



Queensland's innovation program is an excellent model for the federal and state governments to follow.

In the WP, Australia should announce a series of concrete programs to boost entrepreneurship and innovation, in order to maintain its position as a first-class economy.

In the WP, Australia should announce that its foreign aid economic growth programs will pre-empt changes in the global economy by investing in IT education.

5. Australia's relationship with Indonesia is abysmal.

Considering the importance, both present and future, which Indonesia has in the global economy and regional environment, Australia's relationship with it is woeful. This is largely Australia's fault, although it must be admitted that Indonesia has only truly been compatible with Australia since its revolution. There are many reasons why Australia should greatly accelerate its cooperation with our northern neighbour. Firstly, it is hard to find a pair of neighbouring economies anywhere that are as mutually compatible as us and Indonesia. Secondly, in the inevitable rise of China, regional resistance will necessarily galvanise around Indonesia. Thirdly, Australian tourism to Indonesia has never been higher, and cultural exchange is crucial to developing formal ties.

In the WP, Australia should state its concrete intention to greatly deepen its military cooperation with Indonesia.

In the WP, Australia should reorganise its aid budget to focus on the economic modernisation of Indonesia.

In the WP, Australia should unveil a series of programs designed to increase economic integration, in the form of tax incentives, tariff reductions or removals, and especially tertiary education exchanges.

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This is the end of my submission. I have omitted discussing some developments in military technology because I do not know what the effects of them will be. Nevertheless I foresee that militaries will adopt aerial and submarine drones *en masse* as they are cheap and powerful. This could serve to stabilise or destabilise the SE Asian region, it is unclear at this stage. I recommend that DFAT immediately begin researching the effect this will have on the balance of power in SE Asia.

I have tried to be as succinct as possible; I hope I have made a worthwhile contribution.

Thank you for reading,

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