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AUSTRALIA PM EYEING TRADE ON CHINA TRIP DESPITE REGIONAL ANGST

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Mr Anthony Albanese kicked off his second visit to China as Australian prime minister on July 12, seeking to bolster recently stabilised trade ties even as geopolitical tensions remain high.

Relations between Beijing and Canberra have charted a bumpy course over the past decade, a period marked by repeated disagreements over national security and competing interests across the vast Pacific region.

Affairs improved in December 2024, when China called off a ban on imported Australian rock lobster, removing the final obstacle in a damaging trade war waged between the countries after ties plummeted in 2017.

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