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He is one of the foremost experts on Indian Ocean security and consults with government agencies in Australia and throughout the region.

Dr Brewster's current work includes:

- Australia's future strategy in the Indian Ocean.
- environmental security threats in the Indian Ocean.
- security of the island states.
- the development of China's future military presence in the Indian Ocean.

Dr Brewster's books include *India as an Asia Pacific power*, about India's strategic role in the Asia Pacific and *India's Ocean: the story of India's bid for regional leadership* which examines India's strategic ambitions in the Indian Ocean. His latest edited volume is *India and China at Sea: Competition for Naval Dominance in the Indian Ocean*.

Dr Brewster's recent reports include *Australia's Second Sea: Facing our Multipolar Future in the Indian Ocean*.

He is also part of a major Australia-France project to review environmental security issues in the Indian Ocean. The project's first report, *Environmental security in the eastern Indian Ocean, Antarctica and the Southern Ocean: A risk mapping approach*, was published in May 2019.

Dr Brewster's latest report is *Ocean horizons: Strengthening maritime security in Indo-Pacific island states*. This will examine the maritime security needs of island states in the Indian and Pacific Oceans and makes recommendations about what Australia and other countries can do to assist the island states. This report will be released in December 2019.