
AUSTRALIA PUSHES TO RATIFY NAURU SECURITY TREATY AHEAD OF CHINA INVESTMENT

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Australia will seek to ratify a landmark security and economic treaty with its tiny neighbour Nauru by September 2025, Australian officials said on Aug 25, amid concern a A\$1 billion (S\$832 million) Chinese investment proposal could breach its provisions.

Nauru, with a population of 12,000, announced an investment deal with the little-known China Rural Revitalisation and Development Corporation earlier in August.

The leaders of Nauru and Australia announced a treaty in December in which Australia pledged A\$100 million in budget support and A\$40 million for security and gained a veto over Chinese involvement in critical areas including Nauru's security, banking and telecommunications.

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