



Australia's Geoeconomic Experiences


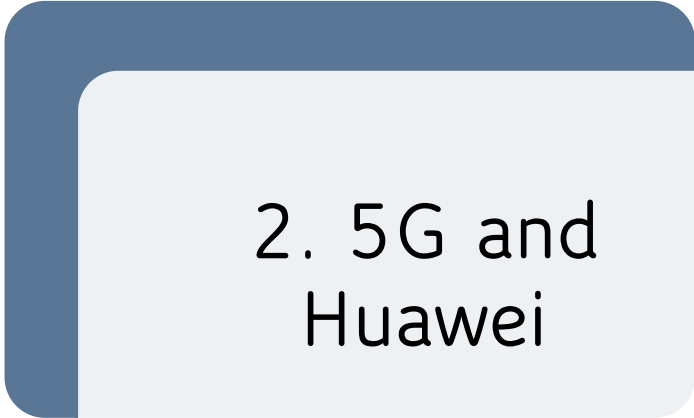
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Today's Focus



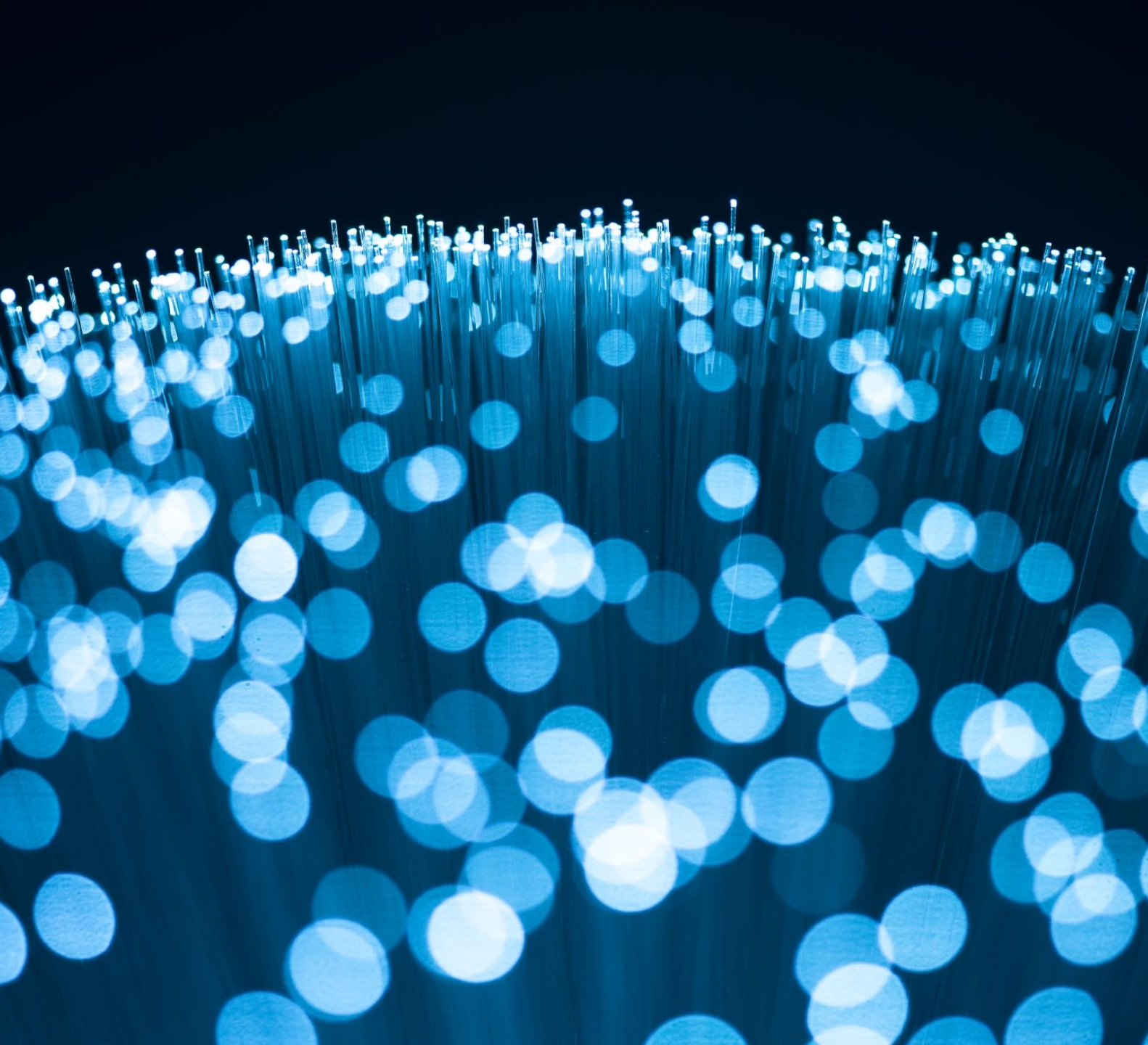
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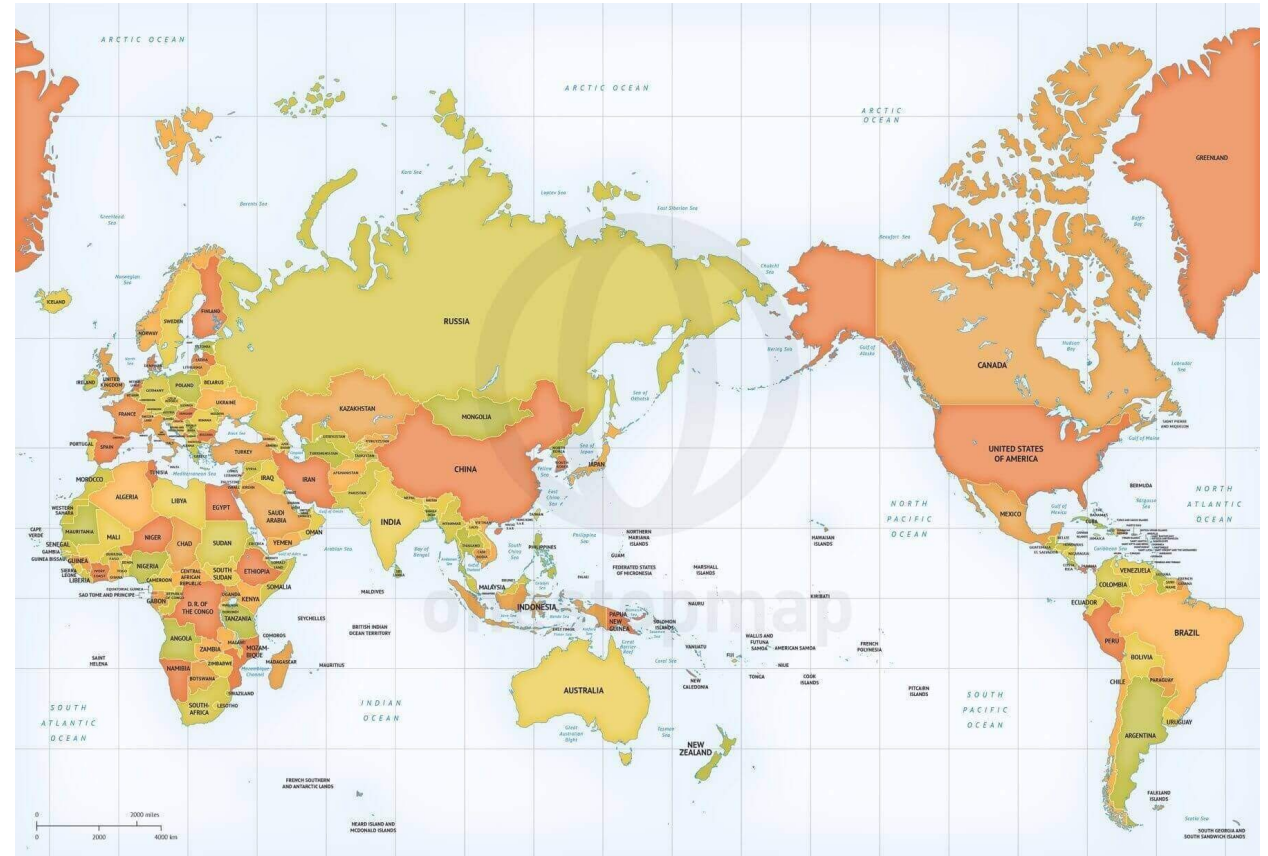


1. Canary in the Coal Mine

Shifting Centre of Gravity

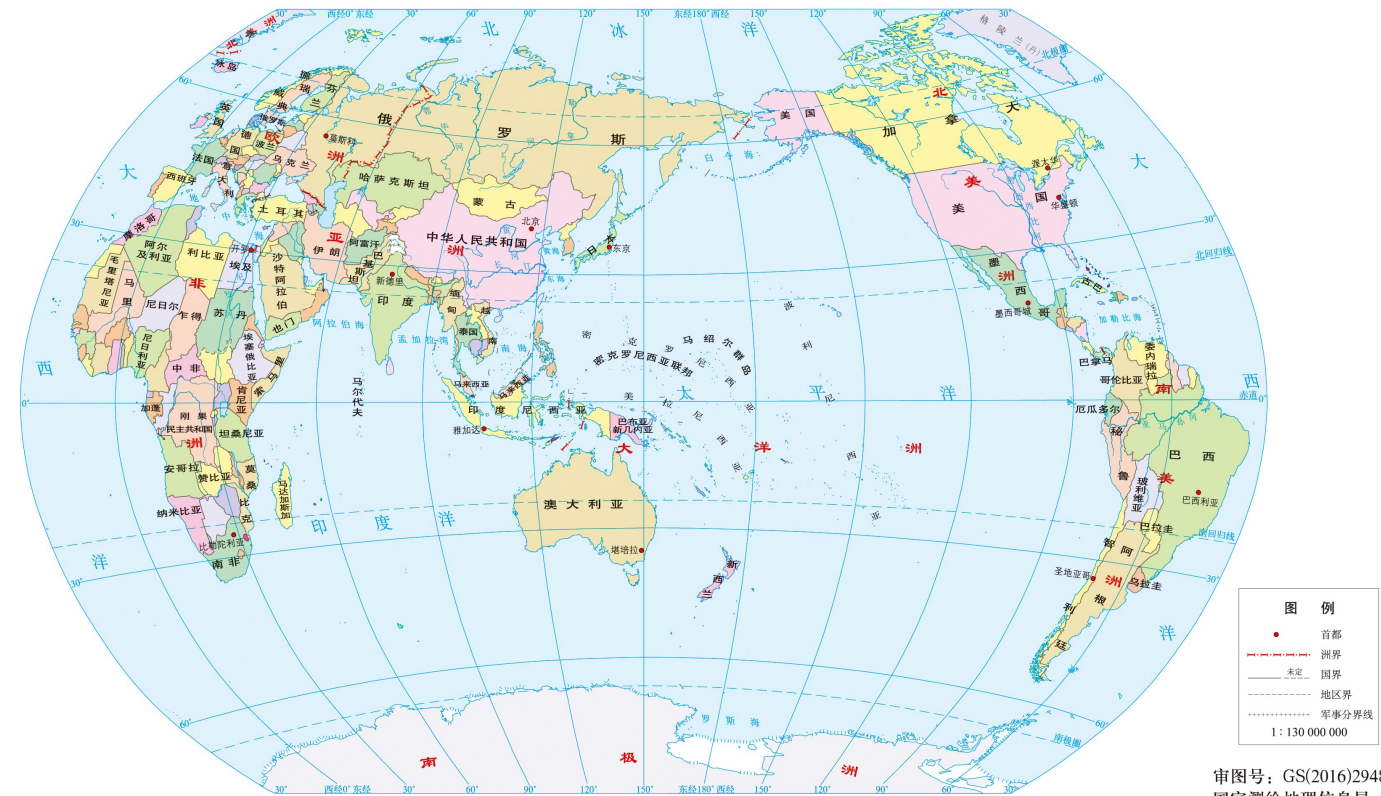


From the Atlantic to Pacific



China's view of the World

世界地图



Australia's China Strategy

Separate & Synergistic

Trade and security are separate

- We don't need to choose between our top trading partner and our top security partner

Trade and security are synergistic

- Free trade increases peace and prosperity
- What is good for companies is good for the country

Entangled & Trade Offs

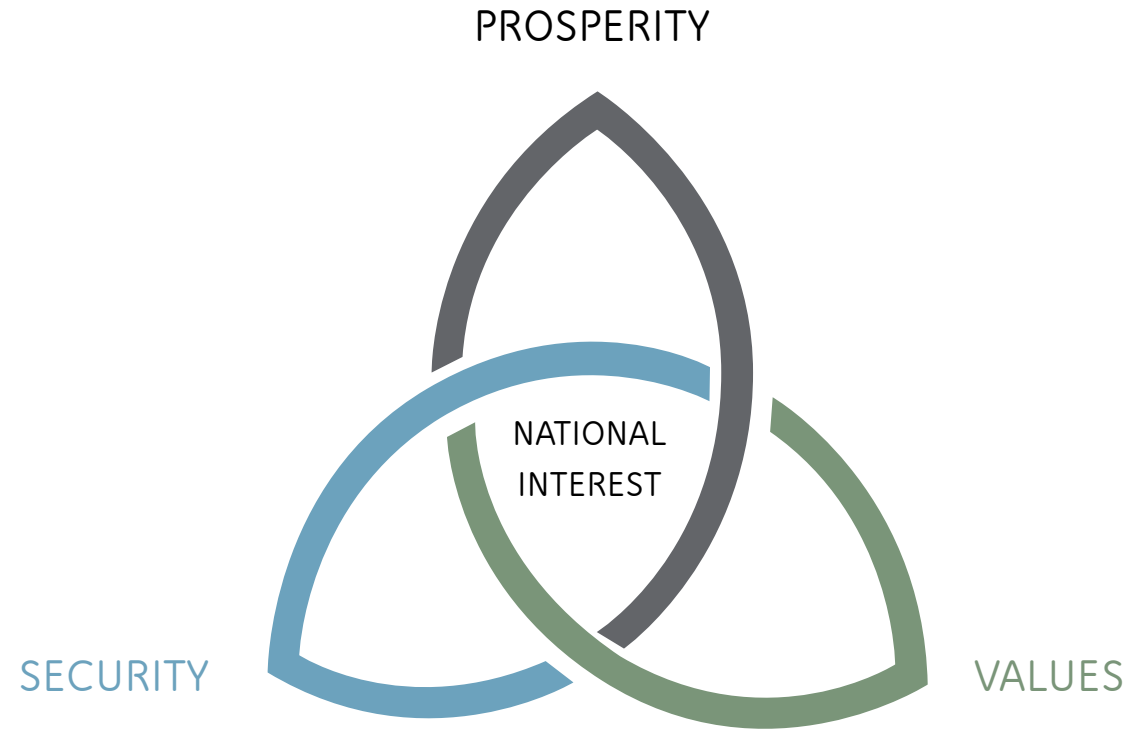
Trade and security are entangled

- We are having to make difficult choices between our interests and our partners

Trade and security are synergistic:

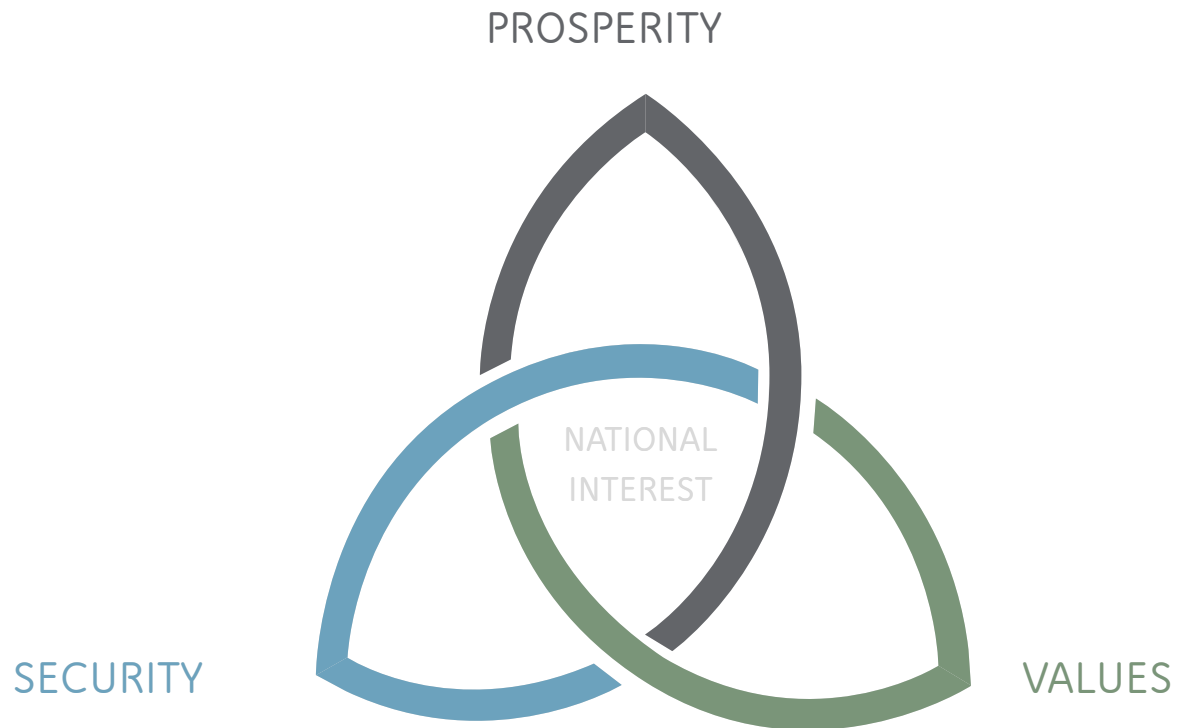
- Peace may be a prerequisite for trade
- Some things that are in the interests of companies are not in the national interest

Defining the National Interest



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Interconnected Issues



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Example:

Investment screening – Huawei
Export controls – semiconductors

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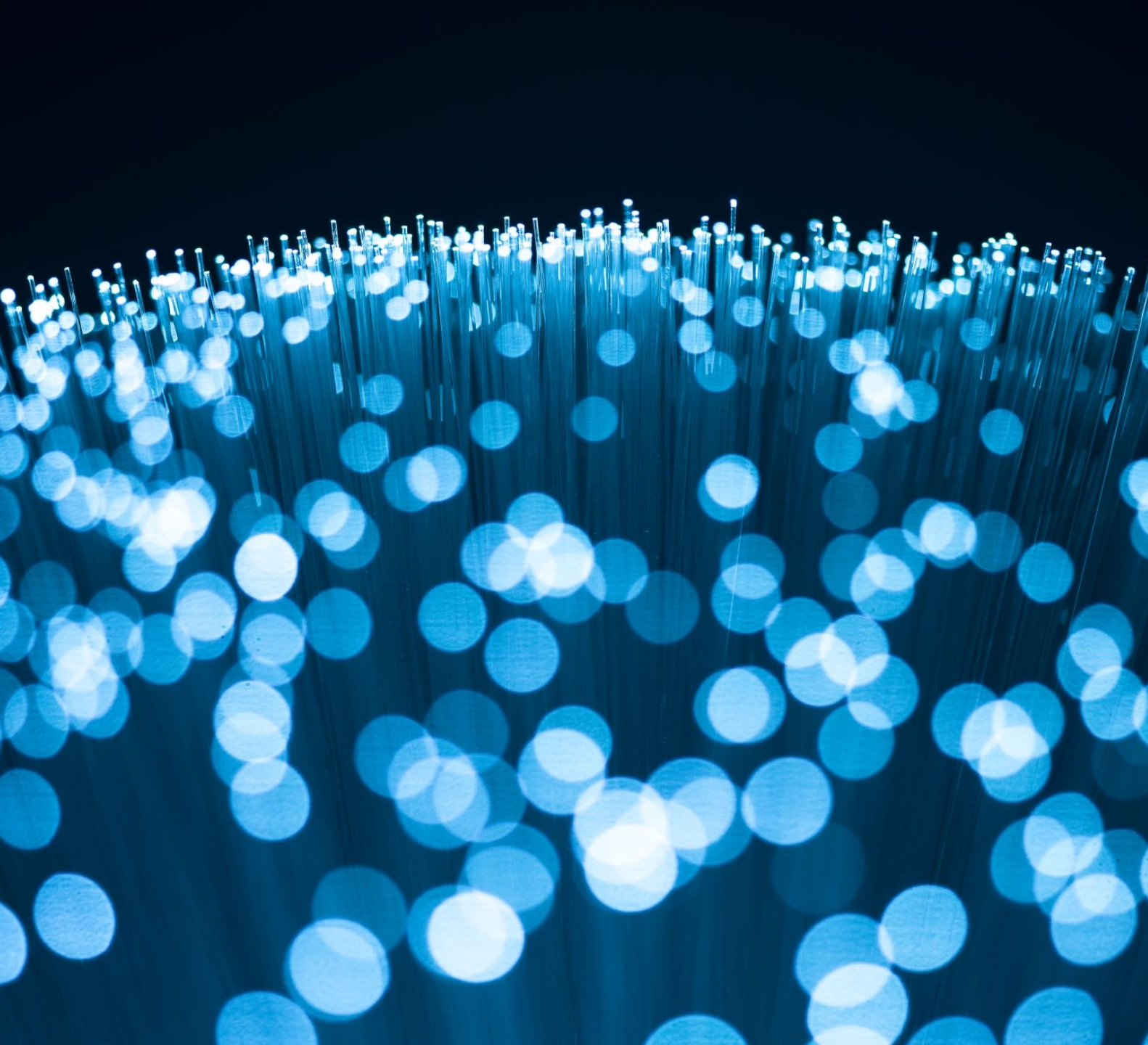
Companies leaving Russia
Taiwan scenario

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Example:

Nationality screening

National Interest = Integration of all three elements

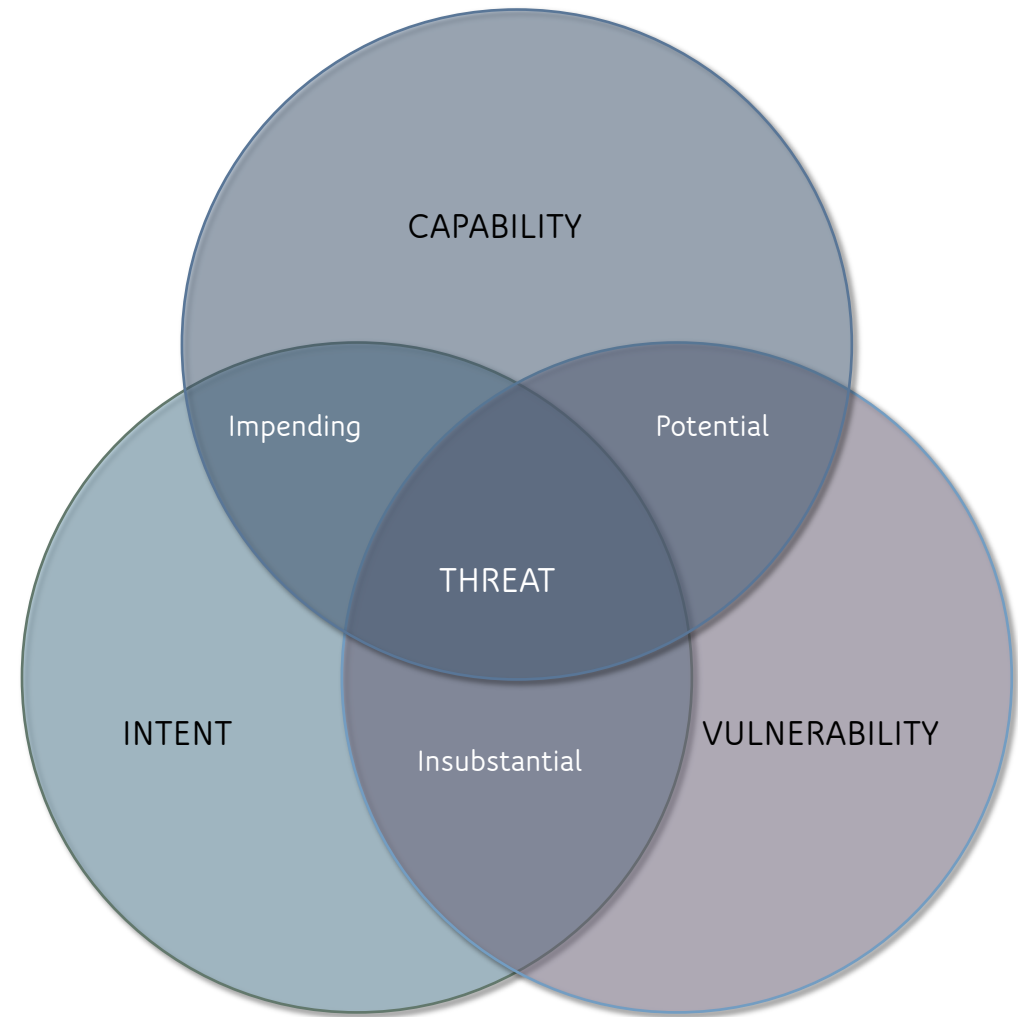


2. 5G and Huawei

5G Debates



Identifying Threats



Australian Approach

Simeon Gilding
(former ASD):

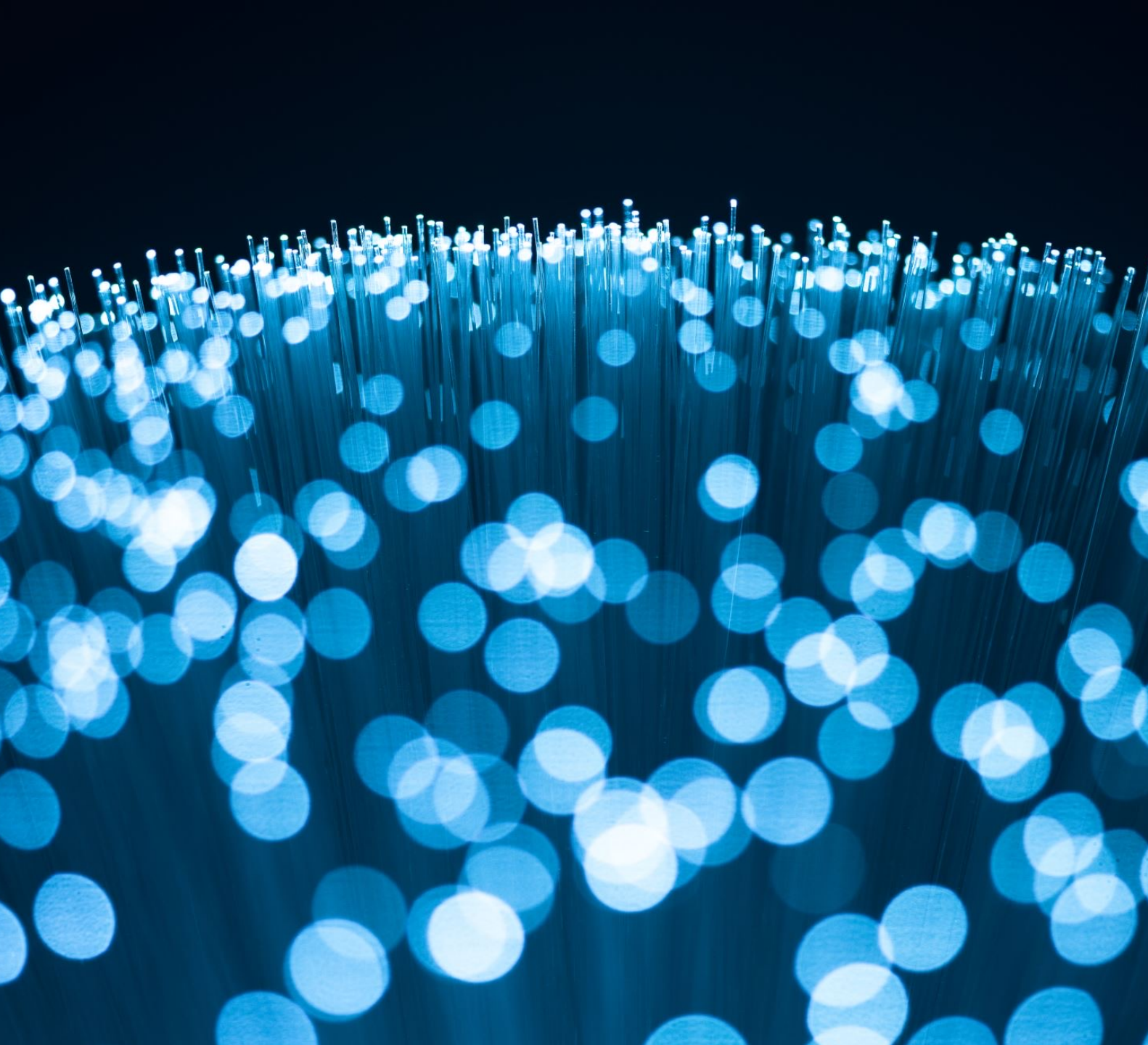


“The fundamental issue is one of trust between nations in cyberspace,” and the CCP “destroyed that trust through its scaled and indiscriminate hacking of foreign networks and its determination to direct and control Chinese tech companies.”

Allowing Huawei to build the country’s 5G network would be like “paying a fox to babysit your chickens.”

Heading to a Phase Change

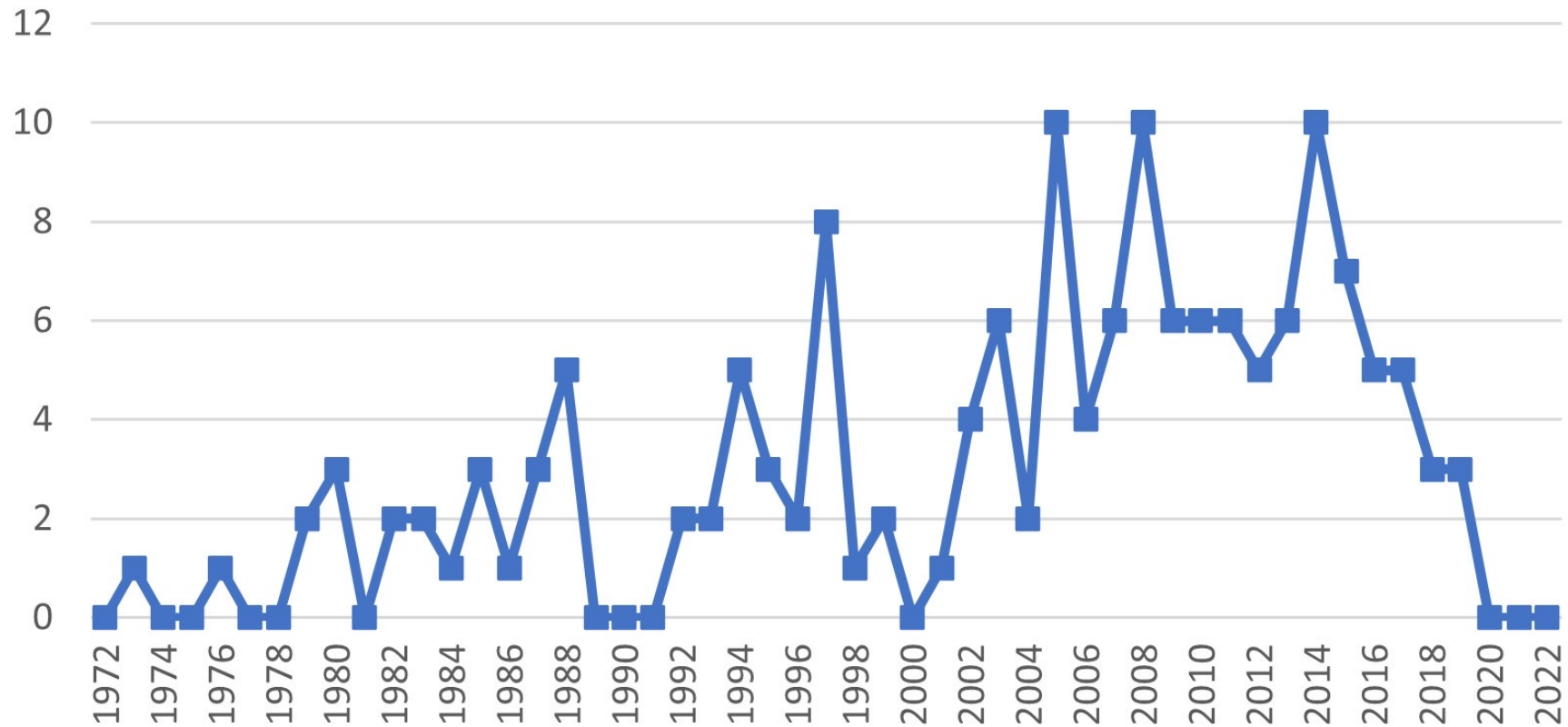




3. Economic Coercion and Future

Declining Relationship

Australia-China leader-level in-person meetings,
1972-2022* (*so far)

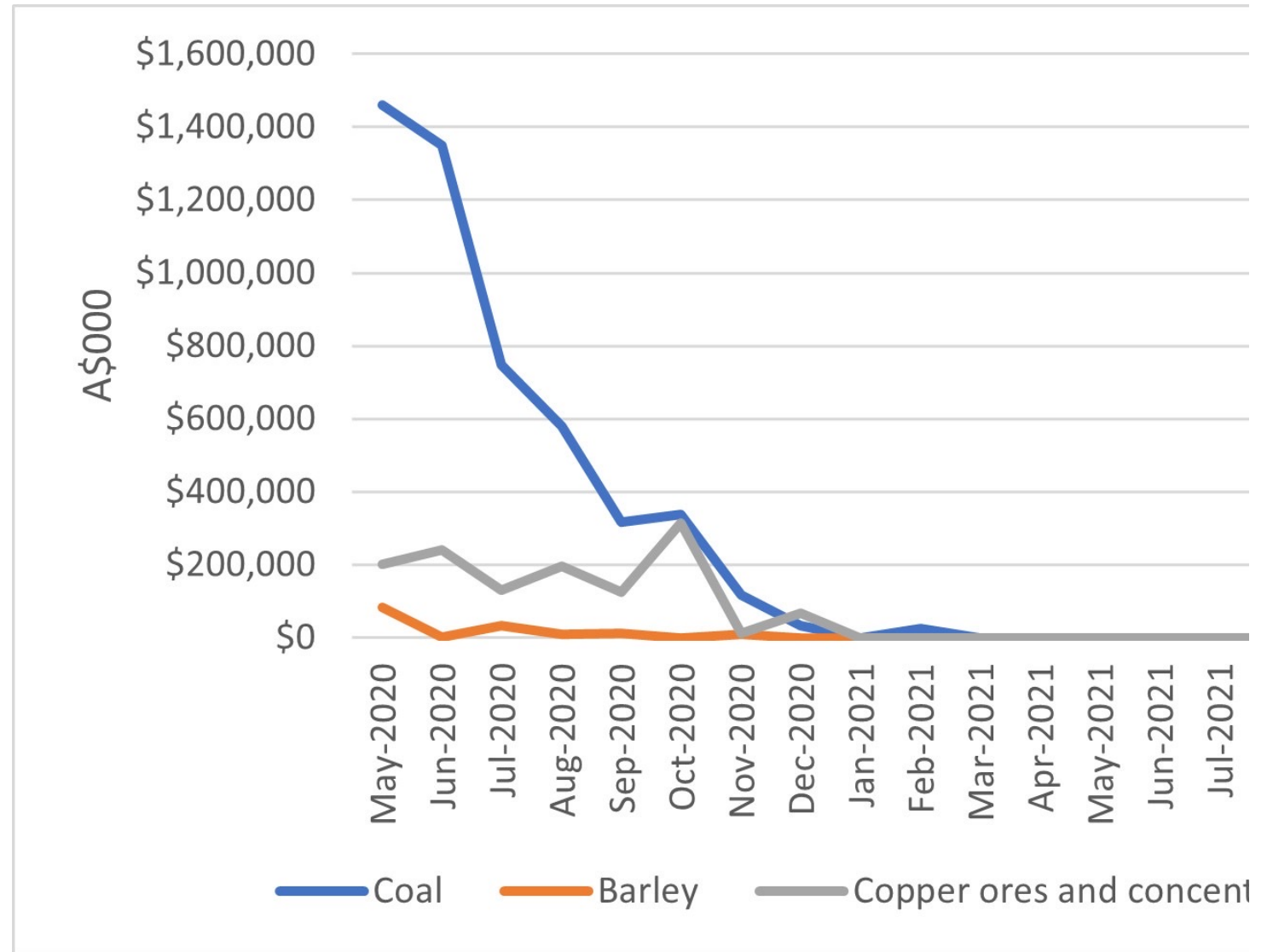


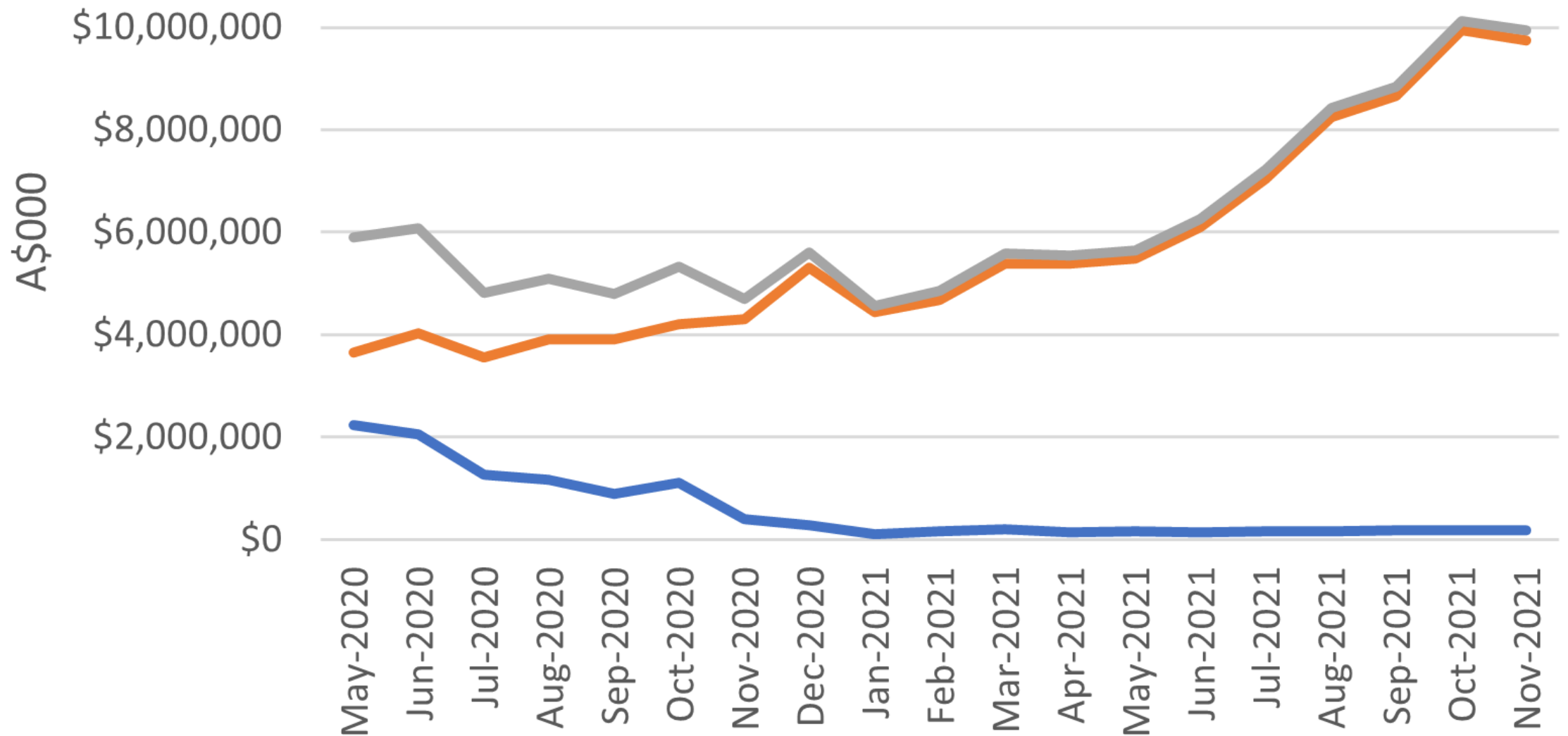
Lim: Coercion & Market Adjustment

Industries that adjusted best tended to be characterised by

- 1) High product homogeneity
- 2) Tight global supply
- 3) China was not the dominant importer globally

Globally competitive industries and open global markets founded Australia's economic resilience.





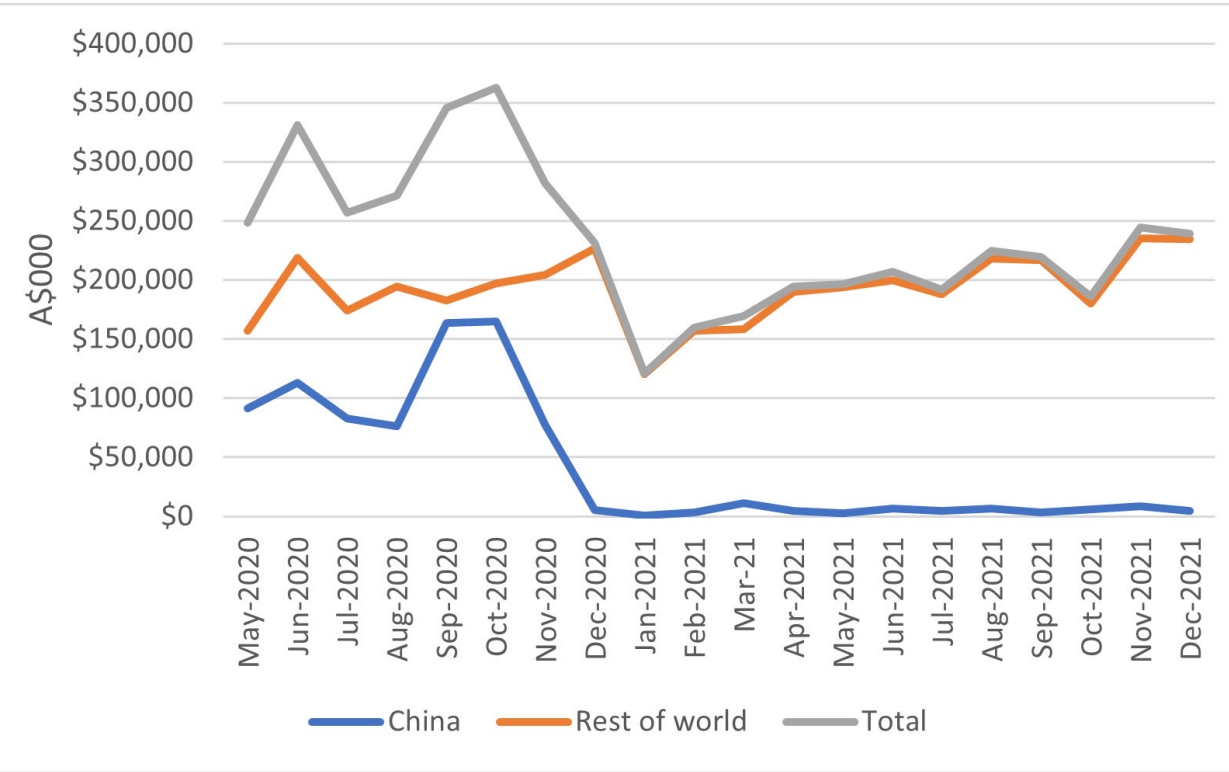
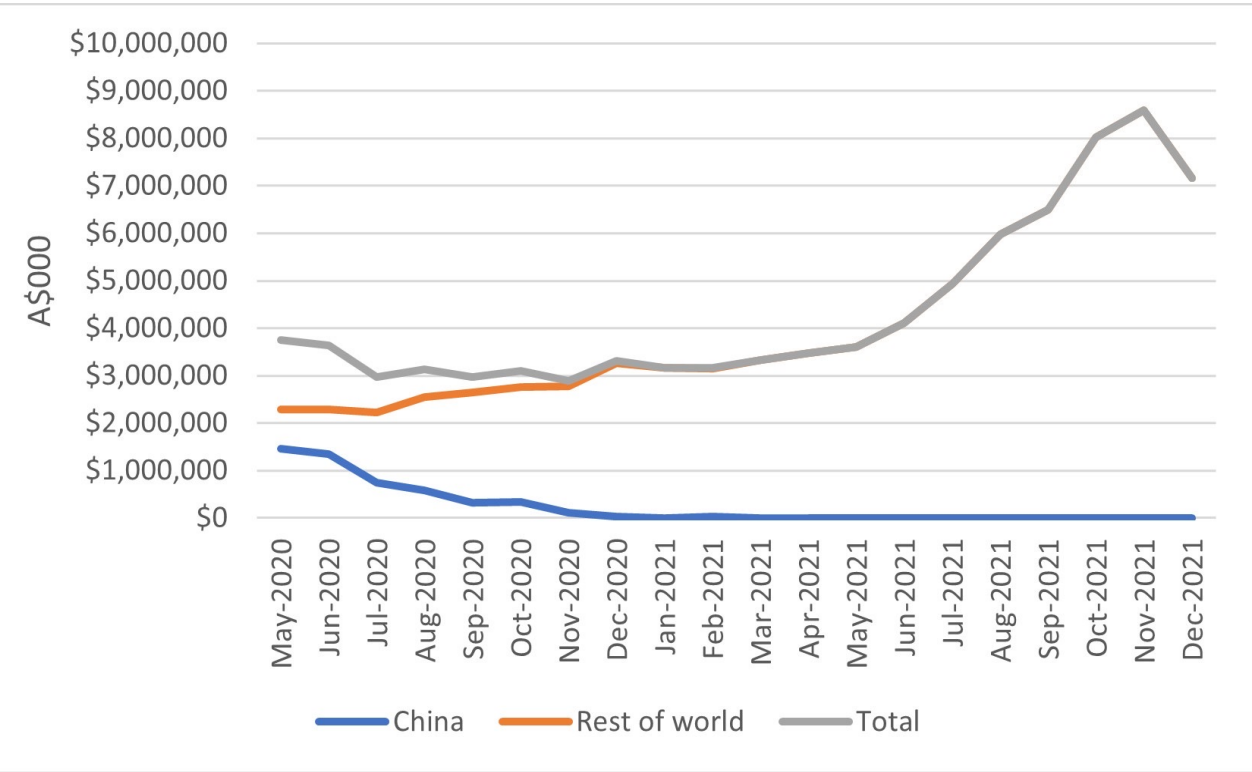
The combined monthly value of Australia's nine exports targeted by China's trade restrictions (to China, the rest of the world, and total, May 2020 to November 2021)

Resilience and Diversification

Coal

vs.

Wine

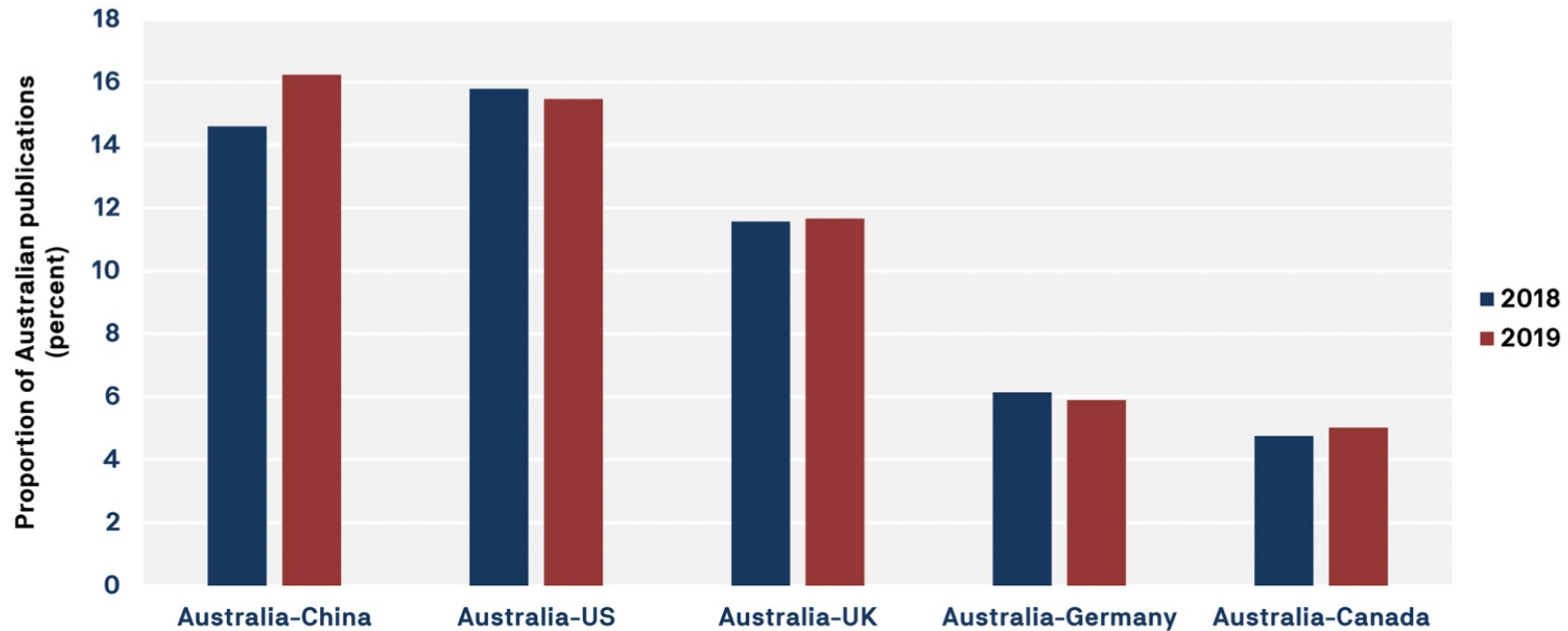


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Growth in Scientific Collaboration

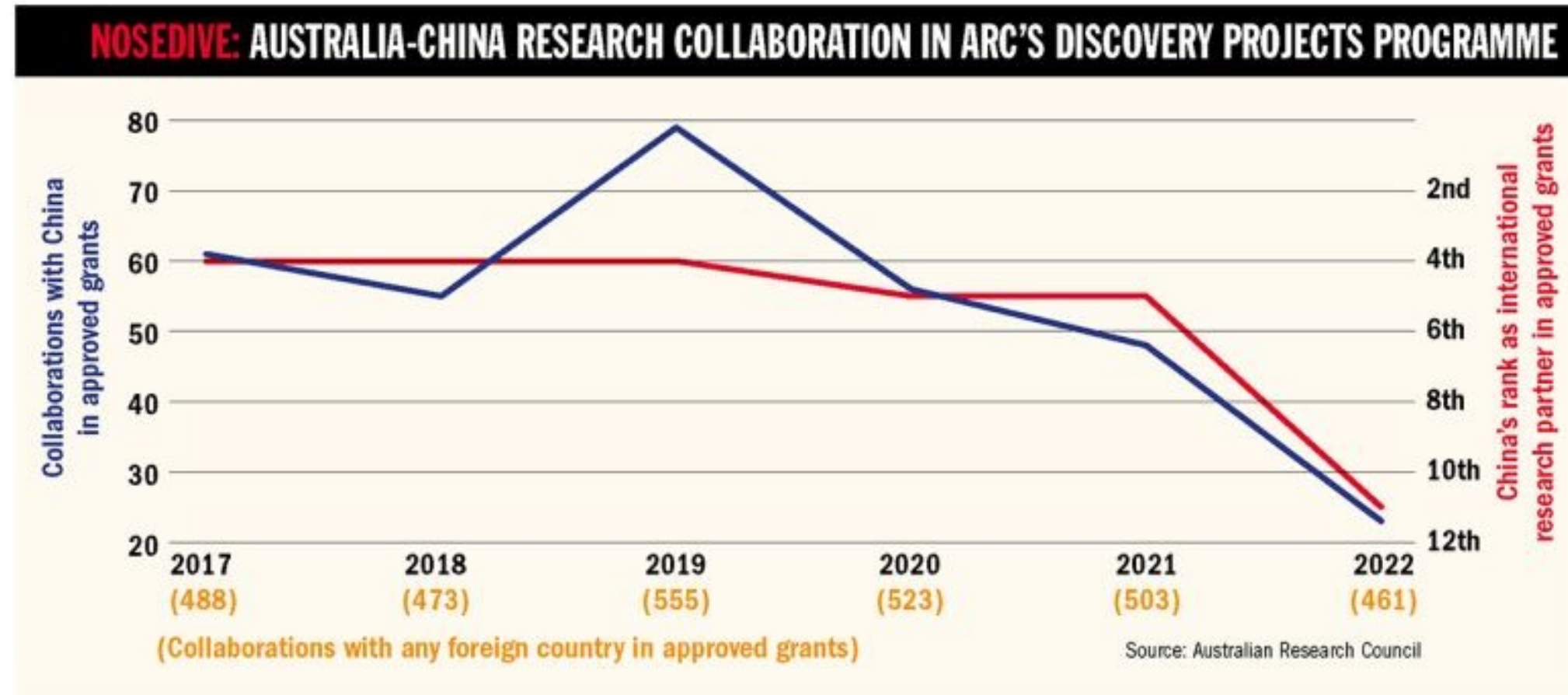
Figure 1. Number of publications with collaborating country by proportion of Australian total (percent)



Source: Scopus (2020)

Laurenceson and Zhou, 2020

Limits on Scientific Collaboration





Thank you

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