



## A U S T R A L I A   A N D

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### Key engagement

Warm bilateral relations, parliamentary contacts, and strong resource-focused trade and investment links.

### Bilateral relations

Australia established diplomatic relations with Azerbaijan in 1992. We share a friendly bilateral relationship, and engage on issues of mutual interest in international organisations, such as the Asian Development Bank. In recent years, Australia and Azerbaijan have welcomed visits by delegations from respective parliaments.

Australia supports the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and does not recognise Nagorno-Karabakh (also known as the “Republic of Artsakh”) as an independent state. The Government supports the efforts of the OSCE (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe) Minsk Group to resolve the conflict and does not seek to intervene.

Australian companies provide services supporting the oil and gas sector in Azerbaijan. In recent years, Azerbaijan’s sovereign wealth fund has made large investments in Australia.

Economic and trade information is available in the Azerbaijan Country Fact Sheet:  
<https://dfat.gov.au/trade/resources/Documents/azer.pdf>

### Foreign policy

Azerbaijan’s foreign policy is dominated by its conflict with Armenia over the Nagorno-Karabakh region. Azerbaijan pursues its interests actively through participation in international organisations. It is a partner with NATO, and a participant in the Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan, but also a leader in the non-aligned movement. Azerbaijan is involved in the EU’s Eastern Partnership.

Azerbaijan, with four other countries that border the Caspian Sea, signed an agreement in August 2018 to divide access to the sea-floor (and hence resources) equally between the five signatories.

More information is available at:  
[www.mfa.gov.az/en](http://www.mfa.gov.az/en)



Foreign Policy White Paper:  
<https://www.fpwhitepaper.gov.au>

### FAST FACTS



Azerbaijani visitors to Australia (2018) **500**



Australian visitors to Azerbaijan (2017) **800**



Resident Australian population born in Azerbaijan (2016 census) **526**



Australian residents of Azerbaijani descent (2016 census) **1036**

### High level engagement

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| 2017 | Then-Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, visited Baku |
| 2012 | Azerbaijan’s Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Khalaf Khalafov, visited Australia                          |

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