



Registration Brochure

We are pleased to invite you to attend the inaugural Australian Economic Forum (AEF09) to be held in Sydney on 19 and 20 August 2009. AEF09 offers a unique opportunity for you to be involved with the Forum that will lead Australia's discussions on economic policy across key policy sectors.

Although there are a number of forums that focus on different aspects of the Australian economy, none provide the opportunity to discuss current and future economic policy or an open forum for rigorous economic debate across sectors.

Under the auspices of the Economic Society of Australia (NSW Branch), the Forum will provide an annual opportunity for economists, business professionals, academics and public servants from all levels of Government to come together and discuss targeted economic issues across a number of policy streams, including health and welfare, climate change and water security.

The inaugural two-day forum, AEF09, will be held at Dockside Sydney on Darling Harbour. The overall theme of the first AEF is New Opportunities for the Australian Economy.

Program highlights include keynote addresses and concurrent sessions on:

- Sharing the Tax Effort
- Better Public Services
- Climate Change and Emissions Trading
- Reforming Infrastructure
- Housing Affordability
- Water Security and Energy Supply

Confirmed chairs and presenters include:

Dr Bob Birrell, Center for Population and Urban Research, Monash University
Hon Mark Birrell, Chairman, Infrastructure Partnerships Australia
Kate Carnell AO, former Chief Minister of the ACT
The Hon. Bob Carr, former Premier of NSW
Prof. Bruce Chapman, Professor Public Policy, Crawford School of Economics and Government, The Australian National University

Quentin Dempster AM, Presenter, ABC Stateline
Bill Evans, Chief Economist, Westpac
Neil Fisher, CEO, Real Estate Institute of Australia
Prof. Ross Garnaut, Vice Chancellor's Fellow, University of Melbourne
Danny Graham, Director, NSW Treasury
Toby Hall, CEO, Mission Australia
Tim Harcourt, Chief Economist, Austrade
Dr Ken Henry AC, Secretary, The Treasury
Prof. David Hensher, Director, Institute of Transport and Logistic Studies, The University of Sydney
The Hon. Joe Hockey MP, Shadow Treasurer
Tony Kelly, Managing Director, Yarra Valley Water
Adrian Kemp, Associate Director, NERA Consulting
John Laker AO, Chairman, APRA
Dr Phil Lowe, Assistant Governor (Economic), RBA
Bruce MacDiarmid, Managing Director, Head of Utilities and Infrastructure, Rothschild Australia
Stephen Mayne, Founder, Crickey
David McInnes, Group Manager Environment and Climate Change, LinFox
Prof. Warwick McKibbin, Executive Director, The Australian National University
Dr Michael Regan, Associate Professor of Infrastructure, Bond University
Dr Anthony Richards, Head of Economic Analysis, Reserve Bank of Australia
Lyndon Rowe, Chairman, Economic Regulatory Authority (WA)
Dr Jeremy Sammut, Research Fellow, The Centre for Independent Studies
Assoc Prof. Elizabeth Savage, ChERE, University of Technology Sydney
Simon Smith, Deputy Director General, Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group, NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change
Michael Stutchbury, Economics Editor, The Australian
Dr John Tambllyn, Chairman, Australian Energy Market Commission
Matthew Warren, CEO, Clean Energy Council
Ed Willett, Commissioner, ACCC
Dr Glenn Withers AO, CEO, Universities Australia
Dr John Wright, Advisor, Sustainable Energy Partnerships, CSIRO
Dr Judy Yates, Associate Professor, University of Sydney



We look forward to the opportunity to welcome you to the Australian Economic Forum.

Kind regards

Prof. Ed Wilson
 President, Economic Society of Australia (NSW Branch)

The Economic Society of Australia

The Economic Society of Australia was founded in 1925, making it one of the oldest professional associations in Australia. One of the main objectives of the Society is to encourage the teaching, study and application of economics and related disciplines in Australia and to encourage research and inform public debate of economic questions. To meet this objective, the Economic Society of Australia (NSW Branch) are hosting the AEF09



Day 1 - Program Outline

19 August

8.00am	Registration	
9.00am SESSION 1	Welcome and Conference Opening Prof. Ed Wilson, President of the Economic Society of Australia (NSW Branch) (Chair) Australian Economic Forum - Overview Prof. Warwick McKibbin, Executive Director, CAMA The Australian National University	
9.30am SESSION 2	Fallout from the Global Financial Crisis Michael Stutchbury, Economics Editor, The Australian (Chair) Assessing the Macroeconomic Consequences and Response Bill Evans, Chief Economist, Westpac What are the Lessons for Australia's Financial System? Dr John Laker AO, Chairman, APRA Lessons for Shareholders Stephen Mayne, Founder, Crikey	
10.30am	Morning Tea	
11.00am SESSION 3	Reforming Infrastructure Provision Dr Glenn Withers AO, CEO, Universities Australia (Chair) Key Infrastructure Priorities Hon Mark Birrell, Chairman, Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Public Infrastructure - Is There Still a Role for Private-Public Partnerships? Dr Michael Regan, Associate Professor of Infrastructure, Bond University What's next for Infrastructure Financing? Bruce MacDiarmid, Managing Director, Head of Utilities and Infrastructure, Rothschild Australia	
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm SESSION 4	Reforming Policy Dr Phil Lowe, Assistant Governor (Economic), Reserve Bank of Australia (Chair) Implications of the Tax Review Dr. Ken Henry AC, Secretary, The Treasury Fiscal Arrangements in other Federations: What are the Lessons? Dr Glenn Withers AO, CEO, Universities Australia Will Copenhagen Succeed? Professor Ross Garnaut, Vice Chancellor's Fellow, University of Melbourne	
3.00pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm SESSION 5	Stream A: Education and Skills Prof. Bruce Chapman, Professor Public Policy, Crawford School of Economics and Government, The Australian National University (Chair)	Stream B: Transporting Australia's Future Prof. David Hensher, Director, Institute of Transport and Logistic Studies, The University of Sydney (Chair)
	What is a 'Skills Shortage' and How do you Know if You Have One? Serge Sardo, CEO, Australian Human Resources Institute (invited)	Infrastructure Provision: How to Assess the Tradeoffs Danny Graham, Director, NSW Treasury
	Skilled Immigration and the Economic Downturn Dr Bob Birell, Director, Centre for Population and Urban Research, Monash University	Is the Future Rail? Bryan Nye, CEO, Australian Rail Association
	Ways to Measure the Effectiveness of the Education and Training System Richard Johnstone, Executive Director, Australian Learning and Teaching Council (invited)	Greening Transport David McInnes, Group Manager Environment and Climate Change, LinFox Australia Pty Ltd
7.00pm	Conference Dinner The Hon Kevin Rudd, MP, Prime Minister of Australia (invited)	

Day 2 - Program Outline

20 August

8.30am	Arrival tea and coffee	
9.00am SESSION 1	<p>The Economic Impacts of the The Climate Change Challenge Prof. Warwick McKibbin, Executive Director, CAMA The Australian National University (Chair)</p> <p>The Export Opportunities of Climate Change Tim Harcourt, Chief Economist, Austrade</p> <p>Issues for the States from Climate Change Responses Simon Smith, Deputy Director General, Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group, NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change</p> <p>ETS: A View from Industry Ralph Hillman, Executive Director, Australian Coal Association</p>	
10.30am	Morning Tea	
11.00am SESSION 2	<p>Stream A: Reforming Energy Supply</p> <p>Matthew Warren, CEO, Clean Energy Council (Chair)</p> <p>Encouraging Greater Energy Efficiency Robyn Kruk, Secretary, Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</p> <p>Implications of Carbon Policies for Networks and Generation Dr John Tamblyn, Chairman, Australian Energy Market Commission</p> <p>Solar Thermal - the Future of Generation? Dr John Wright, Advisor, Sustainable Energy Partnerships, CSIRO</p>	<p>Stream B: Planning for a Healthier Australia</p> <p>Assoc Prof. Elizabeth Savage, ChERE, UTS (Chair)</p> <p>Is Prevention Always Better than Cure? Dr Jeremy Sammut, Research Fellow, The Centre for Independent Studies</p> <p>Paying People to Live Healthier Lives Prof. Laurie Brown, Research Director (Health), National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (invited)</p> <p>A Mixed Public-Private System for 2020 Jane Halton PSM, Secretary, Department of Health and Ageing (Invited)</p>
12.30pm	<p>Extended Lunch The Hon. Joe Hockey MP, Shadow Treasurer</p>	
2.00pm SESSION 3	<p>Stream A: Australia's Housing Challenges</p> <p>Dr Anthony Richards, Head of Economic Analysis, Reserve Bank of Australia (Chair)</p> <p>Explaining the Housing Market Puzzle Neil Fisher, CEO, Real Estate Institute of Australia</p> <p>Is Australia's Housing Shortage Undermining Society's Foundations? Toby Hall, CEO, Mission Australia</p> <p>Housing Affordability - Who is the Most Affected? Dr Judy Yates, Associate Professor, University of Sydney</p>	<p>Stream B: Reforming Water Provision</p> <p>Adrian Kemp, Associate Director, NERA Consulting (Chair)</p> <p>Challenges for the Water Industry Tony Kelly, Managing Director, Yarra Valley Water</p> <p>How to Reform Bulk Water Trading, Charging and Management Ed Willett, Commissioner, ACCC</p> <p>Private Provision of Water Lyndon Rowe, Chairman, Economic Regulatory Authority (WA)</p>
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.00pm SESSION 4	<p>Premier's Panel Quentin Dempster AM, Presenter, ABC Stateline (Chair) Kate Carnell AO, former Chief Minister of the ACT The Hon. Bob Carr, former Premier of NSW (panellist to be advised)</p>	
5.30pm	Close Day 2	



Registration Form

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Includes 2 full days of conference, the
conference networking drinks and dinner
\$1100 + GST

☐ Non-Members

Includes 2 full days of conference, the
conference networking drinks and dinner
\$1200 + GST

☐ AEF Dinner

Wed 19 August
Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf
Tickets: \$150 + GST per person

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