经转交学生组织代表。由新快报发起的“支持圣火传递，国旗红遍澳洲”活动正在按部就班的开展中。

此次安排学生前往堪培拉“保护圣火，支持奥运”的组织者之一、Snowpear 网站代表 Raymond 昨日到澳洲新快报社，从澳洲新快报副总经理刘卫东手中接过300面4号国旗（144cm×96cm）。“澳大利亚华侨华人共建2008北京奥运场馆筹款委员会”执行主席余俊武也将于今日领取300面中国国旗。

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