

CANZUK & Australia's Interests

Australia has evolved from a single colony of free settlers and convicts to an oceanic paradise, from the very beginning our alliances and trade deals made our path stable and prosperous on our way to becoming a leading world power. Some, if not most, of these pacts were made with sacrifice. Our country's founding for the lives that were taken for the British Empire during the Second Boer War and respective World Wars, our military alliance with the United States for the collective and miserable defeat in the Vietnam War and so on.

Something that's always been apparent is that Australia is never the one distancing herself from our allies, when the United Kingdom turned it's back on us in the 70's as it joined the European Union and even now when the United States falls into political disarray with the POTUS exclaiming an isolationist status.

Our Great Southern Land is still becoming great, our defence force is growing along with our population every day but it simply isn't enough when things are changing faster than we can breathe. We're incapable of manufacturing our own weapons, our own ships and even our own cars. Despite the continent's size, we only populate a fragment.

What Australia needs in terms of foreign policy and stability is not just an alliance or a free trade deal but something more. We need CANZUK. Forming a union with Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom for the common goal of free trade and free movement, backed by our shared histories, cultures and language, we can enrich our collective former empire and become something more than what we currently are.

The European Union failed because it took away liberties and sovereignties for the benefit of a system that was never proven to work. CANZUK would be bound by a shared interest, not something debated constantly throughout parliament. Winston Churchill once sought a vision of a united Commonwealth and now that the UK is leaving the EU behind it's time to embrace the future and make the first steps, not giving into protectionism and fearmongering like so many other countries and politicians do in times of change. Australia values stability and the likes of which will only be attainable if we work towards it together, with the same people who fought side-by-side with us under the same Union Jack we have on our flag today.

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