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Dear Prime Minister

Your recent utterances indicate that you are readying Australia to join the United States in whatever military action it takes against North Korea. They were warlike and inflammatory in nature. We respectfully ask you to refrain from making similar remarks in the future.

Your invocation of ANZUS was factually incorrect. That treaty does not oblige either country to support the other militarily in the event of an attack – merely to consult.

The only reason Australia might be a target for attack from distant North Korea is because we host so many American military resources. It is your duty to keep our country safe. You could (and should) do this by scaling down our military involvement with the USA. Instead you appear intent on boosting it.

This is not the time to raise the tempo with warlike rhetoric. Now is the time to de-escalate!

For the sake of all of humanity, walk the path of peace, not war!

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