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Leaders tell Senator to shut up before serious damage is done

MOTORMOUTH Senator Jacqui Lambie has been told to shut up before Australia's reputation in **China** is severely tarnished.

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Business leaders across NSW and Australia urged Ms Lambie, who believes the federal government should **buy** missiles to prevent a **Chinese** invasion, should consider leaving politics if she cannot be quiet.

Sydney **company** Sunpac Resources plans to export \$10 **million** in beef to **China** over the next 12 months, while NSW **dairy company** Norco has plans to export 20 **million** litres of **milk** Australia **Chinese** Chamber of Commerce president Peter Huang said Ms Lambie and Clive Palmer were creating problems for Australia.

"Their big mouths are a big disaster. The claims are unfair and unjustifiable. It is not acceptable for a politician to say that," he said.

China's relationship with Australia is worth \$150 **billion** a year. **Chinese**-born NSW MP Ernest Wong said both Ms Lambie and Mr Palmer had to retract comments because it had been "big news" in **China**.

Mr Wong said **Chinese** media had not missed the comments and **Chinese business** would monitor future remarks out of Australia. "Make no mistake, this is big news in **China**," he said. "They are also endangering Australian jobs as **China** is one of NSW's most important trading and **business** partners." The comments came as Palmer United Leader Clive Palmer made a dash to Western Australia to meet his **Chinese**-born senator Dio Wang — and ensure the rookie Senator would not leave the party.

Mr Palmer's party yesterday began to show signs of cracks. He hung up on a radio host when he refused to answer questions about whether he agreed with Ms Lambie's views about a **Chinese** invasion. He denied his mission to Western Australia was to ensure Mr Wang would not defect. "We just had a drink, that's all," Mr Palmer said.

"I came to Perth to visit Dio and have a look around. I'm Australian. I can do that. We didn't discuss (defecting) at all." Mr Palmer refused to retreat from his comments that the **Chinese** government were "mongrels".

Prime Minister Tony Abbott said the comments from both were wrong: "All politicians when we open our mouths should be constructive and sometimes people are, sometimes people aren't. Mr Palmer's outburst on ABC TV the other night was just over the top, shrill, and wrong." ANDREW BOLT P13

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