

Australian Business Economists



Forecasting Conference and Annual Dinner Tuesday 09 December 2008

We live in interesting times. The outlook for the economy and markets is more difficult to forecast at present than it has been at any time in the past decade and a half. The ABE Forecasting Conference will this year, more than ever, offer a timely prospect for reflection, information and engagement. Our conference program features Professor **Ian Harper** of Access Economics (formerly Chairman of the Australian Fair Pay Commission) on financial sector regulation, Mr **Jason Allford** of The Treasury on current policy issues and Mr **Ross Gittins** on politics and government. Plus a panel of expert market economists on the local and global outlook in a session that promises lively debate between panellists and conference participants.

We are pleased to invite you to our Annual Dinner to hear **Mr Glenn Stevens**, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia. There will be no live broadcast of proceedings. Mr Stevens will take questions from the floor. Our annual dinner is presented in conjunction with the Economic Society of Australia, New South Wales Branch.

Details

Conference: 1:30 pm - 5:30

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel, 199 George Street, The Rocks, Sydney

Afternoon tea will be served at the conference.

\$150 members, \$200 non-members

Dinner: 6:45 pm for 7:15, 10:30 close

Venue: Grand Ballroom, Four Seasons Hotel, 199 George Street, The Rocks, Sydney

Dinner includes pre-dinner drinks, three courses and beverages.

\$185 members, \$235 non-members, \$2250 tables (of ten guests)

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Conference Program

1:30 Registration opens

1:45 Welcome

Mr Rob Henderson, Chair, Australian Business Economists & Chief Economist, nabCapital

2:00 *Futures for finance sector regulation*

Professor Ian Harper, Senior Consultant, Access Economics

2:45 *Current issues in economic policy*

Mr Jason Allford, General Manager, Domestic Economy Division, The Treasury

3:30 Break

4:00 *Economic and financial markets outlook*

Mr David Plank, Fixed Interest Strategist & Head of GM Research Australia/NZ, Deutsche Bank

Mr Adam Donaldson, Head of Debt Research, Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Mr Joshua Williamson, Senior Strategist, Currency & Fixed Income Research, TD Securities

Mr Warren Hogan, Head of Markets Research, ANZ Investment Bank

Moderator: Mr Bill Evans, General Manager Economics, Westpac

4:45 *The outlook for politics and government*

Mr Ross Gittins, Economics Editor, *The Sydney Morning Herald*

5:30 Close

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Registration Form - Forecasting Conference and Annual Dinner

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NB the Annual General Meeting will be held 09 December at 6:00 pm at the Four Seasons Hotel.

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