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Subject: My view on Article 23 as an Australian Chinese

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Dear Mrs Fan

I am a 39-year-old Australian citizen originally from mainland China. I have been in Australia for more than 13 years and I have my own business.

I am writing to you to express my view on Article 23.

I first heard about Hong Kong from my classmate when I was in high school. She had relatives in Hong Kong who often brought her presents. I was pretty jealous then.

About 15 years ago, one colleague of mine married a Hong Kong business man and moved to Hong Kong later. She told me that Hong Kong was a very nice place. I was always longing for visiting Hong Kong one day, and I even started to learn Cantonese.

In October 1996, the Queen Elizabeth 2nd visited Beijing to discuss with the Chinese government the issue of Hong Kong's return. I was then responsible for taking care of her crew members. Since then I have been watching Hong Kong with interest.

Later I came to Australia. I travelled to Hong Kong a few times with my previous boss for business. I like Hong Kong and was very impressed with its prosperity and freedom.

But the gradual change of Hong Kong has left a shadow in my mind. I was shocked to learn that one of my friends' mother, a nearly blind elderly lady, was denied entry into Hong Kong earlier this year because she practises Falun Gong. She had to come back to Australia by herself. I couldn't understand what damage this elderly lady with eye problem can cause to Hong Kong.

I sincerely wish that the Hong Kong government can think carefully about Article 23. Yes, I understand that you have got the pressure from Beijing, but if you ignore the public's will and still go ahead with it, Hong Kong will gradually lose its position in the world and will eventually be ruined. This will be recorded by history, and those responsible for the tragedy will probably be condemned for ever.

Thanks for reading my letter.

Yours faithfully

Holly Wei
Australian citizen