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SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE'S INQUIRY: EXPLORING THE CASE FOR AN INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL AUSTRALIA

What are the costs and consequences of Australia's involvement in US-led wars and the US alliance?

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Citizens Party (ACP) believes that when exploring the consequences of the US-Australia alliance, it is important to examine Australia's experience as a member of the Five Eyes intelligence alliance. The undue influence of the Five Eyes, led by the United States and the United Kingdom, is largely dictating Australia's foreign policy, often against our national interest.

Australia has extended its historical strategic dependence on Britain to the United States. Australia has been the target of foreign interference from both the USA and UK, which undermines our sovereignty and is against our national interest. In addition to examining the risks and consequences of Australia's alliance with the USA, we have also included concerning evidence that Australia is further entangling itself in the geopolitical strategies of a post-Brexit United Kingdom.

The ACP believes the solution to Australia's undue dependence on our powerful ally can be found, ironically, in the history of the United States. The USA of today has regrettably broken away from the traditions of the American nationalists who staunchly opposed British imperialism. America's greatest statesmen championed cooperation among sovereign nations on ambitious infrastructure projects, encouraging the transformation of other countries into powerful industrial nations and improving the lives of their citizens. A famous declaration of the 6th President, John Quincy Adams, contrasts sadly with his nation's foreign policy today: "But she goes not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy." We have documented the power of the American System of publicly funding infrastructure through national banking, a system which was influenced by the American experience of a century of conflict between the colonies and their imperial master Great Britain.¹ The Australian Citizens Party has long championed this model of "peace through economic development", exemplified in our sponsoring of a 2015 international conference in Melbourne, "The World Land-Bridge: Peace on Earth, Good Will towards All Men", from which we produced a comprehensive report.² We believe that through adopting this strategy, an independent Australia can be a powerful force for peace and prosperity in our region.

FOREIGN INTERFERENCE

The ACP contends that Australia has always been a target of foreign influence from the USA and UK. In his book *Dangerous Allies*, former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser observed that Australia has never been independent, but has always been subservient to the UK and USA. This subservience is why the following examples of foreign interference are not seen as such.³

¹ "End the BOE-BIS-APRA Bankers' Dictatorship", Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), May 2018

² "The World Land-Bridge: Peace on Earth, Good Will towards All Men", Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), June 2015

³ "What constitutes foreign interference?", Australian Citizens Party, Australian Alert Service, (citizensparty.org.au), 27 May 2020



- **ASIO:** The 1949 formation of ASIO in response to an operation conducted by the British Security Service (MI5), which brought Australia under control of the Five Eyes.
- **Military interoperability:** In 2014, former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser acknowledged that Australia has “become more closely enmeshed with the American military machine than ever before”—as we have with the UK military.⁴ This enmeshment is ongoing.
- **Foreign policy:** The Five Eyes apparatus dominated by US and British intelligence now virtually dictate security and foreign policy. In “The China Narrative” series, the ACP documented the clandestine influence of Australia’s Five Eyes partner ASIO over the foreign policy towards China, which has poisoned our politics, academia, media, investment and trade. The fear mongering about Chinese “foreign interference” has given Australia’s intelligence agencies a pretext for expansion of their powers. Australia’s Five Eyes-aligned intelligence agencies are now moving into surveillance of private businesses, healthcare and infrastructure.^{5,6,7} In 2018, Five Eyes leaders held secret meetings to coordinate the campaign to lock Chinese telco Huawei out of participation in 5G network development globally.⁸ In May 2020, then-US Secretary of State and former CIA Director, rabid anti-China hawk Mike Pompeo, threatened that the USA could “disconnect” from its Five Eyes intelligence-sharing partnership with Australia over Victoria’s involvement in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). US pressure has forced Australia to change its position: less than two years ago, Prime Minister Scott Morrison welcomed the BRI.⁹ Australia’s exporters are suffering as a consequence of Australia’s subservience to following US-UK foreign policy, while our so-called “allies” are gleefully filling the resulting gaps in the China market.¹⁰
- **Transnational cybersecurity:** In “Do you trust intelligence agencies?”, the ACP documented changes to Australia’s national security framework which effectively put the Five Eyes in charge of domestic security, as Australia’s domestic intelligence agencies have always operated functionally as branches of their British counterparts. “In 2017, Turnbull had announced a new Department of Home Affairs modelled on the UK Home Office, empowering ASIO with more direct influence over security policy and law enforcement. A review of Australia’s intelligence community was conducted to establish the super-ministry, overseeing and coordinating all security operations of ASIO; the Australian Federal Police; the Australian Border Force; the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission; the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC); and the Office of Transport Security. The Office of National Intelligence was later established, reporting directly to the Prime Minister in its role of coordinating all intelligence assessments from Australia’s five spy agencies. What they are in fact identifying, is that ASIO is the Trojan horse for the US and UK to control our foreign policy, as ASIO operates under the ‘Five Eyes’.” Five Eyes countries are pushing for a global police-state capability, with a “transnational model of security”, including increased intelligence agency control over internet content. As per the UK model, the Australian government is calling for public-private coordination to target cyber threats.¹¹

⁴ “Malcolm Fraser to Australia: become independent of empires, or be destroyed by war, soon!”, (citizensparty.org.au), 5 May 2014

⁵ “The China Narrative”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), August 2020

⁶ “Do you trust intelligence agencies?”, Australian Citizens Party, Australian Alert Service, (citizensparty.org.au), 8 May 2019

⁷ “Australia’s exporters should be furious at the foreign agents destroying their best market”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 16 December 2020

⁸ “[Revealed: NZ, other Five Eyes partners met before Huawei arrest](#)”, *NZ Herald*, 14 Dec. 2019

⁹ “Five Eyes directs destruction of Australia-China relationship”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 28 April 2021

¹⁰ “With friends like these... Fake concern for Australia’s winemakers”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 24 December 2020

¹¹ “Don’t let the Five Eyes spy on you!”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 4 October 2018; “Beware Dutton’s new Cyber Security Strategy”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 25 September 2019; “Five Eyes plan global police state”, Australian Citizens Party, Australian Alert Service Vol 20 No 34, (citizensparty.org.au), 22 August 2018



- **Foreign interference legislation:** As the ACP has documented, “On foreign policy, Australia is a one-party state”: “This was demonstrated again in Parliament last week, when the major parties combined to ram through McCarthyite laws to supposedly curb “foreign interference”. ... In fact, the laws are themselves examples of foreign interference. They have been rushed through at the behest of the Five Eyes intelligence alliance, which is the primary conduit for Anglo-American manipulation of Australian politics. ... the more fundamental target is Australian democracy. Their intent is to suppress any democratic impulse to shift Australia’s foreign policy away from its subservience to US and UK interests and towards a more open engagement with other nations, especially nations that the USA and UK view as a threat to their global hegemony, namely China and Russia.”¹²
- **The Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI):** ASPI has become an influential mouthpiece pushing the geopolitical agendas of the US and UK, and is the prominent source of anti-China agitating in Australia. ASPI receives substantial funding from NATO and foreign governments, including the US government. ASPI also receives funding from the United Kingdom, including £10,000 from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office for a report which falsely alleges the Chinese government is engaging in state-sponsored forced labour of Uyghurs.¹³ ASPI itself has been shown to be funded by benefactors which profit from forced prison labour.¹⁴ ASPI is secretive about its funding. For example, in 2019 ASPI’s Cyber Security Policy Centre received \$99,354.85 from an intelligence agency, the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD), but did not disclose this anywhere. ASPI receives funding from arms manufacturers, and ASPI’s glowing “analysis” praising defence equipment has resulted in successful contracts for their benefactors in the military-industrial complex. Key ASPI personnel are affiliated with intelligence agencies. ASPI is now officially advising Australia’s foreign policy—in 2021, ASPI was awarded a \$1.5 million contract to provide advisory services for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.¹⁵
- **Henry Jackson Society:** Assistant Defence Minister Andrew Hastie has collaborated with the Henry Jackson Society (HJS), a prominent British think tank with longstanding connections to intelligence and the military, to agitate against China. Members of the neoconservative HJS are loud apologists for the Iraq War, and incorrect “intelligence” from the HJS justified the catastrophic Anglo-American military intervention in Libya.¹⁶ The ACP has documented Hastie’s leading role in fomenting hostility towards China in Australia, including his sensational “discovery” of so-called Chinese “spies”.¹⁷
- **Julian Assange:** In “MI6’s global reach: The story of former British spy Richard Tomlinson”, the ACP reported the influence of the Five Eyes in the persecution of Assange: “In the final analysis there is one reason why the Australian government will not intervene in the case of mistreated Australian citizen and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange: the Five Eyes ... [which] would not tolerate such an intervention ... [Prime Minister Malcolm] Turnbull admitted in a 2011 speech to lawyers at Sydney University that as Assange had “broken no Australian law”, the Spycatcher precedent made it clear that an Australian court would not uphold any action which tried to stop him publishing his cables. The High Court “was very clear in declaring that an Australian Court should not act to protect the intelligence secrets and confidential political information of a

¹² “On foreign policy, Australia is a one-party state”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 3 July 2018

¹³ “ASPI: forced labour hypocrites and academic fraudsters”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 14 October 2020

¹⁴ Marcus Reubenstein, “ASPI’s forced labour links”, APAC News, (apac.news), 12 October 2020

¹⁵ Marcus Reubenstein: “Agency of foreign influence”, APAC News, (apac.news), 24 November 2020; “ASPI sponsors collect billions from Defence”, APAC News, (apac.news), 1 April 2021; “Is Foreign Affairs marching to ASPI’s beat?”, APAC News, (apac.news)

¹⁶ “Here’s a good use for a Magnitsky Act—sanction Andrew Hastie’s cronies in the Henry Jackson Society”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 27 May 2020

¹⁷ “The China narrative part four: ASIO’s disinformation campaign”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 17 September 2020



foreign government, even ... a very friendly one, and even in circumstances where the Australian government requested the court to do so”, Turnbull said.”¹⁸

IMPORTANCE OF THE FIVE EYES INTELLIGENCE ALLIANCE

Intelligence sharing between Australia and the United States predates the Australia, New Zealand, United States Security Treaty (ANZUS), and was formalised under the 1947-48 international UK-US-Australian Agreement (UKUSA). Desmond Ball, one of Australia's most influential defence and strategic policy experts, considered UKUSA and the maintenance of joint intelligence-sharing facilities to be the “fundamental bases of the US-Australian alliance”, rather than ANZUS.¹⁹

The three US-Australian “joint facilities” at North West Cape (Western Australia); Nurrungar (South Australia); and Pine Gap (Alice Springs), likely made Australia a high priority nuclear target during the Cold War. Notably, Australia was not privy to communications and had no control over operations at North West Cape. Pine Gap is the only facility still operating as a joint facility.

Ball contended that Australia’s development of self-reliant defence has been hindered by the presence of US facilities on our soil. However, successive Australian governments deem the access to intelligence, approximately 90 per cent of the information flowing inward from the US, to be worth the risks and costs of the arrangement.

History of ASIO, the ‘branch office’ of MI5

The formation of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) was the result of a successful operation conducted by British intelligence agency MI5, which the ACP documented in “How MI5 created ASIO”:

“When Winston Churchill sought to launch the Cold War in 1946—to preserve British imperial power through a special relationship with the USA that the Brits dubbed ‘British brains, American brawn’—Australia under Prime Minister Ben Chifley proved to be an obstacle. Chifley, like the late American president Franklin Roosevelt, had hoped to maintain cordial relations with the Soviet Union. The British conspired to force upon Australia a national intelligence agency that would function as a branch of Britain’s shadowy Security Service, MI5, accountable not to Australia’s Parliament but to ‘Head Office’ in London. Chifley didn’t see the need for such an agency, confident that Australia’s existing security intelligence agency, the Commonwealth Investigation Service (CIS), was adequate for Australia’s security needs. The British therefore arranged an incident that would convince Chifley to acquiesce to their demands.”²⁰ This incident was the “Lapstone set-up”, an MI5 operation which used false intelligence and hid key information to manoeuvre Australia into establishing ASIO as a “branch office” of MI5.²¹

Today, Australian intelligence agencies essentially operate as a “branch office” of their British counterparts. The Australian version of MI6 is the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS). ASIS agents are known to refer to Canberra as “home office” and London’s MI6 headquarters as “head office”. The Australian Government acknowledges that MI5 (or the British Security Service) “provided the blueprint” for ASIO, and acknowledges that “Australia’s relationship with Great Britain in particular ... has been a guiding force in the history of ASIO”. ASIO maintained a “close relationship with British services”, with ASIO establishing a liaison office with the Australian High Commission in London in 1956, wherein “engagement with the United Kingdom services deepened to include training, short-term attachments and reciprocal visits”.²² Additionally, MI5’s website acknowledges, “Within the

¹⁸ “MI6’s global reach: The story of former British spy Richard Tomlinson”, Australian Citizens Party, *Australian Alert Service* Vol 21 No 26, 26 June 2019

¹⁹ Gary Brown and Laura Rayner, “Upside, Downside: ANZUS: After Fifty Years”, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Group, (aph.gov.au), 28 August 2001

²⁰ “How MI5 created ASIO”, Australian Citizens Party, *Australian Alert Service*, Vol 19 No 31

²¹ “The Lapstone set-up: how MI5 tricked Ben Chifley into creating ASIO”, Australian Citizens Party, *Australian Alert Service*, Vol 17 No 37, 23 September 2015

²² “ASIO’s international cooperation over the decades”, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, (asio.gov.au)



Commonwealth MI5's closest liaison was with Australia."²³ Notably, the book *Spycatcher*, written by a former MI5 officer, revealed that MI5's loyalty was to the Queen personally rather than the elected government.

Australia's intelligence agencies loyal to the Five Eyes over the elected government

Australian intelligence agencies are evidently patterned after their British counterparts, and consider their loyalty is to the Five Eyes rather than their elected government, which can be evidenced by the removal of Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam. Veteran Australian journalist John Pilger has documented the foreign interference from the UK and US which overthrew Whitlam, in "The Forgotten Coup Against 'The Most Loyal Ally'".²⁴

Pilger writes that there is "an historical amnesia among Australia's polite society about the catastrophic events of 1975. An Anglo-American coup overthrew a democratically elected ally in a demeaning scandal in which sections of the Australian elite colluded. This is largely unmentionable." As referenced in IPAN's Background Sheet 3, US and British intelligence agencies were involved in the ousting of Whitlam. There were questions over ASIO's close relationship with the CIA. Pilger documents the involvement of Australia's intelligence agencies in the coup, observing "Since its inception in 1949, ASIO had become as powerful in Australia as the CIA in Washington. ... ASIO's real power derived from the UKUSA Treaty, [Five Eyes] with its secret pact of loyalty to foreign intelligence organisations—notably the CIA and MI6."

FIVE EYES ALLIANCE COMPLICIT IN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

It is well documented that covert Anglo-American operations have generated an expansion of transnational terrorism. Five Eyes intelligence agencies have also played a leading role in instigating regime change wars, which Australia has been dragged into. The ACP was part of the international campaign to demand the US government release the missing "28 pages" from the Congressional 9/11 investigation, which were classified for 14 years on the pretext of national security. The release of the long-suppressed "28 pages" revealed that the US was protecting the UK's connection to the terrorist attacks of 9/11, in the person of Saudi Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Washington who was identified in the pages as having funded people involved in the attack; Prince Bandar had negotiated the controversial al-Yamamah arms-for-oil deal with the UK, which had generated a massive slush fund implicated in Saudi financing of Islamist terrorism.²⁵ In "Anglo-Americans reap the terror whirlwind", the ACP noted that "terrorism is wielded as a tool of political control."²⁶

The collusion of British intelligence agencies with terrorist organisations is well documented. The Australian Citizens Party has contributed to this research.²⁷ ²⁸ Both US and UK intelligence and special forces operatives have colluded with known terrorists in global regime change operations.²⁹

AUSTRALIA'S STRATEGIC RELIANCE ON USA FOR DEFENCE

In 2014, former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser warned that to "avoid complicity in America's future military operations", Australia should cease joint military projects with the United States. Fraser particularly referred to Pine Gap, a targeting installation for America's nuclear missile systems and drones program, which he said should be closed down. Fraser had also long warned that US targeting of China (and Russia) with its ballistic missile defence system paints a target on Australia in the event of a nuclear war.³⁰

²³ "The British Empire and the Commonwealth", MI5, (mi5.gov.uk)

²⁴ John Pilger, "The Forgotten Coup Against 'The Most Loyal Ally'", *Consortium News*, (consortiumnews.com)

²⁵ "To Stop a Near-term Terror Attack, Read the '28 Pages'!", Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), August 2016

²⁶ "Anglo-Americans reap the terror whirlwind", Australian Citizens Party, Australian Alert Service Vol 21 No 19, 8 May 2019

²⁷ "Stop MI5.Mi6-run Terrorism!", Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), June 2017

²⁸ "Crown's MI5 set to 'investigate' far-Right extremists", Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 14 November 2018

²⁹ "Stop Arming Terrorists", 13 January 2017, gabbard.house.gov

³⁰ See note 4.



In “Learn from recent history: almost all US-UK accusations against strategic targets are lies”, the ACP documented the pathological lies of successive US-UK governments which have justified decades of wars. Not having learned from following the US and UK into disastrous wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Australia continues to parrot US-UK foreign policy,³¹ including in its agitating of, and hostile rhetoric towards, our largest trading partner, China.³²

The ACP has documented that “Australia is culpable in the USA’s drone murders through the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap Which experts have described as the USA’s most important signals intelligence base outside its own territory and ‘essential’ to the drone program. The drone program could not operate at the level that it does if not for Pine Gap.”³³ ³⁴ Australian defence and strategic policy expert, Desmond Ball, has argued that the presence of the US facilities acted as a restraint on the development of Australian defence self-reliance and Australian arms control initiatives.³⁵ However, as documented in the 2001 report “Upside, Downside: ANZUS: After Fifty Years”, successive Australian governments have judged the “risks and losses” of the joint facility at Pine Gap to be in Australia’s interests “given the function of the facilities ... Bearing these risks and costs ‘represents Australia’s most meaningful contribution to the alliance’ which is reciprocated by the provision by the US of ‘sophisticated technology necessary for Australian self-reliance in credible defence contingencies’.”

However, as documented by veteran Australian journalist Brian Toohey in his book *Secret: the making of Australia’s security state*, the “reciprocation” is in fact a strategic dependence. In “Australia must break from Anglo-American war machine”,³⁶ the ACP documented that Toohey “exposes the heavily controlled and monitored set-up built by the USA, which ‘requires almost all countries that buy its weapons systems to send sensitive components back to the US for repairs, maintenance and replacements without the owners being allowed access to critical information, including source codes, needed to keep these systems operating’. This makes it nigh impossible for nations to go to war without US permission or to extricate themselves from the US hold. ... The Australian defence force is not allowed ‘independent access to key operational components of fighter planes, missiles, submarines and surveillance systems’, writes Toohey, and it is set to get worse. Upon his return to Australia in 2016, former Ambassador to the USA Kim Beazley gave a speech sponsored by Lockheed Martin, in which he outlined the US plan to turn military ‘interoperability’ into outright ‘integration’. Interoperability with US forces has established ‘joint’ facilities and diverted resources to US operations including for collection of signals intelligence, provision of drone targeting information, targeting and detection for Ballistic Missile Defence programs, and training.”

In 2014, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser appealed: “I’m asking Australia to break with her long past—the whole history of Australia from colonial times... Britain had the capacity to drag us into wars, and America now has the capacity to drag us into wars, and I think it is time we grew up.”³⁷ Instead of Australia being used as an Anglo-American tool for war, a truly independent Australia would be in a position to encourage peace between the two great powers, the USA and China.

FINANCIAL IMPERIALISM

In 2014, the ACP reported that “increasingly since the death of Prime Minister John Curtin’s great ally President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in April 1945, the US has acted as a puppet of that still existing British Empire, centred in the Crown and the City of London and whose main branch office in Wall Street has increasingly seized control of America. ... As Malcolm Fraser so courageously said, we have to finally break with this imperialism—the essence of

³¹ “Australia flexes its ‘democratic values’ against Iran in next Anglo-American war crime”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 29 August 2019

³² “Learn from recent history: almost all US-UK accusations against strategic targets are lies”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 15 March 2021

³³ “Drone whistleblower Daniel Hale imprisoned”, Australian Citizens Party, Australian Alert Service Vol 23 No 32, 11 August 2021

³⁴ See note 4.

³⁵ See note 21.

³⁶ “Australia must break from Anglo-American war machine”, Australian Citizens Party, Australian Alert Service Vol 21 No 37

³⁷ See note 4



which is monetarism, what old Labor used to call the ‘Money Power’—or we will never have durable peace and prosperity in Australia.”³⁸

As the ACP has documented in “Break up the Banks”, the new form of British imperialism is “not territorial as of old, but [operates] as an ‘informal financial empire’, in the words of its own proponents.”³⁹ The UK’s National Crime Agency (NCA) estimates that hundreds of billions of pounds of laundered money flow through the UK banking system every year. The City of London “is the circulatory centre of the global financial system. The system was constructed during the process of British ‘decolonisation’, which in reality amounted to the British Empire “faking its own death”, according to the British author of *Treasure Islands: Tax Havens and the Men Who Stole the World*, Nicholas Shaxson. Geographical colonies were replaced with a web of tax havens set up in Britain’s crown dependencies and overseas territories, establishing an informal financial empire.⁴⁰ Reform of Australia’s financial system is essential to untangling the public from the predatory “informal financial empire” and undoing the damaging effects of decades of deregulation.⁴¹

Foreign investment

In addition to deregulation of Australia’s financial system, foreign investment from the US and UK does not help our domestic economy, and in fact extracts wealth from Australia, making our “allies” our biggest absentee landlords. In “Australia stuck in US debt trap”,⁴² the ACP reported that foreign investment from the United States, was over twelve times larger than China’s in the last year: “Australia is also heavily indebted to the USA; if the creditor was China, the media would call it a ‘debt trap’. Of all foreign investors, the USA owns the lion’s share of Australian businesses, stocks and government bonds, and provides Australian banks with about a third of their offshore funding, fuelling the Australian housing market. Although Austrade claims foreign investment grows our economy and creates jobs, foreign investment can negatively impact the domestic economy; as Australian economist Professor Steve Keane observed in a 26 June 2020 YouTube interview, foreign investment means ‘profits get repatriated’ overseas.”

In 2019 the USA was the top foreign investor in Australia, accounting for over one quarter of all foreign investment (\$983.7 billion); however, a large portion of US foreign investment goes into holding companies, which are used for tax considerations. The Australia-US free trade agreement is in favour of the USA, at Australia's expense. The United Kingdom was Australia’s second largest foreign investor in 2019, at a total of \$686.1 billion, 17.8 per cent of all foreign investment.⁴³

THE ESCALATING INFLUENCE OF ‘GLOBAL BRITAIN’

Australia’s ongoing membership of the 1952 Australia, New Zealand, United States Security Treaty (ANZUS), does not guarantee that the United States would come to Australia’s assistance in the event of a military confrontation in Australia, although it is persistently viewed as a defence “insurance policy” by Australia’s political and military leaders. Reliance on the supposed guarantees of the protections of the ANZUS Treaty has kept Australia subservient and dependent on the United States.⁴⁴

In addition to ANZUS, Australia is increasingly being pulled into the geopolitical manoeuvrings of a post-Brexit agenda to reboot the British Empire, drawing Australia into UK defence, trade and national security strategies, often at the expense of Australia's national interest. On 23 November 2020, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced

³⁸ See note 4

³⁹ Policy: Break up the Banks, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au)

⁴⁰ “UK appoints criminal banks to economic crime watchdog”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 31 July 2019

⁴¹ See note 1

⁴² “Australia stuck in US ‘debt trap’”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 26 May 2021

⁴³ [DFAT 2019 foreign investment report](#), Table 20.1

⁴⁴ Bevan Ramsden, “Armed Neutrality: an alternative, principled defence policy to safeguard an independent Australia, keep us out of wars and promote peace- Part 1”, Pearls and Irritations, (johnmenadue.com), 11 May 2021



Australia would partner with the UK’s “transformational defence and security agenda”, saying, “We welcome the United Kingdom’s aspiration to engage more actively in the Indo-Pacific.”⁴⁵

In “Sheriff Morrison stirs G7 plot”, the ACP documented the UK’s “Global Britain” program, which “exploits the networks of the British Commonwealth and Five Eyes spying alliance (USA, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand) to establish British access to Asia”.⁴⁶ The ACP has reported that “for some time the British establishment, from selected MPs to media and think tanks, has been pushing for a new ‘Anglosphere’ bloc of nations. This would begin with CANZUK—Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the UK—and would expand to include the entire Commonwealth of Nations, in alliance with other English-speaking nations starting with the USA. Propelled by the ‘Global Britain’ vision for a post-Brexit UK, the plan encompasses worldwide economic and military expansion, primarily targeted at hampering China’s growing influence.”⁴⁷

In “Global Britain’s Empire II plan to surround China”,⁴⁸ the ACP documented a series of reports produced by high-profile British think tanks with longstanding military and intelligence connections which have signalled an escalation against China. “Heavily stressed is participation in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, involving the USA, India, Japan and Australia, and utilising the Five Eyes alliance and CANZUK to maintain a consistent presence in the region.”

AUSTRALIA’S FUTURE AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION

The United States of America: A blessing or curse to mankind?

The ACP believes that it is important to acknowledge the differences between today’s United States, which regrettably acts in the British imperial tradition, and the historical current in the United States which was committed to cooperative nation-building and defined new standards of human welfare and human progress.

The Australian public would be largely unaware that China’s much-maligned Belt and Road Initiative has its roots in the nation-building tradition of American nationalists such as Henry C. Carey, economic advisor to American President Abraham Lincoln. As reported in the ACP’s investigative series on Xinjiang, “In the 19th century ... American economists and their followers in Russia and elsewhere had begun infrastructure-building projects to revive and modernise these ancient trade routes. If railways were built across Eurasia, that modern, fast means of transport would challenge ‘Britannia Rules the Seas’—Britain’s supremacy in international trade ... Henry C. Carey, economic advisor to American President Abraham Lincoln, promoted such railway construction. Lincoln himself had advocated economic opportunity for all citizens, government-funded infrastructure projects, protection for industry and family farmers, and the first American Transcontinental Railroad (completed in 1869, four years after his assassination). Carey and his circle of American nationalists championed cooperation among sovereign nations on ambitious infrastructure projects, driving the transformation of other countries into powerful industrial nation-states which could improve the lives of their citizens. He envisioned world-wide electrification, industrialisation of Russia and China with thousands of railway lines, and Germany becoming a superpower and America’s partner in world development. Carey denounced British imperialism, in particular Britain’s policy of destroying China with opium and Britain’s ‘work of annihilation’—the occupation and devastation of India.”⁴⁹ The father of modern China, Sun Yat-sen, studied in America in his youth and was inspired by Abraham Lincoln’s political and economic policies. Like Carey, Sun strongly opposed British imperial policies.

The ACP explored this issue in a 6 August 2021 interview with American historian and political activist, Anton Chaitkin, the author of *Who We Are: America’s Fight for Universal Progress, from Franklin to Kennedy: Volume I—*

⁴⁵ UK Policy Exchange Virtual Address, Prime Minister Scott Morrison (pm.gov.au), 23 November 2020

⁴⁶ “Sheriff Morrison stirs G7 plot”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 16 June 2021

⁴⁷ “Australian MPs push CANZUK British Empire reboot”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 2 September 2020

⁴⁸ “Global Britain’s Empire II plan to surround China”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 9 December 2020

⁴⁹ Xinjiang series, “Part 1. East-West gateway on the Silk Road”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 18 November 2020



1750s to 1850s. This interview, titled “The United States of America: A blessing or curse to mankind?”,⁵⁰ reveals a unique historical perspective of the USA. “The USA is the most dominant country on earth, and Australia is its most loyal ally, but since WWII, when that alliance was forged to defeat Japan’s fascist empire, the alliance has dragged Australia into a series of military disasters and immoral regime-change wars, and is now drawing us into potentially the most disastrous war of all—against China. The alliance’s increasingly destructive path has coincided with America’s economic decline. It is no longer the productive powerhouse that allied with Russia and China to win WWII, but is a post-industrial rustbucket run into the ground by the financial predators on Wall Street. Now it seems incapable of building or even maintaining its own infrastructure, its political class is gripped by paranoia over invented fears of Russian and Chinese ‘interference’, and it is lashing out at a country that is applying America’s own historical methods to build stunning, transformative nation-building infrastructure and raising hundreds of millions of people out of poverty.”

According to ACP Research Director Robert Barwick, *Who We Are* addressed the contrast between the way America once progressed, and its dysfunction today: “We may well ask, which is the real America? Was the greatness of the USA a myth, and should we be cynical that nations would ever act for the greater good of humanity (as, for instance, Americans and Australians are cynical of China’s Belt and Road intentions today)? *Who We Are* lays a foundation to answer those questions—America was truly great, but that greatness was not perfection, nor was it ordained by heaven in some supernatural way; rather, its greatness was the commitment, vision, and accomplishments of the heroic human beings profiled in this book, and it’s the insight Tony provides into the nationalist, but universal, ideology that motivated them that, if re-embraced today, can truly make America great again, and indeed make any country great.”

National independence

In 1999, the ACP published a comprehensive report on the largely untold “Fight for an Australian Republic”,⁵¹ encompassing thousands of hours of research through Australia’s libraries and archives. “Fight for an Australian Republic” reveals that the progress of American nationalists inspired great early Australians such as Dr John Dunmore Lang to aspire to genuine independence from the British Empire. Alas, opponents of independence, including the British establishment, successfully suppressed this impulse, including by stoking shameful fears of the “Yellow Peril”, which pushed otherwise decent political leaders to retreat into a White Australia that preferred to remain part of the “British Empire of the white races”, in the words of Labor Party founder W.G. Spence. This choice set Australia on the path of strategic subservience to the UK and USA on which it remains today, still reinforced by yellow peril fears.

CONCLUSION

The Australian Citizens Party (ACP) has long championed the model of international “peace through economic development”, and believes that Australia could play a pivotal and leading role in fostering peace and cooperation in our region. Australia could move from a model of strategic dependence on the US alliance, to instead being a leader in nation-building infrastructure projects such as the “Iron Boomerang”, and high-speed transportation and agricultural projects.⁵² National public banking is key to funding nation-building infrastructure projects, and freeing the Australian public from entanglement with the “informal financial empire” which extracts Australian wealth through profit repatriation to absentee landlords. Australia could be an independent nation and a powerful force for peace and prosperity in our region.

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⁵⁰ “Is the United States of America a blessing or curse to mankind?”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), 6 August 2021

⁵¹ “The fight for an Australian Republic”, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au), December 1999

⁵² Policies: Infrastructure, Australian Citizens Party, (citizensparty.org.au)

