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MEDIA RELEASE - CHINESE DIPLOMACY USELESS UNTIL AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS PUT FIRST

Senator Malcolm Roberts declared Prime Minister Albanese's trip to China redundant while critical Australian manufacturing is offshored and essential commodities are shipped to the communist regime. He said:

"The net zero Transition is a national security risk to Australia and China knows it. China has a monopoly over almost every element of the wind, solar and battery supply chain."

"China hasn't had to apologise at all for its campaign of economic coercion against Australia to secure this meeting with Albanese. They will do it again if we try to stand for our interests."

"China continued to be our number one trading customer throughout the diplomatic freeze, proving they need our high-quality coal and iron ore more than we need them."

"We ship coal and iron ore to China, they use it to make cheap electricity and steel, then our net-zero chasing government pays to buy solar panels and steel wind turbines back off them."

"The Labor government's continued kowtowing to China on critical industries and dropping our sure-to-win WTO complaint over wine and barley will not work."

"China will only ever respond to strength. If the previous years have taught us anything, it is that we should be doing everything we can do get out of Communist China Party supply chains and bring manufacturing back to Australia."