

The 14-hour time difference between Sydney and Toronto (17 hours in the case of Vancouver) and the long trip (17 to 22 hours) makes it essential to take at the very least a 24-hour rest to counter jet-lag.

Australia uses the metric system of weights and measures, and standard electricity supply is 240 volts 50 hertz.

Canada-Australia trade has a long history with shipments of lumber from B.C. dating back to the 1850's. Canadian exports to Australia passed the \$1 billion mark during the 1989-90 financial year.

II. AUSTRALIA'S FISHERIES INDUSTRY

A. General Considerations

Although Australia is the Island Continent and is surrounded by vast oceans, owing to its narrow continental shelf the country's fish resources are not as abundant as might be expected. With few exceptions, no specie is found in numbers or consistency of catch to warrant a viable processing industry. The one true exception is Orange Roughy (*Hoplostethus Atlanticus*) which is now caught in sufficient numbers to allow some exports to North America. In the main, however, the Australian fish catch ends up on the floors of the wet fish auction markets located in the main population centres.