

May I add to my existing submission a note.

In the past week the Defence Minister, not the PM backed by the Cabinet, announced that Australia would defend Taiwan against the PRC.

I make no comment on whether this might be a good thing or a bad thing.

What is important to note is that without any parliamentary debate or decisions, we appear to have been committed to fight in a possible future war with the PRC on the say so of one man.

Hence the importance of the bill under discussion.

Thank you

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