



## **Serious consequences of the fearmongering narrative of possible war with China.**

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Congratulations to the CCCAV for publishing an “Open Letter to Daily Mail Australia Demanding Apology for and Removal of the Racially-Based Accusatory Article” on their website (7 March 2023).  
<https://cccav.org.au/open-letter-to-daily-mail-australia-demanding-apology-for-and-removal-of-the-racially-based-accusatory-article/>

CCCAV wrote: “We are writing to express our deep concern about the article titled “*Why authorities are alarmed by these pictures showing three Chinese men taking photos at an Australian military show*” published in the Daily Mail Australia news website on 6 March 2023 (<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11824139/Chinese-taking-photos-Australias-defence-aircraft-Avalon-arouse-suspicions.html>). The reported suspicion against the three men solely based on their appearance/race without any factual evidence is grossly unfair, racist, and deeply offensive to all Australians with Chinese heritage”.

“This type of racially-based suspicion not only affects the victims but also causes profound discomfort and anxiety to Australians of Chinese and other Asian heritage. It is unfair, unreasonable and unacceptable to suspect anyone with a camera in a public event who looks Chinese/Asian as a spy. This kind of racist suspicion makes us feel so unsafe and uneasy.”

The Multicultural Communities Council of NSW and CCCA jointly supports the sentiments expressed by CCCAV and the call for a public apology over this xenophobic publication.

This racially biased report of the Daily Mail Australia is not an isolated incident as the root cause comes from the US containment and demonisation of China in maintaining her hegemony in the world.

The latest narrative from the Deep State and media in the US, started with the prediction by a 4-star general that the US would go to war with China by 2025, and followed by the US House Committee hearing that states that China is an existential threat to US and war is inevitable. In Australia, the SMH continued the US narrative in Australia by publishing a warmongering and fearmongering article “Red Alert” which talks up a possible war with China, followed by another article “The first 72 hours: How an attack on Taiwan could rapidly reach Australia”.

Red Alert: <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/red-alert-20230306-p5cpt8.html>

Attack on Taiwan: <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/the-first-72-hours-how-an-attack-on-taiwan-could-rapidly-reach-australia-20230228-p5cod1.html>

Since the change of Federal government, we observed the loss of a war drummer, Dutton, and now phase II of the war drums in Australia is continued by the Australian media in lock-step with the American media. This type of articles, together with the Daily Mail Australia report, only serves to give legitimacy to a rise in xenophobia, McCarthyism and racial disharmony; not to mention the stress and trauma of Chinese Australians going through the “laundry press” again!



Former PM Paul Keating article in the P&I blog entitled “If only our present PM said this: *“Today’s Sydney Morning Herald and The Age front page stories on Australia’s supposed war risk with China represents the most egregious and provocative news presentation of any newspaper I have witnessed in over fifty years of active public life.”*

<https://johnmenadue.com/australia-and-china-news-abuse-by-the-sydney-morning-herald-and-the-age/>

Keating added: “Apart from the outrageous illustrations of jet aircraft being shown leaving a profiled red-coloured map of China, the extent of the bias and news abuse is, I believe, unparalleled in modern Australian journalism.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2023/mar/07/paul-keating-blasts-age-and-smh-for-provocative-china-war-story>

Luckily, Australians are not as gullible, despite all the propaganda, and it is good for SMH to allow alternative views on the subject as shown in the readers comments in “Forget the red alert, a ‘love offensive’ is the best way to reach China”

Chinese Australians are grateful and appreciate this SMH reader’s comment:

Do your experts really understand the complex array of economic, political and strategic factors that lead to war? This nostalgic “beating war drums” rhetoric does nothing to ensure good regional relations. Perhaps more importantly, it indicates the military establishment’s contempt for Penny Wong’s admirable ambition for Australia to help “responsibly manage the growing strategic competition between the major powers”. **Andrew Mack, Surry Hills**

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/forget-the-red-alert-a-love-offensive-is-the-best-way-to-reach-china-20230307-p5cq3u.html>

Postscript: The comments by Dr Sue Wareham, is much appreciated by the Chinese Australian community on the Red Alert publication.

<https://www.croakey.org/as-major-newspapers-come-under-fire-over-war-mongering-health-sector-urged-to-speak-up-for-peace/>

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