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Nine Papers, 17 June 2024

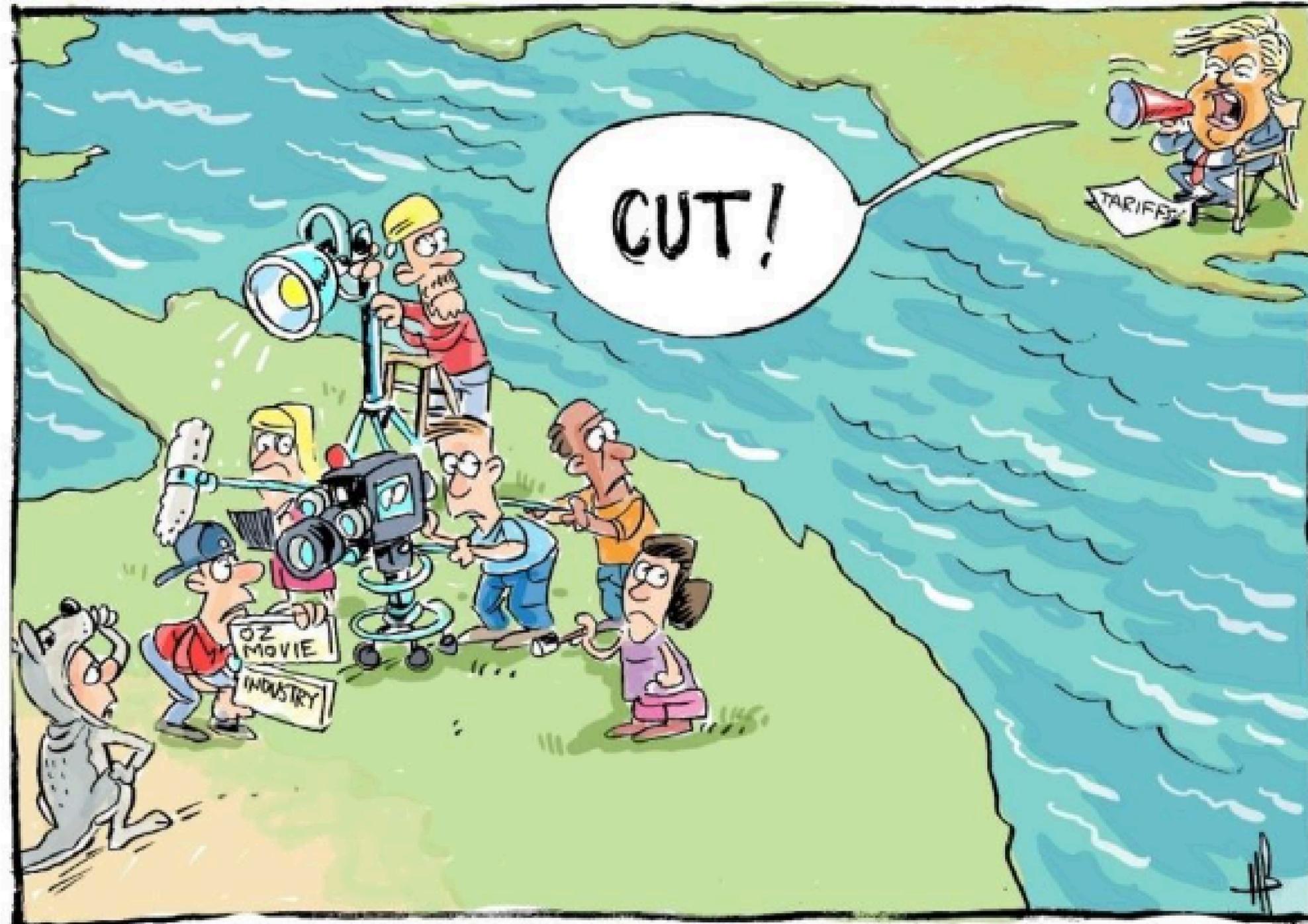
In June Chinese Premier Li Qiang made an official visit to Australia, the first by a Chinese premier in seven years. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese described this as 'another important step in stabilising Australia's relationship with China'. Li declared that the relationship was now 'back on the right track' and promised a gift of two pandas to Adelaide Zoo.

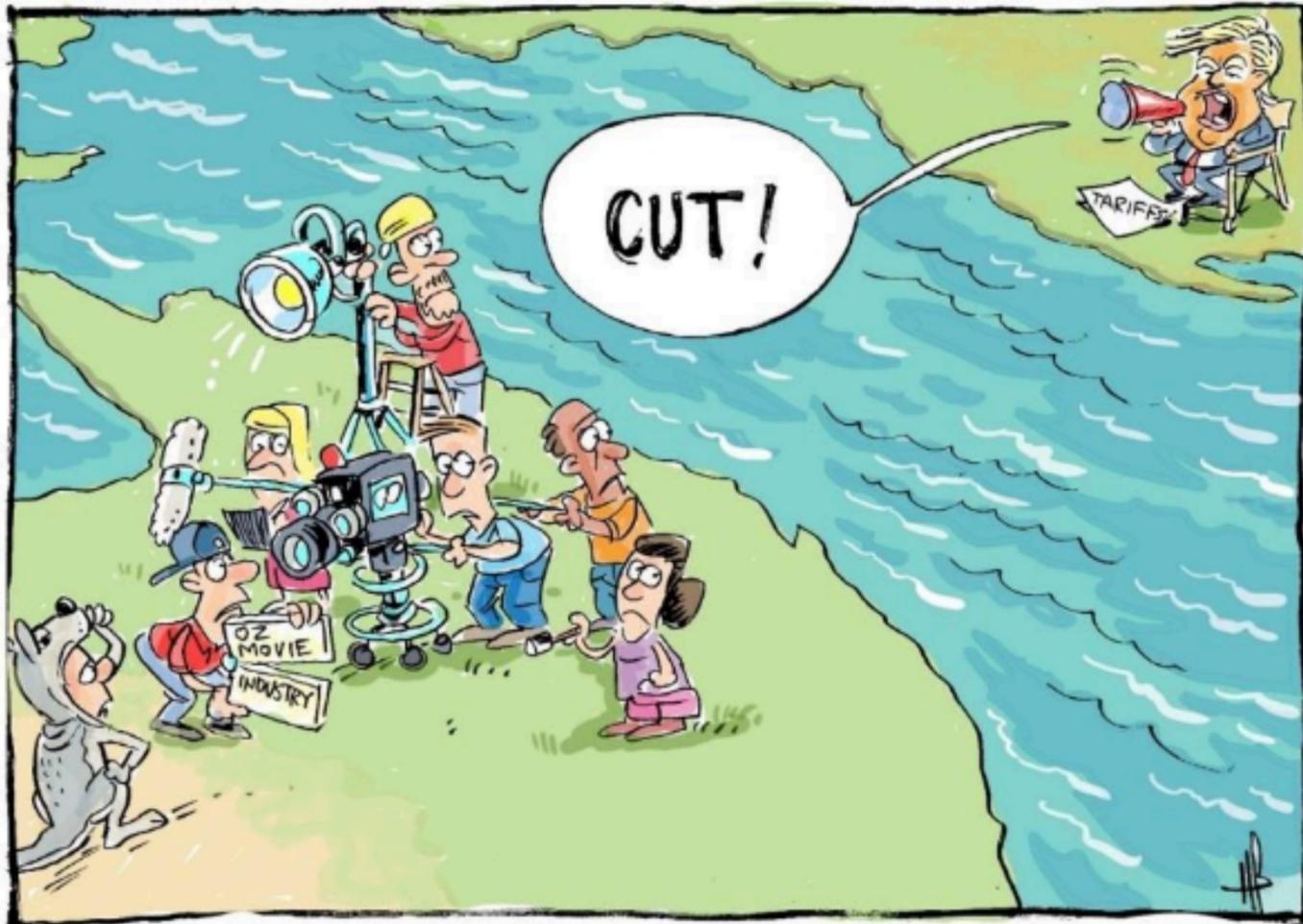
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Harry Bruce

Lights, Camera, Trump

Cairns Post, 7 May 2025

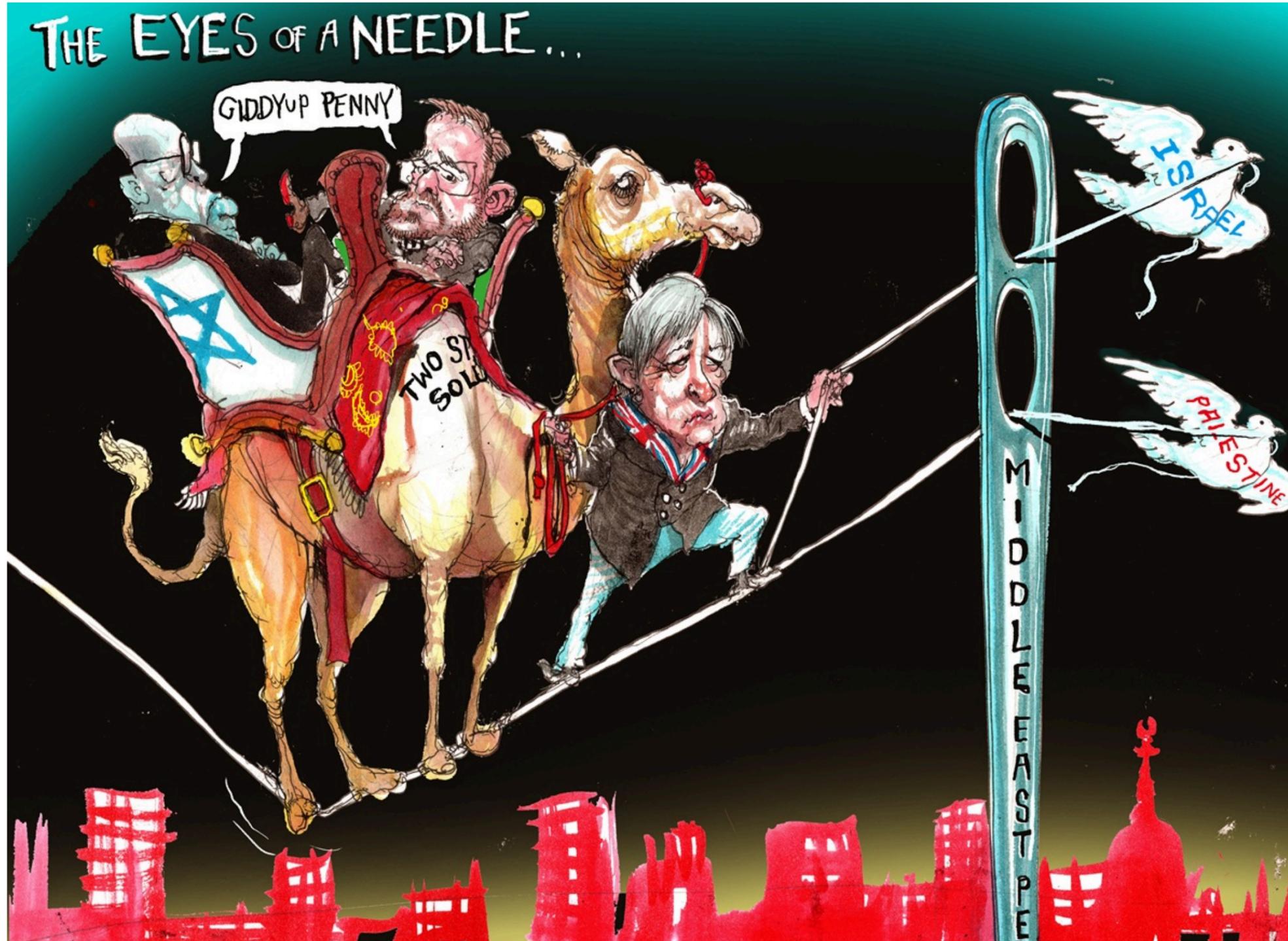
Among the barrage of tariffs unleashed by the Trump administration was a 100 per cent tariff on international films, which meant it could cost twice as much to get an Australian film distributed and exhibited in the US market. Further complicating the issue is the multinational nature of much film pre-production, production and post-production. In Queensland about 6,000 jobs rely on the film industry, generating some \$500 million per year for the state's economy.

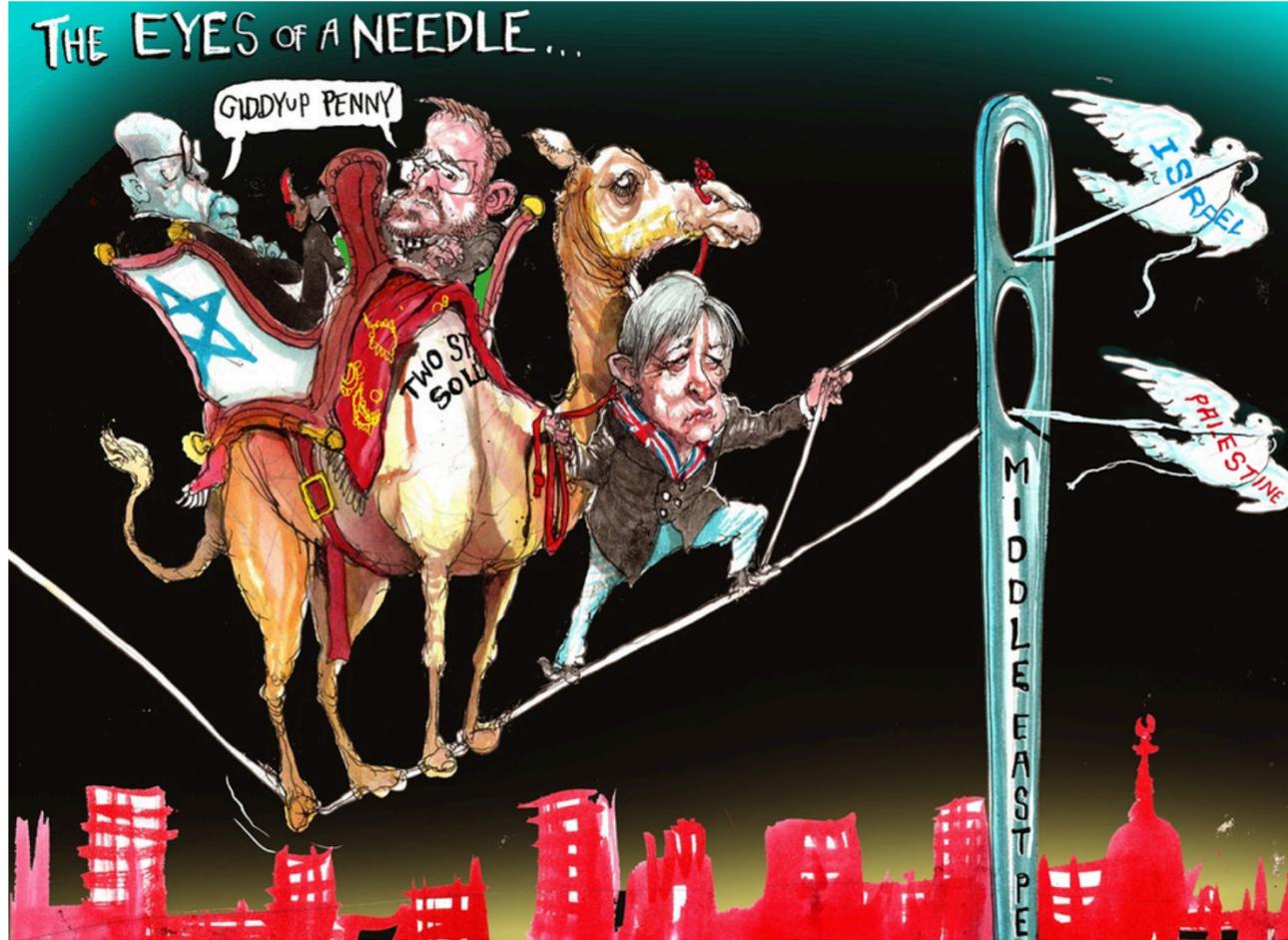
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David Rowe

The Eyes of a Needle

The Australian Financial Review, 11 April 2024

On 9 April Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong told a national security conference in Canberra that 'a secure and prosperous future for both Israelis and Palestinians will only come with a two-state solution'. In response, Greens leader Adam Bandt suggested that there was no barrier to the immediate recognition of a Palestinian state, while Opposition Leader Peter Dutton declared that Wong had 'irreparably damaged our relations with our ally Israel'. Wong later clarified the Albanese government's position, saying that it had made no decision to recognise Palestine. David Rowe brilliantly captures Wong's predicament.

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Pat Hudson

Kindred Spirits

Self-published, 24 May 2023

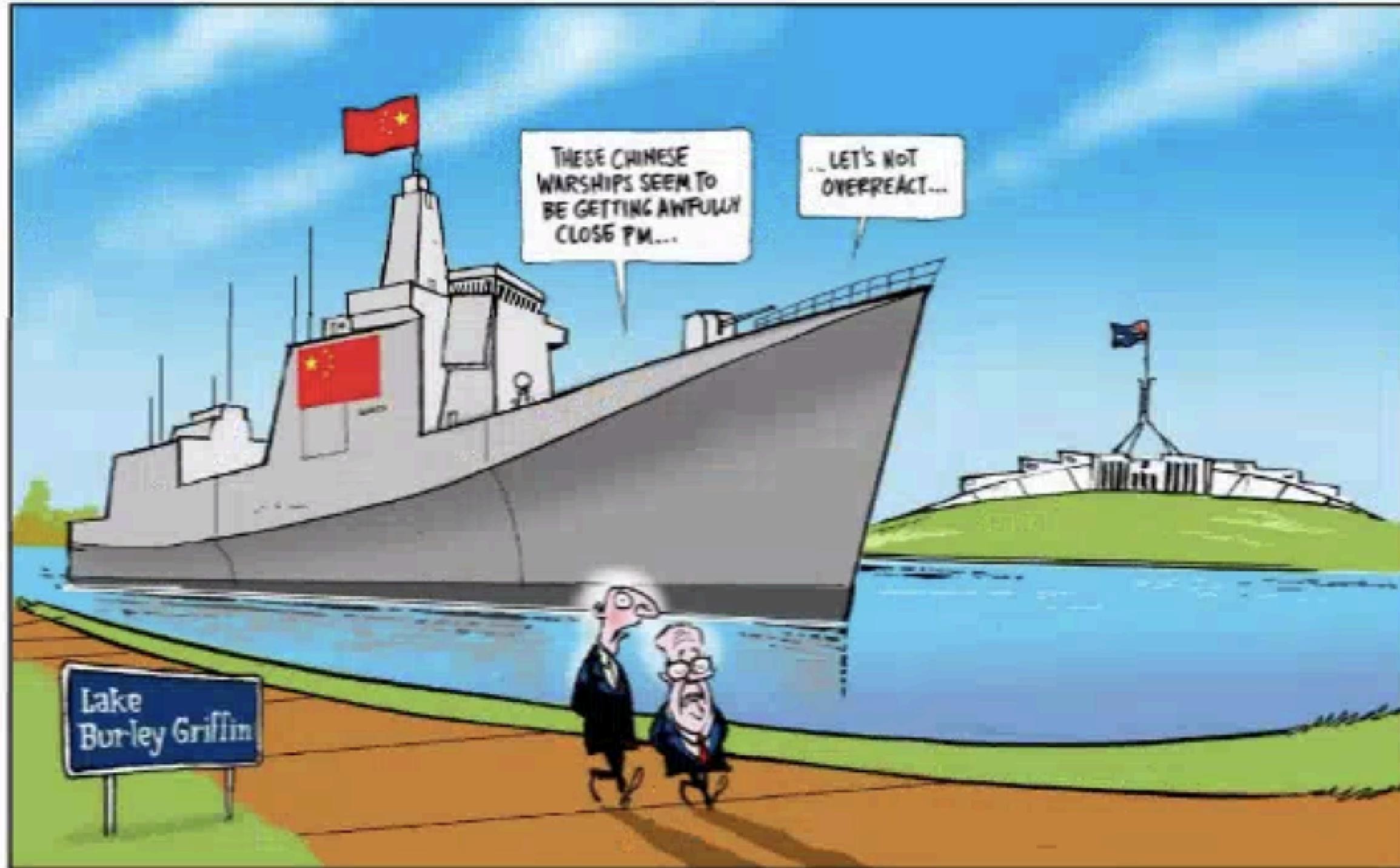
Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi look like they're throwing rose petals. But look closer – those are red fingerprints. Pat Hudson implies that these leaders have blood on their hands, particularly when it comes to human rights violations. In May 2023 Albanese and Modi met in Sydney for bilateral talks. Some groups, such as Human Rights Watch, wanted alleged human rights violations on the agenda for discussions.

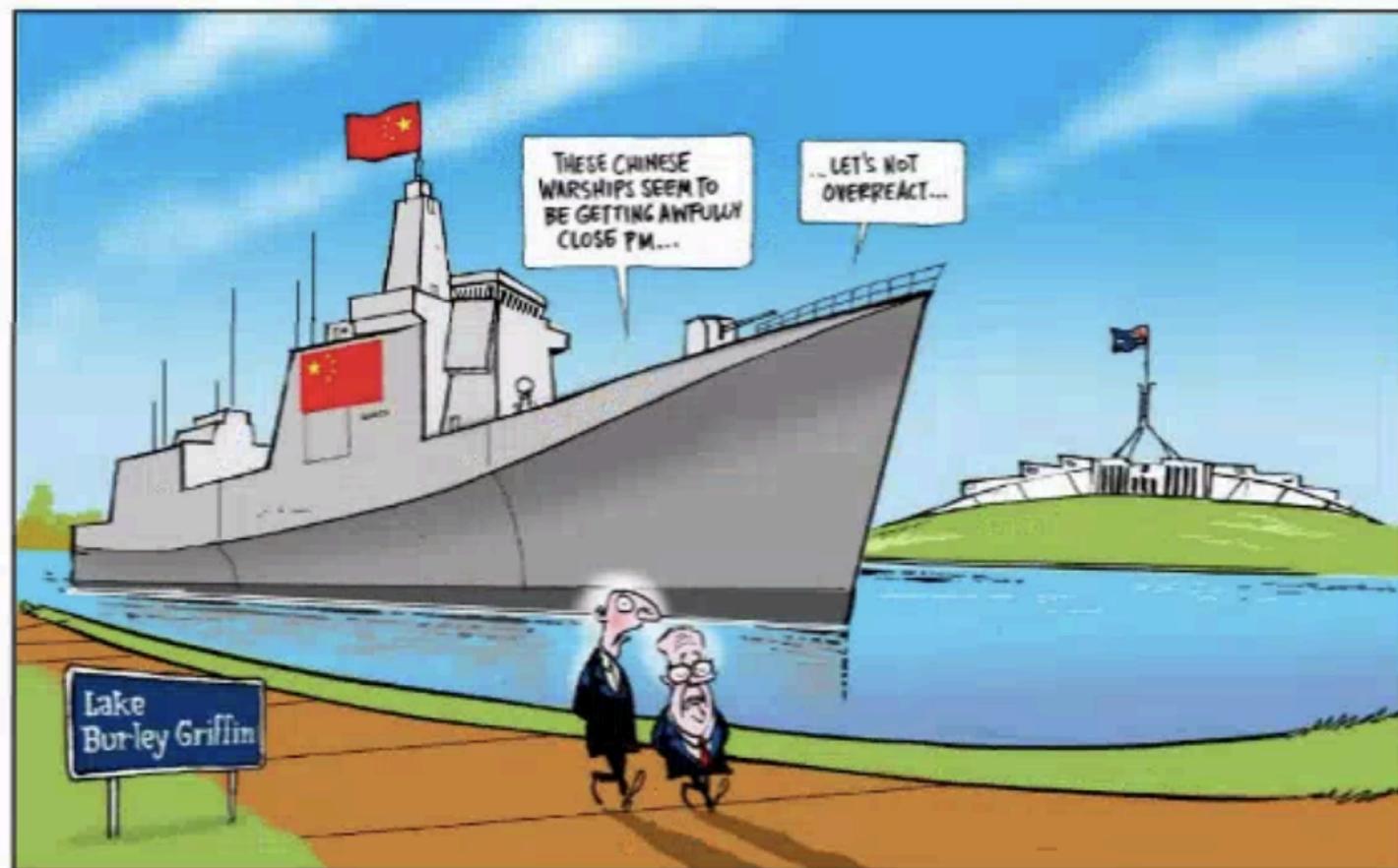
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Warren Brown

Awfully Close...

The Daily Telegraph, 24 February 2025

In February three Chinese warships completed live-fire exercises in Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone, coming within about 150 nautical miles of Sydney. The event was 'not unprecedented but unusual', according to Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles. In July Opposition Leader Sussan Ley seized on the issue: 'We need strong condemnation from the prime minister and strong leadership that this is absolutely not acceptable to fire flares at our aircraft'. The Australian Government did formally protest the lack of notice, although the exercises did not breach international law.

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AUKUS Threat Submarine

The Sydney Morning Herald, 13 March 2023

The AUKUS pact, entered into by Australia in 2021, is a significant tri-lateral defence treaty between Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian labelled it an 'obsolete Cold War ... mentality'. In March 2023 the pact agreed to help Australia acquire at least eight nuclear-propelled submarines. Badiucao observes that a handful of nuclear submarines does not match the military capability of China. He also calls out Chinese government hypocrisy.

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