AUSTRALIA

Australia is a country and continent surrounded by the Indian and Pacific oceans. Its major cities – Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide – are coastal. Its capital, Canberra, is inland and [Currency is](#) Australian dollar and official language is English.

India's export to Australia

Passenger motor vehicles and machinery, pearls, gems and jewellery, refined petroleum and textiles. India is Australia's largest export market for gold and chickpeas.

India's imports from Australia

Vegetables, wools, non-monetary gold, coal, copper and fertilizers

India and Australia have several commonalities, which serve as a foundation for closer cooperation and multi-faceted interaction, on lines similar to what India has developed with other Western countries. Both are strong, vibrant, secular and multicultural democracies. They both have a free press and an independent judicial system;

Indian companies

Sterlite Industries (copper mines; Aditya Birla Group (copper mines); Gujarat NRE Co. (coal mines); Asian Paints; Reliance has entered into a partnership agreement with Uranium Exploration; IFFCO and Legend Holdings of Australia have entered into an agreement involving investment of over A$100mn by IFFCO in Legend's phosphate projects with buyback arrangements; Tata Power and Australian company Geodynamics have entered into an agreement. The Adani Group have acquired a coal mining prospect from Linc Resources in the Galilee Basin in Queensland.

IT companies

Infosys; Satyam Mahindra; TCS; HCL; Polaris Software Lab Ltd; Birlasoft; NIIT; ICICI Infotech; Wipro; Mahindra-British Telecom Ltd among others. Satyam Mahindra has the largest product development centre outside India in Melbourne.

SME Clusters

Cluster	Location
(NSW) New South Wales	
ITC & services	Sydney CBD/Ryde
Financial services	Sydney CBD
Electronics	Sydney CBD
Film services	Sydney CBD
Transport/logistics	Airport corridor

Component manuf'ing	Western Sydney
Toolmaking	Western Sydney
ITC	Western Sydney
Legal/accounting	Parramatta
Multimedia/cultural	Northern Rivers
Agribusiness	Hunter
Building/construction	Hunter
ICT	Hunter
Engineering fabrication	Hunter

(Source -The Australian Centre of Innovation Ltd)

Important cities

Sydney, capital of New South Wales and one of Australia's largest cities, is best known for its harbourfront Sydney Opera House, with a distinctive sail-like design.

Brisbane, capital of Queensland, is a large city on the Brisbane River. Clustered in its South Bank cultural precinct are the Queensland Museum and Science centre, with noted interactive exhibitions.

Melbourne is the coastal capital of the southeastern Australian state of Victoria. At the city's centre is the modern Federation Square development,

Perth, capital of Western Australia, sits where the Swan River meets the southwest coast. Sandy beaches line its suburbs, and the huge, riverside Kings Park and Botanic Garden

Adelaide is South Australia's cosmopolitan coastal capital. Its ring of parkland on the River Torrens is home to renowned museums such as the Art Gallery of South Australia,

Chamber of Commerce

Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Melbourne