

PM Wong Australia visit: what the 24 November talks mean for you

Description

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The PM Wong Australia visit runs from 23 to 25 November 2026, with the main event today, Tuesday 24 November. Prime Minister Lawrence Wong and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese co-chair the 11th Singapore-Australia Annual Leadersâ?? Meeting in Canberra. The Prime Ministerâ??s Office announced the trip on 22 November, and at the time of writing no joint outcomes have been published.



Source: Destination NSW

What is confirmed about the PM Wong Australia visit

This is an official visit to Canberra and Sydney. Mr Wong arrives at Western Sydney International Airport on Singapore Airlinesâ?? inaugural flight to the new airport. In Canberra, Mr Albanese hosts a private breakfast before the two leaders co-chair the meeting, and Mr Wong also meets Opposition Leader Angus Taylor.

In Sydney he is due to meet New South Wales Premier Chris Minns, call on Governor-General Sam Mostyn and attend a reception for overseas Singaporeans. The delegation includes Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister Grace Fu (who is in charge of trade relations) and Transport Minister Jeffrey Siow. Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong is Acting Prime Minister while Mr Wong is away.

Why this matters beyond the headlines

Singapore and Australia lifted their ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, often called CSP 2.0, at the previous leadersâ?? meeting in October 2025. It spans six areas: economics and trade, defence and foreign affairs, people-to-people links, science and innovation, the digital economy and the green economy. The two leaders also issued a joint statement in April 2026 on economic resilience and trade in essential supplies.

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That last theme touches daily life more than it sounds. Based on figures cited by AsiaOne, Australia supplies roughly a third of Singaporeâ??s LNG, which feeds the power grid behind your electricity bill. Singapore, in turn, supplies about a quarter of Australiaâ??s refined fuel imports. When two small, trade-dependent economies promise each other steady supply in a crisis, that is the kind of insurance residents never notice until it is needed.



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What it means for residents

- Flights: SQ201 leaves Changi at 11.30am daily and lands at Western Sydney at 10.20pm, and SQ202 departs at 11.55pm and reaches Singapore at 5.05am. The Airbus A350-900 has 40 Business and 263 Economy seats.
- Utilities and fuel: nothing changes at the pump or on your bill because of this meeting alone. Any supply-security protocol would be a longer-term safeguard.
- Trade and jobs: watch for announcements on trade, technology and AI cooperation, which usually take months to show up in business deals.

We have covered the new route in detail in our guide to Singapore Airlinesâ?? Western Sydney flights. Note that the airport is about an hour or more from Sydneyâ??s city centre by road, so factor in the transfer.

Reading the fine print

Official visits like this rarely produce a single headline deal. The outputs tend to be memoranda, working-level agreements and joint statements that take effect over months. So if you read a big number tonight, check whether it is a signed agreement or an aspiration.

Singapore is Australiaâ??s sixth-largest trading partner and sixth-largest source of foreign direct investment, according to figures cited in the AsiaOne report, which relies on 2023 data. That relationship runs both ways, from Australian LNG and food to Singapore-refined fuel and financial services. It is also why the Prime Minister takes the trip each year.

What to watch for next

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The leaders usually release a joint statement after the meeting, and it will appear on the PMO and Australian government websites. I will not guess at its contents. The agenda has not been published, though earlier reports point to trade, defence, emissions and emerging technology, and those are expectations rather than confirmed items.

This visit follows the Prime Ministerâ??s trip to APEC in Shenzhen and Beijing, which we covered in our PM Wong China visit report. For the official announcement, see the PMO release.

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