

BAB IV

KESIMPULAN

Secara keseluruhan, terdapat tiga temuan utama dari proses meneliti pertimbangan pengambilan keputusan Australia untuk memperkuat hubungannya dengan Amerika Serikat melalui AUKUS menggunakan kerangka teori *The Paradox of Weak State Power*. Pertama, Australia memutuskan untuk memperkuat hubungannya dengan Amerika Serikat melalui AUKUS didasarkan kepada persaingan Amerika Serikat dan Cina di Indo-Pasifik dan tindakan agresif Cina di Laut Cina Selatan. Ancaman ini memicu kekhawatiran Australia untuk meningkatkan kapabilitas militernya dan ambisinya untuk memodernisasi Angkatan Laut. Kedua, Australia memutuskan untuk memperkuat kemitraan dengan bergabung dalam AUKUS dengan Amerika Serikat dan Inggris karena akan mendapatkan jaminan pertahanan dan keamanan. Ketiga, Australia menciptakan landasan yang kokoh untuk mengatasi keterbatasan kekuatan formal dalam hal ini kekuatan militernya dan memanfaatkan paradoks kekuatan negara lemah dengan membanun kemitraan strategis yang memberikan dampak besar dalam perannya untuk proaktif dalam dinamika keamanan regional dan global.

Menurut penulis, dalam memutuskan sebuah pilihan perlu adanya pertimbangan yang matang untuk mempertimbangkan pilihan mana yang akan meminimalisir terjadinya kerugian. Dalam hal ini, Australia memutuskan untuk memperkuat hubungannya kepada Amerika Serikat dengan bergabung dalam

AUKUS dikarenakan memberikan resiko yang minim dan terdapat sejumlah keuntungan yang didapatkan oleh Australia dalam meningkatkan kapabilitas pertahanan dan keamanan negaranya untuk mengatasi keterbatasan yang dimilikinya. Penulis berargumentasi bahwa pada dasarnya ancaman regional yang hadir seperti tindakan asertif Cina memicu Australia untuk memodernisasi Angkatan Lautnya agar pertahanan dan keamanan negara semakin kuat. Penulis melihat bahwa melalui AUKUS, Australia dapat mengatasi keterbatasan yang dimilikinya untuk mengamankan kepentingan nasional dan menjaga stabilitas kawasan. Keputusan Australia untuk memperkuat hubungan dengan Amerika Serikat dengan bergabung dalam AUKUS merupakan respon adaptif terhadap kompleksitas ancaman keamanan regional dalam menghadapi ambisi keamanan Cina di Indo-Pasifik.

Namun, masih terdapat beberapa keterbatasan yang ditemukan dalam penulisan ini. Pertama, periode pembatasan waktu untuk melihat pertimbangan pengambilan keputusan untuk melekat kembali dan bergabung dalam AUKUS berdasarkan perspektif dilema aliansi terbatas pada masa sebelum terbentuknya AUKUS hingga diumumkankannya keikutsertaan Australia dalam AUKUS pada September 2021. Berangkat dari hal ini, terdapat kesulitan untuk menganalisis tantangan dan resiko yang muncul setelah program AUKUS diimplementasikan terutama karena masih berjalan hingga saat ini. Terakhir, proses pengumpulan data pada penelitian terbatas oleh kemampuan penulis untuk menemukan dokumen-dokumen resmi dari Pemerintah Australi

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