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Federal Member for Dawson

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Dear Ambassador,

I draw your attention to an inquiry by the Australian Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth into Diversifying Australia's Trade and Investment Profile.

The inquiry's terms of reference have particular applicability to the People's Republic of China (PRC) and its trade and foreign investment relationship with Australia.

The inquiry is considering if Australia is too reliant on any one market for exports, factors that contribute to such dominance, and the advantages and disadvantages of such (including in relation to the national interest and national economic risk). With exports to the PRC making up approximately 36% of Australia's overall international trade, this is clearly a consideration directly related to the PRC.

The inquiry will also consider if Australia is too reliant on foreign investment, what factors contribute to such dominance, and the advantages and disadvantages of such, including in relation to the national interest and national economic risk, to an over reliance on foreign investment, especially foreign investment by state-owned enterprises. Given the reference to state-owned enterprises, this consideration is also directly related to the PRC.

Further, the inquiry will consider the impact of global crises including trade disputes and political disputes on Australia's relationship with countries we are reliant upon for trade and investment purposes. Any observer of recent events will see that this is also related to the Australia-PRC economic relationship.

Given all of the above, the Embassy of the PRC might consider making a submission to the inquiry.

I note recent comments you have made in the media regarding boycotts and also recent actions by the PRC government affecting Australia's barley and beef exports to the PRC. Given this, you may consider appearing before a future hearing of the inquiry to explain the current policies and attitude of the PRC regarding its economic relationship with Australia.



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Details of the inquiry can be found at:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Joint/Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth/DiversifyingTrade](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Joint_Standig_Committee_on_Trade_and_Investment_Growth/DiversifyingTrade)

Any submission to the inquiry and consideration of appearance before the inquiry should be made to the Committee Secretariat by writing to:

**The Secretariat  
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As you may be aware I am the chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth but I write to you solely in my capacity as a Member of Parliament concerned about the current economic relationship between Australia and the PRC.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Kind regards,



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