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China's secret plan to take over the world

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Chinese President Xi Jinping during his three hour speech. Picture: Lintao Zhang/Getty Images Source: Getty Images

A FUNNY thing happened this week. While Australia was busy debating the feminist implications of Lisa Wilkinson's pay packet and coming to grips with the fact solar panels didn't work very well at night, China quietly announced it was going to take over the world.

In a speech on Wednesday to the Chinese Communist Party Congress in Beijing's Great Hall of the People, President Xi Jinping said, according to *The Guardian*, "it was time for his nation to transform itself into 'a mighty force' that could lead the entire world on political, economic, military and environmental issues".

That's quite an ambition.

The Party Congress is basically China's Parliament except that it only meets once every five years and only has one party. Think of it as Question Time but without any questions.

Perhaps unsurprisingly therefore, Xi Jinping's speech went for no less than three-and-a-half hours – which had several brave cadres looking at their watches but was at least mercifully brief compared to the speeches of Chairman Mao that went on for days.

Indeed it is somewhat comforting to know that even in 2017 communists still love



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