

*“Russia and the West – the last two action-packed years 2017-19”* (self-published, 2019).

I continue to be as active as possible in the public discussion of foreign policy issues of concern to Australia as a sovereign country and UN member nation that supports an international rules-based order. I hope this late submission may be accepted.

I submitted views in writing and testified before the PJCIS in early 2018 on its reference to examine the government’s Foreign Interference Bills subsequently passed into law with amendments. I believe my submission and testimony contributed to that Committee’s advice to the Government and Opposition , which the Government and Opposition both accepted, to make the bills less draconian in terms of not requiring Australians to report under the foreign agents of influence reporting obligation their contacts to discuss policy matters with accredited foreign diplomats here. My testimony on that occasion is readily accessible in Hansard.

The JSCFADT has been asked to examine the use of targeted sanctions to address gross human rights abuses, having particular regard to:

1. The framework for autonomous sanctions under Australian law, in particular the