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Summary

The Australian policy community needs to critically re-assess Australia's role in the Asia-Pacific geo-strategic community and less on traditional Anglo-American alliances, and in the process establish an Australian perspective of international relations and, more importantly, realistically contribute to regional stability and prosperity. Continued reliance on a Western perspective, despite proclamations of new policy directions, risks dangerous outcomes and anti-democratic processes.

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