

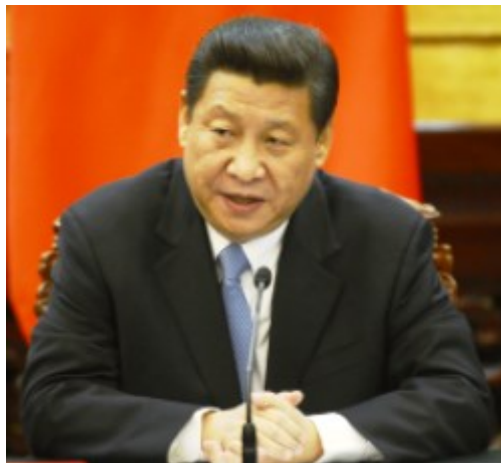
## **China May Teach Oz a Bitter Lesson -- You Can't Have Your Cake and Eat It**

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*Almost all Aussies are aware how slavishly governments kow-tow to Washington, the last disgusting arse-lick was voting with the USA against a UN investigation of the Gaza massacre. However, China seems fed up with Australia's crawling on its hands and knees to Washington no matter what, while Australia imagines it can continue to spout anti-Chinese propaganda at Washington's behest in all matters, local and international (without consequence) and go on provocative US errands to the South China Sea, which China secures to KEEP IT OPEN to trade.*

*Now do not imagine for a second I'm not a patriot but Oz clearly needs a painful kick up the arse to shock it into the REAL WORLD. There is more to the W-O-R-L-D than the belligerent, rustic USA.*



***Xi Jinping***

From BI:

Chinese state media suggests cutting billions of dollars in Australian imports to 'make Australia pay' by Paul Colgan

China's globally-focused state media outlet has suggested Beijing could cut Australian imports by billions of dollars and cool diplomatic relations between the countries for an extended period.

In an [extensive editorial](#) on Chinese-Australian relations published today, the Global Times — known for its belligerent editorials — says that despite Australia indicating it wants relations to improve, “it is necessary for China to leave Australia hanging for a while, instead of being too quick to bury the hatchet whenever Canberra tries to put a smile on its face.”

Beijing this week sent its strongest signals yet on the deteriorating relations between the countries amid increasing concern about Chinese influence in Australia from media and politicians over recent years.

The editorial said it was time to “make Australia pay for its arrogant attitudes it has revealed toward China over the past two years”.

The article canvasses options for trade reduction:

Metal ore is Australia’s major export to China. As long as China is in need of the metal exports, and a replacement remains difficult to find, they will continue to import them. But when it comes to wine and beef, China can easily import those items from the US, replacing Australia.

The scope of import reductions could be limited. Last year, Australia exported \$76.45 billion in goods to China. Lowering Aussie exports by \$6.45 billion would send cold chills up and down the spine of Australia. Of course, it would be an even greater shock if the import reductions totaled \$10 billion.

China has been very friendly toward Australia, but their arrogant attitudes in return over the past two years have become a virtual example of what it means to “bite the hand that feeds.”

Yesterday Beijing made it clear it now has a dim view of its relations with Australia, with a spokesman for foreign minister Wang Yi saying that Australia “must break away from its traditional thinking, take off its tinted glasses to look at China’s development from a more positive angle”.

This view was communicated in a meeting with Australia’s foreign minister Julie Bishop on the fringes of the G20 meeting in Argentina this week, the spokesman said.

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