

China Matters Youth Policy Meeting

Sydney, 20 April 2016

Welcome to the second China Matters Youth Policy Meeting, co-hosted by the Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI), UTS, and China Matters.

This event provides a platform for leading young professionals to discuss an important issue in the Australia-China relationship today. The meeting has a concrete mission: to formulate one or two policy recommendations for the Australian government on the subject of Chinese investment in Australia.

The 'jazz club style' format of the meeting is designed to create a conversation between peers. While panellists are expected to help lead the conversation, their remarks must be brief (6 minutes), so that the majority of the session is an open back-and-forth among all of the participants. Participants are expected to keep their remarks to 3 minutes.

Chatham House rules apply. Information disclosed during the meeting may be reported by those present but the source of that information may not be identified.

Discussion topic Chinese investment in Australia: How much is too much?

- Questions to consider**
- Is Chinese investment in Australia a threat or an opportunity?
 - Is there a threshold – either quantitative, or based on certain criteria, such as strategic importance – beyond which the Australian government should not accept Chinese investment in Australia?
 - Is reciprocity relevant to this discussion? Should Australia allow foreign investment into sectors that Australians are not permitted by China to invest in China?
 - If a major deterioration in Australia-China ties were to occur, how should the Australian government manage Chinese investments in critical infrastructure? What concrete measures could be taken in response?

Order of proceedings

6.00pm

Registration

6.30pm – 8.00pm

Welcoming remarks

Ms Linda Jakobson, Founder and Director of China Matters

Interactive panel discussion

Moderator:

Ms Natalie Cope, Manager of Partnerships and Development,
Asialink Business

Panellists:

Mr Tom Boak, Adviser, Department of the Prime Minister and
Cabinet

Ms Hannah Bretherton, Research Assistant, Australia-China
Relations Institute

Ms Annie Shu, Manager of Innovation and Strategy, Group
Innovation Westpac

8.00pm – 8.45pm

Refreshments served