



A U S T R A L I A A N D

Bolivia



Warm relationship based on trade and international cooperation.

Key engagement

Modest engagement in mining, agriculture, science, technology and education.

Outlook

Modest potential in complementing Bolivia's agribusiness, education, water and forest resource management and tourism sectors.

Bilateral relations

Australia and Bolivia (formally known as the Plurinational State of Bolivia) established diplomatic relations on 10 April 1975.

Australia's Ambassador to Peru holds non-resident accreditation to Bolivia and Australia has an Honorary Consul in La Paz.

The Consulate of Bolivia in Australia is in Sydney and Bolivia's Ambassador to Australia is resident in Ottawa.

FAST FACTS



Bolivian visitors to Australia ([2020 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # 100



Australian visitors to Bolivia (primary destination) ([2020 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # * 400



Resident Australian population born in Bolivia ([2016 Census](#)) 883



Australian residents of Bolivian descent ([2016 Census](#)) 956



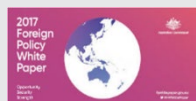
Bolivian students in Australia ([2020 Dept of Education](#)) 67

Foreign relations

Australia and Bolivia are members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and United Nations (UN).

Bolivia is a member of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the Organisation of American States (OAS).

Bolivia participates in the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC).



Foreign Policy White Paper:
<https://www.fpwhitepaper.gov.au>

Australian Embassy in Peru

Av. La Paz 1049, Piso 10
Miraflores, Lima 18, Perú

Tel: +51 1 630 0500

General: consular.lima@dfat.gov.au

[Embajada de Australia en Perú y Bolivia](#)
 [@EmbAusLima](#)

This data is owned by Home Affairs. It provides quarterly updates to this data on its website.

*Bolivia reports the number of Australian visitors as 10,000 per year (in 2016-17, more than 17,000 Australians visited Bolivia).

High level engagement

2010 Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd met Bolivian counterpart (in Brazil).



Agreements with Bolivia

No bilateral agreements between Australia and Bolivia.

Public diplomacy

Through the [Direct Aid Program \(DAP\)](#), the Australian Government provides financial support to a range of projects in Bolivia.

In 2020-21, DAP funded the project 'Safe Schools in Times of COVID-19', which aims to strengthen COVID-19 recovery in the Vacas municipality in Cochabamba by supporting schools to provide classes safely. The project works with teachers to teach students how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and provides basic sanitation supplies to schools, making them and their wider communities safer.

In 2019-20, DAP funded the project 'Get to know Us,' which supported traditional women weavers in La Paz to access markets for their products in the USA and Europe through an online store.

In 2020-21, the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) invested more than \$43,000 in training young indigenous women in Bolivia in culinary and business skills.

Economic diplomacy

The Australian Government assists Australian investors in Bolivia by providing support and advice on political, economic and regulatory environments.

Further economic and trade information can be found in our [Economic Factsheet](#) for Bolivia.

Business

Bolivia has significant resource wealth, including lithium, which is used in batteries, tin, silver, iron ore, natural gas and shale gas. There are opportunities for Australian engagement in the extractives and energy sectors. Australia's model of sustainable mining, our focus on regional economic development, environmental management and engagement with indigenous communities are areas for potential collaboration.

Australian expertise could also complement Bolivia's agribusiness, education, water and forest resource management and tourism sectors.

Austrade aims to attract foreign direct investment into Australia. It also identifies market opportunities and promotes the capabilities of Australian exporters and education providers.

Austrade

<https://www.austrade.gov.au/contact/offices/country-index>

smartraveller.gov.au

BE INFORMED > BE PREPARED

Travel

See Smartraveller for Information on travelling:
smartraveller.gov.au