

## Media Roundup Issue 28 (08/07/17 – 14/07/17)

### 1. Turnbull tells China: rein in North Korea

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The Australian

Malcolm Turnbull has bluntly told Chinese President Xi Jinping that he must bring North Korea to heel, as the Prime Minister warned of a “dangerous” escalation amid a failure by world leaders at the weekend to reach a unified position on how to deal with the rogue state.

During a private meeting at the G20 summit in Hamburg, Mr Turnbull delivered Australia’s message to Mr Xi that China was the key to avoiding potential military conflict on the peninsula and it had a responsibility to act.

Officials confirmed that Mr Turnbull had been “frank and forthright” during his brief discussion with the Chinese President following a leaders retreat on Friday, having made similar appeals earlier in the year when they met.

“My message ... is exactly the same message that I make publicly and that is China has the ability to bring North Korea to its senses in a way that nobody else can, absent military force, and they should take that responsibility and act,” Mr Turnbull said.

*Read more (paywall):* <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/turnbull-tells-china-to-rein-in-regime/news-story/8ef66f2e7ec8b3fe6cea1d166cdda70a>

### 2. The new Chinese investors about to make Australian property foray

10/07/2017  
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Australian Financial Review

At least 10 Chinese investors and developers who are yet to make their mark on Australia's property scene are preparing to make an entry despite a recent

slowdown in corporate activity driven by China's upcoming National Congress and tougher foreign investment restrictions imposed by Chinese regulators.

New federal and state taxes on foreign buyers and tighter lending restrictions have also created negative sentiment for potential Chinese developers and investors however JLL's head of China desk, Michael Zhang, said many Chinese real estate companies were still very serious about investing here.

"Australia continues to be a major investment destination for Chinese capital and many Chinese real estate companies are serious about having some footprint in Australia," Mr Zhang said.

*Read more: <http://www.afr.com/real-estate/the-new-chinese-investors-about-to-make-australian-property-foray-20170709-gx7wfj>*

### 3. Stripe deal opens door to China for e-retailers

**11/07/2017**  
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**The Australian**

Australia's online retailers have received a welcome shot in the arm with a global deal between Alipay and WeChat Pay opening up access to more than one billion Chinese consumers.

Stripe, a Silicon Valley payments giant that provides infrastructure for online businesses, said it had reached partnerships with AliPay and WeChat Pay to accept payments through those services on their websites.

It's understood Stripe powers about 2000 online businesses in Australia, and has about 12 per cent market share here. Its nearest rival, eWay, has 13 per cent of the market, while PayPal has 68 per cent.

Stripe is used locally by Seek, Menulog, Canva, Shoes of Prey, the Catch Group and others.

*Read more (paywall): <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/stripe-deal-opens-door-to-china-for-eretailers/news-story/98aff43f975cc8115b3bb7c08739f092>*

#### 4. Australia looks to China for maths, science lessons

11/07/2017

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The Australian

Frustrated by stagnating maths and STEM standards, Australian education and policy experts are travelling to China for lessons on how to boost maths and science in local classrooms.

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Victoria's top public servant, Department of Premier and Cabinet secretary Chris Eccles, has lead a delegation to Jiangsu to meet with early learning and teaching experts to discuss language, education, and how to improve science, technology, engineering and maths skills (STEM) locally.

Victoria is targeting a 25 per cent increase in the number of Year 9 students reaching the highest level of achievement in maths, and a 33 per cent increase in students reaching the highest levels of science.

Three-quarters of the fastest growing occupations are now reliant on STEM skills, but students round the country are opting out of science and maths subjects in greater numbers.

*Read more (paywall):* <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/education/australia-looks-to-china-for-maths-science-lessons/news-story/63f74b5a7f010143d39e867ec1a33629>

#### 5. Malcolm Turnbull needs a better plan for North Korea than asking for China's help

12/07/2017

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ABC Online

In response to North Korea's successful test of an inter-continental ballistic missile that could possibly reach Australia, politicians, including Malcolm Turnbull, have been calling to China to get tough on the rogue state. But these exhortations will fall on deaf ears.

There is virtually no chance that China will “take responsibility and act” in the way that the United States, Australia, and like minds, want it to.

China’s interests in relation to North Korea are fundamentally different from ours, and no matter how much we cajole or threaten, we cannot genuinely expect China to behave differently in the immediate future.

The basic perspective in the US, Australia and countries like ours – let’s call us “the West” – is that we want to see North Korea denuclearise.

There is a rising sense of panic that North Korea’s nuclear progress is becoming a genuine threat to us. We want to see reunification of the peninsula under liberal democratic governance. If that entails regime change or regime collapse in North Korea, well, so be it.

For China, the calculations are entirely different.

*Read more: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-12/why-china-wont-play-ball-on-north-korea/8698166>*

## 6. Bellamy’s tipped to regain Chinese import licence

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**The Australian**

**Carrie LeFrenz**

One of the men who sold Camperdown Powder to Bellamy's Australia expects Chinese authorities will quickly reinstate an import licence for the canning facility, which was suspended just days after Bellamy's finalised its purchase of the business.

Queensland businessman and racehorse identity Graham Huddy, who is executive chairman and a secured creditor of Camperdown Dairy International (CDI), which sold the canner to Bellamy's, said he expected the license to be reinstated right away.

"I'm at a loss at why someone would do this? You would think they would front the company first," Mr Huddy told The Australian Financial Review.

"My opinion is this will be sorted out as I don't think there is anything wrong. I think the permit will be reissued."

Bellamy's latest saga started July 6, when the Chinese government surprised the company by revoking the import licence for Camperdown Powder, forcing Bellamy's to place its shares in a trading halt while it investigated the issue.

*Read more:* <http://www.afr.com/business/agriculture/bellamys-tipped-to-regain-chinese-import-licence-20170712-gx9t61>

## 7. Crown Resorts: China releases 10 employees, including two Australians, from jail

**12/07/2017**  
**ABC Online**

China has released 10 Crown Resorts employees, including two Australia citizens, from prison after they were convicted of illegally promoting gambling.

Australian national Jerry Xuan walked out of a Shanghai detention centre accompanied by family members and security officials.

He was followed by three other Crown Casino employees, part of a group that has been detailed since October last year.

They left immediately in cars without speaking to media.

Another six were released from a second facility in the city, a lawyer for the families said.

Australian citizen Jan Pan Dan was also among the group to be released.

Crown Casino's head of international VIP gambling, Australian Jason O'Connor, will be released next month after serving a 10-month sentence.

*Read more:* <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-12/china-releases-crown-employees/8701692>

## 8. Bob Carr says his think tank is no longer funded by Huang Xiangmo

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The Australian

Former foreign minister Bob Carr has defended his think-tank's academic independence, saying it is no longer funded by a Chinese businessman and comparing it with United States aligned think tanks which he says "happily" receive money from US corporations.

Mr Carr implied that recent media scrutiny over Chinese political donations has been disproportionate, and criticised Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop for pursuing what he described as an "anti-Chinese direction", saying no other country had spoken as negatively about China as Australia has since January.

Chinese businessman Huang Xiangmo resigned as chairman of Mr Carr's Australia-China Relations institute at the University of Technology Sydney in September last year.

Earlier this year a *Four Corners* investigation revealed ASIO had warned major political parties about taking donations from Mr Huang and high-profile Chinese-Australian businessman Chau Chak Wing because they may be a conduit for Chinese Communist Party interference.

It was also Mr Huang who paid a legal bill for NSW Labor senator Sam Dastyari.

*Read more (paywall):* [www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/bob-carr-says-his-think-tank-is-no-longer-funded-by-huang-xiangmo/news-story/e279f02c62de9e34d349e0056171cfbe](http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/bob-carr-says-his-think-tank-is-no-longer-funded-by-huang-xiangmo/news-story/e279f02c62de9e34d349e0056171cfbe)

## 9. Cochlear 'committed' to Australia, despite China plant

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Bionic ear implant maker Cochlear insists it is committed to Australian manufacturing after it unveiled a plan to spend \$50 million in China developing the first offshore facility for its signature product as its local plants reach capacity.

Cochlear will build the plant in the western Chinese city of Chengdu and hopes to have the first units rolling off the assembly line in four years once it has gained the necessary regulatory approvals. At full production, the plant will boost Cochlear's implant production capacity by 50 per cent.

Cochlear has previously manufactured the implants only in Australia, although it has plants for other products in the United States, Sweden and Belgium it owns following acquisitions.

*Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/business/cochlear-to-spend-50m-on-first-chinese-facility-20170713-gxaepo.html>*

## 10. Wattle Health moves to secure China market

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**AAP**

**ABC News Online**

Wattle Health Australia shares have soared after the infant formula supplier acquired a stake in Australian infant formula maker Blend & Pack, helping to secure its business in China.

Shares in Wattle Health gained 10.5 cents, or 22.1 per cent, to 58 cents, almost triple their original price of 20 cents when the company listed in March.

Wattle Health has paid \$5 million for a five per cent stake in Blend & Pack, one of eight infant formula manufacturing plants in Australia licensed by Chinese authorities to produce infant formula for China's market.

The company will nominate the Wattle Health Infant Formula for accreditation with the China Food and Drug Authority under new regulatory requirements coming into force from January 2018.

That would allow Wattle to continue to supply China with its infant formula through offline and online channels.

Read more: <http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2017/07/12/wattle-health-moves-secure-china-market>

## 11. China suspends 'overheated' Parmalat milk

**14/07/2017**  
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The regulatory minefield Australian companies must navigate to export agricultural goods to China — where licences can seemingly be suspended at random and rules can change overnight — has caught out another dairy company, with global giant Parmalat slapped with a suspension of its fresh milk licence.

Just days after infant milk formula group Bellamy's had its crucial licence to export milk powder to China suspended without warning on the back of a complaint by a mystery whistleblower, Parmalat has been whacked with a similar suspension by the Chinese authorities for its fresh milk factory in South Australia.

Parmalat, the Italy-based dairy operator whose popular Australian dairy brands include Pauls, Vaalia, Oak flavoured milk, Lemnos fetta, Ski yoghurt and top-selling Connoisseur ice cream, was suspended for overheating pasteurised milk at its Clarence Gardens site in Adelaide.

Read more: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/companies/china-suspends-overheated-parmalat-milk/news-story/597a22d5ebc7e9dc7e76eb617ecaf19e>