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Veteran diplomat warns against Australia being a US proxy in war against China

Former Australian diplomat John Lander is speaking out in retirement to warn that the current direction of Australia's foreign policy is leading to war with China. In an interview that every thoughtful Australian should find alarming, Lander explains how the strategic dynamic that has triggered war in Ukraine is also at play in the Asia-Pacific, and risks pushing Australia into a war with our biggest trading partner.

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In the interview, John Lander reveals:

- Why he is speaking out now;
- His perspective on the cause of the war in Ukraine, which is now a proxy of the antagonistic US-UK-NATO agenda against Russia;
- How Australia's political leaders, led by Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Defence Minister Peter Dutton, are talking Australia into a similar proxy role in the current US strategy against China, called the "Strategy of Denial";
- That Australia cannot win a war against China, so if they continue on this path our politicians will only succeed in destroying the nation;
- How Australia could start to steer away from this danger by reiterating an existing policy that is the basis of our relationship with China;
- That Australia does not have an independent foreign policy, but is subservient to Anglo-American geopolitical strategy due to the financial control of the City of London and Wall Street over our economy;
- How the US-led sanctions on Russia are actually reshaping the global economy and global alliances away from the Anglo-American world order, in a way in which Australia's position is becoming increasingly isolated within our region and the wider world.

John Lander is one of a growing number of retired diplomats, politicians, and military officers who have become alarmed at the Australian government's sudden lurch to hostility against Australia's biggest trading partner. The late former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser was another, who warned in 2012 that Australia was aligning with a US policy that was leading towards nuclear war with China. In his 2014 book *Dangerous Allies*, Fraser stated that Australia has never been independent, but has



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In his 30-year diplomatic career, John Lander was Deputy Ambassador to China in 1974-76, Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran in 1985-87, and three times was head of the China section of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He devoted a large part of his career to developing and strengthening Australia's relationship with China, with which Australia now enjoys a more than \$70 billion annual trade surplus. His motivation, shared by many of his colleagues, was to promote the idea that Australia should pursue its independent national interest. As an experienced diplomat, with a deep understanding of international relations and international law, John Lander's perspective on the biggest issue facing Australia deserves to be heard by every citizen.

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