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12. [Comfort Women Deserve Australian Support](#), Tessa Morris-Suzuki, Age, 2007-09-18 The Senate will vote on a motion urging the Japanese government to apologise and pay compensation to former comfort women - women who suffered institutionalised sexual abuse in Japanese military brothels during the Asia-Pacific War. The resolution calls on Japan to provide education about the history of these events in schools. The Senate should pass this resolution precisely because Australia is a friend of Japan.
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