



Forecasting Conference Outlook for the economy, policy and politics

**Wednesday 13 February 2019, 7:30am to 10:00am
Reserve Bank of Australia, 65 Martin Place, Sydney**

The conference is presented at no charge.
The number of seats available is strictly limited.
Registration is essential. Please register online [here](#).



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07:15 Registration opens – light breakfast served

07:45 Welcome and introduction

Mr Stephen Walters, Chair, Australian Business Economists
& Chief Economist, New South Wales Government

07:50 Statement on monetary policy - Observations

Dr Alexandra Heath, Head of Economic Analysis, Reserve Bank of Australia

08:20 Outlook for the economy and financial markets – Panel discussion

Moderated by Ms Elyse Morgan, Business & Finance, Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Ms Besa Deda, Chief Economist, St George Bank

Mr Ben Jarman, Senior Economist & Executive Director, J.P. Morgan

Mr Stephen Halmarick, Managing Director & Head of Global Markets Research, Commonwealth Bank

Mr Tony Morriss, Head of AUD/NZ Economics & Rates Strategy, Bank of America Merrill Lynch

08:50 Rising inequality? A stocktake of the evidence

Mr Jonathan Coppel, Commissioner, Productivity Commission
in conversation with

Mr Michael Willesee, Senior Communications Manager Westpac
& former journalist/presenter *The Australian*, Nine and Sky

09:20 The outlook for politics and government

Mr Peter Hartcher, Political & International Editor, *The Sydney Morning Herald*

09:50 Summary

Mr Stephen Walters, Chair, Australian Business Economists

10:00 Close

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