
■■■■■ WATCHING US': AUSTRALIA TRACKING CHINESE SURVEILLANCE SHIP HEADING TOWARDS QUEENSLAND

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The Australian government says it is keeping a close eye on a Chinese surveillance ship that is heading towards Queensland in an apparent attempt to monitor a joint military exercise with the United States.

Amid ongoing tensions in the relationship with China, the Australian government cited the ships presence as evidence Australia and its allies should also be afforded freedom of navigation in the contested South China Sea.

The prime minister, Scott Morrison, said on Wednesday he was very wary of the ship but added the government had no objection to it being in international waters.

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