Celebrating a Strong and Evolving Partnership

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BRIDGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC







- Identity
- Connectivity
- Tourism
- Antarctic links
- Astronomical observation for the world
- Leadership from the Global South
- People to people links

Dynamic ties and bilateral cooperation



















From Partners to

Regional Trade Allies

A Golden Era of Trade and Opportunity

July 30, 2008 – Chile and Australia signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which took effect on March 6, 2009 – slashing tariffs and boosting trade

Since then, over 200 Australian companies now operate in Chile.

Both are members of two major trade groups:

APEC (ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION)

СРТРР

(COMPREHENSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE AGREEMENT FOR TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP)

Australia supported Chile's OECD accession – recognising their economic strength on the global stage.

Mining: A Cornerstone of Chile-Australia Relations







Further complemented by a wide range of Chilean METS across the country like Balmoral Mining & Energy Logistics, ME Elecmetal, FMA Industrial, Fourthane, INEXLINK, Pares&Alvarez, Plusmining, Punta El Monte, Vantaz, WeTechs, Ausmintec Global, among many others.

Andover Project (Li) Azure Minerals (SQM-Hancock) West Pilbara, WA Northern Territory Queensland Australia South **New South** Covalent Lithium Mt Holland mine and (SQM-Wesfarmers) concentrator (Li) Covalent Lithium (SQM-Wesfarmers) Yilgarn, WA Victoria

Emulsion-manufacturing facility at Collie ENAEX Collie, WA

Lithium refinery

Kwinana, WA

Emulsion-manufacturing facility at Boddington Mine **ENAEX** Bannister, WA

Suspended dump body (SDB) production facility Duratray Pakenham, VIC

Australia's first commercial-scale e-Fuels facility HIF Tasmania Burnie, TAS

ENAEX

Emulsion-manufacturing facility

Emulsion-manufacturing

facility at Mount Thorley

Emulsion-manufacturing

Savage River, TAS

facility at Savage River Mine

ENAEX Singleton, NSW

at Bajool Explosives Reserve

ENAEX

Bajool, QLD

Chile – Australia Defense Cooperation





Over decades, Chile and Australia have built a strong defence partnership.

In 1994, Chile acquired ANZAC -class frigates — modernising its navy and deepening trust.

In 2020, it expanded its fleet with two Adelaide-class frigates — the ex-HMAS Newcastle and Melbourne.

The 2001 Defence Memorandum of Understanding promoted joint training, intelligence sharing, and UN peacekeeping.

High-level visits, such as the 2007 trip by Australian Defence Minister Brendan Nelson, advanced dialogue on regional security and collaboration. Australia and Chile united during the 2022 naval training exercise RIMPAC – with Chile being an instrumental partner in the 2026 planning.

SPDMM - Chile 2025
An Integrated South Pacific
It highlighted the need to approach collectively challenges such as illegal fisheries, illicit maritime traffic, humanitarian assistance, peace, women and security, and natural disasters.







CHILE: Global Player for Energy Transition







Copper

19% of the world's known copper reserves & 27.4% of the global copper exploration budget in 2024



High potential for green hydrogen and its introduction to mining equipment and processes, several R&D projects under development



Robust foreign investment regime, one of the most attractive markets for FDI in Latin America & USD\$ 83.2 billion of investment for the development of 51 projects in the period 2024-2033



34% of the world's known lithium reserves (+45 salt flats) with the highest mineral grades in the region & 2nd largest producer, after Australia



Strong commitment to carbon neutrality by 2050, including 100% of electricity from renewable sources by 2050 (currently 67%, expected to reach 78% by 2026)