

## CHINA: TRADE

Meeting with WANG WENTAO [*wÁhng whÉn-tĀo*]; MINISTER OF  
COMMERCE

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## **MEETING AGENDA**

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**Agenda Item 1:** Opening remarks by Minister Farrell (media)

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and then speak on China's topics

**Agenda Item 5:** Minister Farrell to respond to China's concerns and

propose Australia's suggestion on next step cooperation

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## AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING REMARKS BY MINISTER FARRELL

**[5 MINUTES // FILMED FOR MEDIA RELEASE]**

Minister Wang, I welcome this opportunity to meet today.

I look forward to meeting you in person at a suitable time, but today's is a good first step.

We have much to discuss and the outcomes of our discussion have the potential to be of great benefit to both our countries.

We have an opportunity to continue on the path set out by our leaders in Bali last year, and by our Foreign Ministers in December when they marked the 50th anniversary of our diplomatic relations.

Trade and investment between China and Australia has always been part of the bedrock of our bilateral relationship.

Today, we look to make that foundation firmer.

As our two leaders said when they met last year, Australia and China have highly complementary economies.

China is Australia's largest trading partner by a considerable margin, and an important source of investment.

Chinese investment has made a lasting contribution to Australia.

Tourists and business visitors contribute to our shared prosperity, and build people-to-people ties and mutual understanding.



And Chinese students remain an essential part of Australia's education landscape and Australian society and contribute greatly to Australia's multicultural society.

The Australian Government is determined to cooperate with China where we can in the interests of both our peoples, while standing firm in our national interests. There are issues on which we disagree and we should – where possible- address those differences frankly through dialogue – which I hope we can do today.

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Australia is firmly dedicated to the rules-based multilateral trading system that has supported our growth over many decades. China too has spoken publicly in support of that system.

In recent years, trade has not proceeded smoothly to the detriment of both countries.

I am confident that our discussions today can provide a pathway towards the restoration of unimpeded trade.

I look forward to hearing from you Minister.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2: OPENING REMARKS BY MINISTER WANG**

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No intervention required.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: MINISTER FARRELL TO SPEAK ON  
AUSTRALIA'S PROPOSED TOPICS [10 MINUTES]**

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**AGENDA ITEM 4: MINISTER WANG RESPONSE TO  
AUSTRALIA'S CONCERNS AND MINISTER WANG TO SPEAK  
ON CHINA'S PROPOSED TOPICS (20 MINUTES)**

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## **AGENDA ITEM 5: MINISTER FARRELL'S RESPONSE TO CHINA'S CONCERNS AND AUSTRALIA'S SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT STEPS**

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## **AGENDA ITEM 6: CHINA'S SUGGESTIONS ON NEXT STEPS**

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## **AGENDA ITEM 7: MINISTER FARRELL'S CONCLUDING REMARKS**

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## **AGENDA ITEM 8: MINISTER WANG'S CONCLUDING REMARKS**

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