



Australia
**United Nations
Security Council**
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We Listen. We Partner. We Protect.



A message from the Prime Minister

No nation can secure its future alone. More than eighty years ago, this belief inspired Australia to help found the United Nations. It guides us still.

Australia is a nation built on fairness and opportunity, that promotes equality and respect for all people. These values guide our engagement with the world.

Australia seeks a seat on the UN Security Council for 2029–2030 to help prevent conflict, protect civilians, uphold the UN Charter and strengthen the institutions that sustain peace.

We know a safer world is one governed by rules, not by power and force alone; where the sovereignty of every nation is respected; and where the United Nations not only reduces the risk of war, but creates the conditions for lasting peace.

Our purpose is clear and our approach is principled: **we listen with respect, we partner as equals and we protect what matters most.**

Sovereignty, stability, prosperity and peace are not born of one moment in time; they are built, maintained and safeguarded through generations.

Thank you for your support.

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia



Why Australia?

As a member of the UN Security Council, Australia will:

Safeguard the rules that protect us all by upholding international law, including the UN Charter, and the sovereignty of all states.

Work to prevent crises, resolve conflicts and protect civilians through diplomacy, peacebuilding and practical action.

Amplify the voices of small and mid-sized states and ensure a wider range of perspectives helps shape the Council's decisions.

Support a more effective, representative and responsive United Nations that is equipped to address the challenges of the twenty-first century.

Australia's actions on the UN Security Council will be guided by our commitment to:

International law

Multilateralism

Sovereignty

Sustainable development

Human rights and inclusion

Transparency

‘No power is so great that it can ignore the will of the peoples of the world expressed through the Assembly. And no power is so small that it cannot contribute to the making of world opinion through the Assembly.’

Former Australian External Affairs Minister and President of the UN General Assembly, **Dr Herbert Vere Evatt**, 1948



Australia’s vision for peace and security

Australia stands for a safer world where: no country dominates, and no country is dominated; crises are prevented; disputes are settled through rules and dialogue; and institutions deliver for all.

We will partner as equals to drive practical solutions to today’s security challenges. From reducing the risk of conflict and protecting people to safeguarding our climate, ocean and shared digital future.

Australia is a steadfast advocate for international law, including the UN Charter. We have trusted in the UN’s mission from the very beginning. We held the Security Council’s first presidency in 1946, served as President of the UN General Assembly when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted, and participated in the UN’s first peace and security missions.

Australia wants to shape the future of the UN – protecting what matters most, boldly reforming what needs to change, and ensuring all countries have the freedom to decide their own future.



Our Approach:

We Listen. We Partner. We Protect.

Australia will listen beyond the Council chamber, partner across divides, and protect what matters most – our people, our planet and the rules that keep us all safe.

Our approach on the Council will be practical, collaborative and principled.

We Listen

because durable solutions must be shaped by those most affected.

We Partner

as equals, we build coalitions and deliver practical shared solutions.

We Protect

people, our planet and the rules that keep us safe.

‘When Australians look to the world, we see ourselves reflected in it. Equally, the world can see itself reflected in Australia.’

Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs

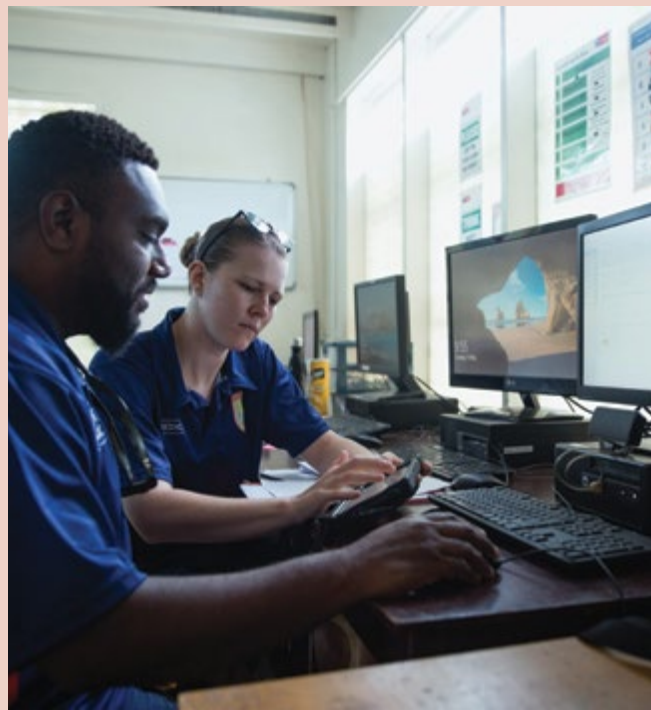


We Listen:

Elevating voices

Australia’s actions show our character. Australia is a multicultural Indo-Pacific nation. When we look out to the world, we see ourselves reflected in its diversity. We engage across regions, listen to different perspectives and build trust.

Australia champions the rights, sovereignty and agency of all, particularly smaller and mid-sized states. Building an enduring peace begins with listening. We support inclusive approaches that amplify all voices – including women, young people, First Nations peoples and those whose lives are most affected by instability and conflict.



From listening to action

Australia heard Tuvalu’s concerns about the future of its people, sovereignty, culture and security. The Australia-Tuvalu Falepili Union creates a special mobility pathway for Tuvaluans and recognises Tuvalu’s sovereignty in the face of rising sea levels, the first treaty-level commitment of its kind.



Closing the digital divide

Australia is responding to our region’s calls for enhanced digital resilience. Australia is contributing to cyber capacity building and supporting the development of cyber norms, standards and laws.

Elevating voices

Australia supports women peacebuilders and mediators around the world, advancing the Women, Peace and Security agenda through stronger conflict prevention, peace processes and community resilience. Through initiatives such as the Pacific Women Mediators Network, Australia is helping ensure that those most affected by conflict have a greater voice in shaping lasting peace.

‘It is not the Australian way to try and impose our values on other nations. But when we deal with the world, we bring our values with us.’

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We Partner:

Solving shared challenges

Australia is a reliable, practical and transparent partner. We are a Pacific nation, ready to work across regions with equality and respect. We do not come with all the answers; we come ready to work together.

Today’s challenges are complex and interconnected: armed conflict, breaches of international law, climate change, economic inequality, humanitarian crises and the rapid development of new technologies. We must meet this moment together with ambition and true partnership anchored in agreed international rules and respect for sovereignty.



Partnering for the ocean

Australia is connected to the world by the three oceans surrounding us. Only together can we protect the ocean, address climate security and uphold the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. We are working with Small Island Developing States and low-lying countries to prepare for sea-level rise and climate impacts. With Cabo Verde, we co-facilitated the UN's first Sea-Level Rise Declaration. With Belize, we co-chaired the Preparatory Commission for the High Seas Treaty.



Partnering for peace and security

Australia has provided more than 65,000 personnel to over 60 UN and other multilateral peace and security operations since 1947. We work closely with global and regional partners on strategic airlift and training and capacity building opportunities. We have partnered on guidelines for National Prevention Strategies because peace starts at home.

Partnering for resilience

In 2025, the Australian Federal Police launched the world's first UN-accredited police peacekeeping program by creating an innovative and sustainable police training model in the Pacific region and Timor-Leste. Pacific Police Peacekeepers are contributing to the UN Mission in South Sudan.

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We Protect:

Safeguarding what matters

Living in peace should not depend on where you were born. Australia will work to protect people, reduce the risk of conflict and uphold international law.

The Council must reflect the experiences of all countries and ensure each can determine their own future. We will advocate for stronger early warning systems, preventive diplomacy, peacebuilding and improved adherence to humanitarian protections.

Australia knows that technologies are reshaping our lives. Many future threats to international peace and security will come across networks as well as borders. As new and emerging technologies evolve, we will too.



Championing disarmament, arms control and preventing violence

Australia led the UN Security Council's first resolution recognising how the proliferation of illicit small arms undermines peace, security and civilian protection. Australia continues to drive global cooperation to address the illicit trade in small arms.



Protecting digital futures

Australia is promoting resilient digital infrastructure and protecting people from emerging digital risks to prepare for the opportunities of tomorrow. Australia has rolled out a world-leading social media age ban and is partnering with nations around the globe to keep children safe online. Australia's *Cable Connectivity and Resilience Centre* supports countries across the world to enhance cable protection, build redundancy, reduce digital divides, and mitigate digital risks.

Protecting those who protect others

Australia and our partners developed a new **Declaration for the Protection of Humanitarian Personnel**. Two-thirds of the United Nations have committed to full, safe, rapid and unhindered humanitarian access. The Declaration connects our principles to action, setting out practical steps that countries can take to protect humanitarian workers in conflict zones.

Australia is a diverse and inclusive democracy

The oldest continuous living culture

Australia's First Nations people represent the oldest continuous living culture, connecting with First Nations peoples globally through histories, communities and experiences.

300+ ancestries

We are one of the world's most successful multicultural democracies, home to people from more than 300 different ancestries.

50%+ born overseas

More than half of Australia's population was born overseas or has at least one parent who was born overseas.

11th largest UN contributor

Australia is the 11th largest contributor to the UN regular budget and a top 10 donor to the Peacebuilding Fund.

Australia is globally connected with a unique perspective

Australia is a Pacific nation, inhabiting an entire continent and connected to Southeast Asia, the Indian Ocean and Antarctica. We have a proud history of walking alongside nations of all sizes. We share common ground with so many of the world's peoples – linked to every corner of the world – through family, culture, trade and partnerships.

Australia helped create the United Nations. We are ready to help secure its future.

Thank you for supporting Australia's election to the Security Council for 2029–2030.

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Australian Government



Artwork: Wudu Ngapi by Bernard Singleton

Wudu Ngapi represents journeys across Country, marked by the movement of animals seeking food and water and returning home. The artwork's symbols — including the spear, woomera (spear thrower), boomerang, kangaroo, barramundi, circular patterns and blooming waterlily — speak to technology, innovation, forward momentum, resilience, balance and strong foundations. Together, they reflect the spirit Australia seeks to bring to the UN Security Council: momentum, practical problem-solving, respect for what sustains us and a steady approach to shared global challenges.

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