

## **ABSTRACT**

*Defense and security cooperation between Australia and Japan has a dilemma and is feared to disrupt bilateral relations between Australia and China. In responding to this opinion, Australia still has the principle of stabilizing security in the Asia Pacific region and seeks to ensure that the defense and security cooperation relations with Japan will not interfere with its relations with China, let alone cause conflicts of interest in the Asia Pacific region. At that time Australia certainly had its own considerations regarding its involvement in the Defense and Security Partnership with Japan. Australia applied these considerations to the formulation of its current foreign policy. The state of bilateral relations between Australia and Japan compared to China was one of this considerations.*

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Hubungan kerjasama pertahanan dan keamanan antara Australia dengan Jepang menemui dilema dan dikhawatirkan akan mengganggu hubungan bilateral antara Australia dengan China. Dalam menanggapi pendapat tersebut, Australia tetap berprinsip untuk menstabilkan keamanan di kawasan Asia Pasifik serta berusaha menjamin bahwa hubungan kerjasama pertahanan dan keamanan dengan Jepang tersebut tidak akan mengganggu hubungannya dengan China, apalagi sampai menimbulkan konflik kepentingan di kawasan Asia Pasifik. Pada saat itu pun Australia tentu memiliki pertimbangan tersendiri mengenai keterlibatannya dalam Defense and Security Partnership bersama Jepang. Australia menerapkan pertimbangan-pertimbangan tersebut ke dalam rumusan kebijakan luar negerinya saat itu. Keadaan hubungan bilateral antara Australia dengan Jepang dibandingkan dengan China pun menjadi salah satu pertimbangannya.