

Climate work by CSIRO

I am writing in response to the article "Security risk in China marine project", 10/2 to convey my disappointment in such a speculative and misleading piece.

To imply the Centre for Southern Hemisphere Oceans Research poses a national security risk, without any supporting claims of fact, is alarmist and reporting. With all CSHOR research outcomes available to the public,

calls for greater transparency about this research are disingenuous.

Climate change is a global challenge and needs deep global collaboration. CSHOR brings together world-leading researchers from Australia and China to further our understanding of how southern hemisphere oceans influence the climate of our region and the rest of the globe.

CSHOR is governed by independent science leaders and is contributing to Australian, Chinese and global efforts to adapt to climate change.

The CSIRO scientist singled out in your article with unfounded negative inference, is highly accomplished. He has been instrumental in discovering the scientific evidence linking El Niño and climate change --- an important step in our ability to predict droughts in Australia and floods in China.

As a national newspaper perhaps The Australian should consider publishing the achievements of Australia's great scientific endeavours rather than dismantling them.

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