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**AUSTRALIA SEEKS A MORE 'POTENT' DEFENSE FORCE AS TAIWAN TENSIONS ESCALATE**

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Australia says its defense force must be "as potent as possible" as China intensifies its military drills near Taiwan.

Speaking on Tuesday, Australian Defense Minister and acting Prime Minister, Richard Marles, said Beijings military buildup was of "enormous" concern and has shaped the strategic circumstances of the region.

Tensions have escalated since U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit last week to Taiwan, an island China claims as its own.

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