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Australians are also unhappy with plan to attack Iraq

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I REFER to a an interesting letter (NST, Feb 6) on the worldwide anger against American foreign policy and the plight of decent Americans who oppose the aggressive policies of the White House.

I would like to add, as an Australian, that this is true too of the present Australian mood about our Government's commitment to President George W. Bush and his cronies. Recently (Datuk Seri) Dr Mahathir (Mohamad) took Australia to task for slavishly following in the footsteps of the US.

He noted the way in which our Prime Minister, John Howard, seemed to glory in the title of "deputy sheriff" because of his offer to act as America's enforcer in this region. Some weeks ago, Howard even said Australia reserved the right to pre-emptive strikes against an enemy in the Asia-Pacific region.

Malaysians should know that these policies are arousing great anger in Australia. Polls show an overwhelming mood of opposition to Howard's