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**CHINA** has moved to develop new milk sources in Australia in the wake of a free-trade deal between the two countries.

Australia's Freedom Foods **Group** has signed a memorandum of understanding with **China**'s New Hope **Group** to develop a long-term supply of **milk**, with the establishment of new large-scale farms in southeast Australia.

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The farms will be managed by Perich Group, which holds a stake of about 60 per cent in Freedom Foods.

New Hope will be a core investor and partner, while continuing to market and distribute dairy products into China through New Hope Dairy.

New Hope, one of the largest suppliers of meat, eggs and **dairy** products in **China**, has \$500 **million** to be used in the development of agricultural and food processing in Australia, with a large portion to be invested in **dairy**. "Australia has a unique advantage in the supply and manufacture of high-quality premium agriculture-based foods," Freedom Foods managing director Rory Macleod said.

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