

My name is Chris Lwin, a law student from Deakin University and a diaspora from Myanmar. The following are my responses to the questions.

1. Why did the military coup in Myanmar occur?
The 2020 election results in favour of the National League for Democracy was an imminent threat to their power as the push towards constitutional change was foreseeable.
2. How long is military rule in Myanmar likely to last?
They will not last long if the people continue to resist and further push forward for a federal union in Myanmar as it is widely seen as the solution to Myanmar's current crisis.
3. What have been the regional reactions to the coup in Myanmar?
The one that unites all the Myanmar citizens right now is their resistance against the Military oppression. They have been doing this for more than half a century towards peoples living in regional areas who are most affected by civil wars. This has resulted in hundreds of thousands of internationally displaced persons throughout Myanmar.
4. What are the implications for Australians in Myanmar?
Australians in Myanmar are not safe in Myanmar, especially if they are caught up in places where the crackdown is most intense. The military indiscriminately attack and arrest civilians and Australians may be among them.
5. What are the implications for Australians doing business in Myanmar?
Stopping their business would be the best option for the public image of the business.
6. What is the impact on bilateral cooperation, such as military, human rights and international development support?
There should be ongoing support for humanitarian assistance for those impacted by the military coup and crackdown, especially towards the internally displaced persons in Karen/Thai borders, Kachin and Rakhine state.