

SUBMISSION TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW FRAMEWORK SENATE INQUIRY

In my view there ought to be legislative or regulatory changes to that framework to ensure Australia's national interest is being adequately considered.

Defence of Australia's vital infrastructure and productive economic assets is of highest priority for our security. Remember the important place of these in military operations in previous and current conflicts around the world.

Leasing the Port of Darwin to a powerful country with expansionist ambitions or selling agricultural property to foreign interests show Commonwealth legislation or regulation are urgently needed.

The suggestion by the Australian Government that our security interests are protected because the Port of Darwin could be resumed if a threat arose is ludicrous. Notice tends not to be given by those wanting to impose a military threat. One of the principles of war is Surprise!

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