

- Canada's Prime Minister paid an official visit to Australia in 1995 and has met Australian Prime Minister John Howard several times during multilateral meetings, most recently at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Auckland in 1999.

Trade and investment

- Trade and investment interests are significant and trade relations can be traced back over 100 years. Canada's first trade commissioner stationed abroad went to Sydney in 1895.
- The two countries' respective rights and obligations under the World Trade Organization are the main determinants of trade relations. In addition, trade is also governed by the Canada-Australia Trade Agreement, whose precedents date back to 1932. This accord is based on a limited exchange of 1960 Commonwealth tariff preferences and was amended in 1973.
- An agreement was reached in May 2000 resolving Canada's complaint to the World Trade Organization against Australia's ban on imports of Canadian fresh, chilled and frozen salmon.
- The 1996 Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement established a mechanism for addressing trade access and related issues. One of its main aims is to explore the scope for mutual trade liberalization.
- Total trade between Canada and Australia in 2000 totalled \$2.73 billion, up from \$2.35 billion in 1999. Australia was Canada's 15th largest merchandise export market and 20th source of imports in 2000. Canada was Australia's 18th largest market for merchandise exports and 16th largest source of imports.
- Canadian exports to Australia increased by 24 per cent between 1999 and 2000, from \$948 million to \$1.18 billion. Major Canadian exports to Australia are aircraft and parts, telephone equipment, machinery, wood, paper and fertilizers.
- Canadian imports from Australia increased by 28 per cent, from \$1.21 billion in 1999 to \$1.55 billion in 2000. Major Canadian imports in 2000 were minerals, mainly alumina and uranium; beef; oil; and wine.
- Led by Canada's Minister for International Trade, a business delegation to Melbourne and Sydney in 2000 resulted in \$293.7 million in trade and investment deals.