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Dear Editor,

I refer to Bill Birtles' analysis "This is what Hong Kong could look like under China's explosive new national security law" (23 May) on abc.net.au.

Hong Kong is an inalienable part of China. As such, it cannot and must never become a base for subversive activities or organisations seeking to destabilise our country. The proposed national security law for Hong Kong will only target acts of secession, subversion, terrorist activities as well as activities interfering with Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's internal affairs by foreign or external forces. The vast majority of law-abiding Hong Kong residents have nothing to fear.

The decision by the National People's Congress to enact the national security law will establish and improve the legal framework and enforcement mechanisms for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to safeguard national security. It will be a boon as it will make Hong Kong a safe city.

Hong Kong's freedoms will be preserved and Hong Kong's vibrancy and the core values in terms of the rule of law, the independence of the Judiciary, the various rights and freedoms enjoyed by people will continue to be there. Our high degree of autonomy and the cardinal principle of Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong as enshrined in the Basic Law will remain intact.

Yours sincerely,

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