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*By email*  
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The Sunday Mail, Adelaide  
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Dear Editor,

Your article “Expats violence warning” (May 3) contained misinterpretations about the recent arrests of certain people for organising and participating in unauthorised assemblies in Hong Kong.

The arrests have everything to do with upholding the rule of law. They were made based on evidence from investigations and strictly in accordance with Hong Kong law, which is enforced in a transparent manner and free from political interference. In Hong Kong, as in Australia, everyone is equal before the law; no one can break the law without facing consequences. The Police are duty bound to handle every case in a fair, just and impartial manner. Cases will not be handled any differently owing to the political beliefs or background of the persons involved.

“One Country, Two Systems” and a high degree of autonomy are implemented in Hong Kong in accordance with the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. It is unfounded to suggest that there is interference in how Hong Kong govern itself through its legislature and judiciary.

Like elsewhere in the world, the Hong Kong government is devoting most of its time and energy to combating Covid-19. At the same time, we must also ensure the smooth functioning of our legal system which is one of the fundamental pillars of Hong Kong’s success.

Yours sincerely,

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