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To the committee,

With special regards to terms of reference a & b:

an assessment of the consistency in application of Australia's sanctions regime and in coordination with key partners and allies, including the identification of any gaps and time lags in their application;

consideration of the evidence on how sanctions regimes are targeting and addressing behaviour of designated individuals and entities

I believe this is part of the problem. There should be a focus on the consideration of the consistency in application of sanctions regimes in regards to designated behaviour. Certain individuals and entities remain key partners and allies instead of designated individuals and entities. Inconsistency undermines Australia's credibility on the world stage. The most severe breaches of international law could trigger an administrative designation with a burden placed on the Foreign Minister to appeal. Perhaps some sort of anti-Mafia Pool arrangement could be organized to administer it with a sole scope of blatant and unapologetic violations committed in an environment of absolute impunity. This would better align with Australia's existing anti-corruption and crime measures.

If sanctions are seen solely as a diplomatic tool rather than an instrument of natural justice that would undermine the legitimacy of the sanctions regime. Coordination, collaboration, and harmonization of sanctions with partners and allies could become the delegation of sovereign decision making.

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