

## Answer to Question on Notice - Lowy Institute - 16 November 2025

The Lowy Institute, amongst other think tanks conduct annual polling of the public on these issues. Some specific polling questions asked by Lowy over several years that related to the above question, that give an indication of public sentiment and the relevant links are below:

- Do you think it is likely or unlikely that China will become a military threat to Australia in the next 20 years? <https://poll.lowyinstitute.org/charts/china-as-a-military-threat/>
- For each of the following, please indicate whether you think Australia should be doing more, less, or about the same as now: <https://poll.lowyinstitute.org/charts/china-australian-policy-settings/>
- China: economic partner or security threat. <https://poll.lowyinstitute.org/charts/china-economic-partner-or-security-threat/>
- Defence spending: In 2025, 51% said Australia should increase defence spending. <https://poll.lowyinstitute.org/charts/defence-spending/>
- Now about world events, how safe do you feel? <https://poll.lowyinstitute.org/charts/feeling-of-safety/>
- Threats to Australia's vital interests. In 2025, 65% saw cyberattacks from other countries as a critical threat to the vital interests of Australia in the next ten years. <https://poll.lowyinstitute.org/charts/threats-australias-vital-interests/>
- Willingness to defend Australia. In 2025, 52% said yes, they would be willing to fight to defend Australia. <https://poll.lowyinstitute.org/charts/willingness-to-defend-australia/>