

As a researcher into the Pacific Theatre of WWII, I am concerned about how little Australia's policies seem to have shifted over the last 75+ years, despite the drastic changes seen in geo-politics, economics, and technologies the world over. Our geographic position is within the Asia Pacific region whose nations provide vital economic and political stability for Australia. However, regardless of the major changes in the region, particularly during the last two decades, it seems that Australian foreign policies are still firmly rooted in maintaining "old friendships" with several key countries in the Northern Hemisphere, including the US.