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Bec Shrimpton is Director of Defense Strategy and National Security at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute. She was previously responsible for convening The Sydney Dialogue, Australia's premier policy summit for critical, emerging, cyber and space technology.

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