



Symposium Program

Thursday 4th December 2008 - Grand Hyatt Melbourne

Time	Session	Speakers
09.00 – 09.30	Registration	
09.30 – 09.45	Introduction	Tim Wilson, Director, IP and Free Trade Unit, Institute of Public Affairs
		Session Chair: Tim Wilson, Director, IP and Free Trade Unit, Institute of Public Affairs Julie Novak, Research Fellow, Institute of Public Affairs
09.45 – 11.00	Session 1 <i>Foreign investment and Australia</i>	<i>Australia's attractiveness as a destination for foreign capital</i> Jeff Rae, Economic Consultant, ITS Global <i>Counting the cost of regulation</i> Martin Feil, Former Director of the Industries Assistance Commission <i>The need for oversight and the Foreign Investment Review Board</i>
11.00 – 11.15	Morning tea	
11.15 – 12.30	Session 2 <i>Current regulatory environment</i>	Session Chair: Tony Makin, Professor of Economics, Griffith University Mark Thirlwell, Program Director, International Economy, Lowy Institute for International Policy <i>Is the Foreign Investment Review Board acting fairly?</i> Kristen Bondiotti, Australian APEC Study Centre, Monash University <i>Inconsistencies in treatment of foreign investment in trade agreements</i> Tom Switzer, former Opinion Page Editor, <i>The Australian</i> newspaper <i>Australian attitudes to foreign investment</i>
12.30 – 13.45	Lunch <i>International perspectives</i>	Session Chair: Sandra Fox, Senior Investment Manager, Austrade Panel discussion: Walter Russell Mead, US Council on Foreign Relations Edgard Kagan, Economic Counsellor, United States Embassy Canberra Yongpu Wang, Economic Counsellor, Chinese Consulate Melbourne Deepak Saxena, Managing Director, Riverina Oils & Bio Energy
13.45 – 15.00	Session 3 <i>Foreign investment motivations</i>	Session Chair: Ken Waller, Director, Melbourne APEC Finance Centre Sinclair Davidson, Professor of Institutional Economics, RMIT University <i>Do sovereign wealth funds make economic or political decisions</i> Tony Makin, Professor of Economics, Griffith University <i>Capital xenophobia and the national interest</i> Tim Wilson, Director, IP and Free Trade Unit, Institute of Public Affairs <i>Acquisitions as a mechanism for technology transfer</i>
15.00 – 15.15	Afternoon tea	
15.15 – 16.30	Session 4 <i>Opportunity from reform</i>	Session Chair: Sinclair Davidson, Professor of Institutional Economics, RMIT University Panel discussion: Rod Kemp, Former Assistant Treasurer of Australia Stephen Deady, Director, Industry, Economics & Taxation, Minerals Council Peter Gallagher, Managing Director, Inquit Communications Marc Moncrief, State Economics Editor, <i>The Age</i> Martin Feil, Former Director of the Industries Assistance Commission
16.30 – 16.45	Concluding session	Tim Wilson, Director, IP and Free Trade Unit, Institute of Public Affairs

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