As a Senior citizen I'm saddened by the facts I see our very own Australian company's and resources being allowed to be sold off or bought up for whatever reason, whether it be for investment or worse still acquisition by any foreign business or government institutions.

Such is the case at the moment with the Chinese Government wanting to buy into our state or federally owned resources.

As far as I'm concerned enough is enough, Australia is being bought up in ever increasing amounts by overseas company's and we buy back foreign owned and manufactured goods, successive governments here in Australia over the course of the past thirty years have idly sat on their hands and allowed this to happen, without abatement.

Because of the lack of foresight by the various ministers, who should by reason know better but choose to ignore that our "Intelligence Goes Overseas" and we are then forced to but that same technology/intelligence back at inflated prices.

Where the economics of that stacks up is beyond my comprehension, but I'm only an old man, what would I know about economics.

We have some very smart people here in Australia but because of the inability of our collective government departments to realise this, they seek funding and get it readily from other overseas financial institutions/universities who; actually see the value or worth of such intelligent resources.

I have family and friends in many country's around the world and we here in Australia are becoming a laughing stock and the butt of jokes amongst many folks, some who suggest we will soon have to apply for our passports to either Japan, America or Canada, as our much touted sovereignty is non longer what it once was.

Our fallen ANZACS would turn in their graves of they could see what they fought for was almost in vain.

As strange as this may sound and knowing of our ongoing alliance with the United States of America, we are joked about by some American's as being the "Other Overseas State" of the USA, maybe soon to be the Southern Dominion of China, anything is possible the way things are going now.

Although I'm not yet dead, my time on this planet is coming to an end, I just hope for the sake of my children and grandchildren someone in government wakes up in time to put the brakes on and turn things around before it's too late.

We all know what the upshot is of not taking avoiding action when heading or going towards a disaster, the inevitable crash could be our collective end.

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