



Second China Matters PRC Study Tour

Participant Testimonials

The Hon Richard Marles MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Defence, Member for Corio

"The China Matters study tour was high intensity and high value. The conversations were characterised by their frankness and covered a large part of the China story. For my part, I came away, after three days, with new perspectives and a much deeper understanding of a country which is central to Australia's future."

Mr Kevin McCann AM, Chair of China Matters, Chair of Telix Pharmaceuticals

"The thoughtfully curated program ensured that I gained insight into Chinese views from senior policy specialists about the bumps in the Australia-China relationship, and very importantly, how they might be resolved. Because of the diverse background of the people we met and their importance in Chinese foreign policy formulation, combined with their willingness to engage with us, this was the most rewarding study tour I have even been on."

Mr Ted O'Brien MP, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy, Member for Fairfax

"China Matters provided an invaluable opportunity to have open and candid dialogue with thought-leaders, specialists and practitioners of the PRC government, business sector and civil society. For Australia to continue navigating its future amidst an uncertain global political economy, it's vitally important that we deepen our understanding of China and they deepen their understanding of us."

The Hon Tanya Plibersek, Shadow Minister for Education and Training, Member for Sydney

"Very worthwhile trip. Great to get a range of views of domestic Chinese politics and economic issues. Very impressive interlocutors. A great way to deepen participants' understanding of China."

Mr Brian Pontifex, Chief Advisor for Government Relations, Australia, Rio Tinto

"A ripe opportunity for immersion into China at a critical period of international relations."

"The program introduces participants to diverse views on the rise of China, its economy, trade, development, commerce and its place in the world. It provided a window on attitudes toward Chinese policy priorities and on relations between countries. An excellent opportunity to challenge and frame attitudes on some of the big questions confronting Australia, China and the world at the moment."

Ms Fiona Simson, President, National Farmers' Federation

"The tour enabled full and frank discussions around some of the opportunities and challenges we need to address to build a stronger relationship with one of our major trading partners. Unique insights from a variety of perspectives. Well balanced and structured giving great insights into domestic Chinese affairs. A great way to build shared understandings which will be critical to maximise opportunities for Australian agriculture."

