
Rear Window**Lynas a 'buy' in federal parliament**

Politicians are prone to household names when it comes to their share portfolios, making Lynas' popularity something of an exception.

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Like all good patriots, federal MPs are not particularly global in their investment choices. Retail-friendly Australian consumer stocks feature heavily in their portfolios, with shares in Telstra by some margin the most likely investment for an elected member of the 47th parliament (where it's held by 33 of them).

The Commonwealth Bank [<https://www.afr.com/link/follow-20180101-p5cjul>] (18 members), NAB (17), ANZ and BHP (14 apiece) are also popular, analysis of parliamentary disclosures by OpenPolitics shows. But after a few more household names comes one that's somewhat surprising in the \$8 billion Lynas Rare Earths, which is held in the share portfolios of no less than seven MPs.

Lynas, led by **Amanda Margaret Lacaze**, is the only large producer of refined rare earths outside China, and so is generally seen to profit from geopolitical tension. Its share price has risen threefold in the past three years. Though its parliamentary fans are generally not, for what it's worth, noted China hawks.

Lynas features in the parliamentary disclosures of newish Labor MPs Dr **Michelle Ananda-Rajah** and Dr **Gordon Reid**, in those of returning Labor types **Graham Perrett**, **Meryl Swanson** and **Ged Kearney** (though she sold all her stocks last week [<https://www.afr.com/rear-window/junior-health-minister-quits-the-cigs-20230202-p5chhv>]). Coalition MPs whose disclosures name Lynas are **Warren Entsch** and **Barnaby Joyce**, who keeps some in a trust for his son.