

Committee Secretary
Senate Economics Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT
Australia

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to thank the Senate Standing Committee on Economics for inviting written submissions from the public on the subject of foreign investment by state-owned entities, such as China's bid to become a significant share holder in Rio Tinto.

For the following reasons, I propose, as an Australian citizen, that the Australian Government should reject all such foreign investment:

- The sale of Australia's sovereign wealth assets to foreign state-owned entities will ultimately be to the detriment of the Australian economy;
- Our natural resources, for example, generate a significant amount of Australia's long term trading wealth.
- We should not sell the family jewels for short term financial gain. Once gone they will be lost forever. They can never be regained while they have worth;
- They will be utilized to generate wealth for a foreign entity. In the long term, Australia will lose out.
- Ownership and control of Australia's wealth assets will be transferred to a foreign power which may manipulate prices and values relevant to other Australian allied industries.

Thankyou for your consideration of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

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