

23-24 June 2025

Venue: H.C. Coombs Centre
122A Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli NSW 2061

Conference agenda

Day 1 – Monday 23 June 2025

| Time | Agenda item |
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| 7:30 am | Coffee, tea and breakfast |
| 8:30 am | Michele Bullock , Reserve Bank of Australia Conference opening and Acknowledgement to Country |
| 8:40 am | Dr David Gruen , Australian Bureau of Statistics Opening remarks |
| 8:50 am | Session 1 – Supply (organised jointly with the Productivity Commission) Danielle Wood , Productivity Commission Louisa Borland , Productivity Commission <i>Housing Construction Productivity: Can we fix it?</i> |
| 9:20 am | Brendan Coates , Grattan Institute <i>Building the homes we need: How to unlock housing choice in Australia's cities</i> |
| 9:50 am | Christian Vallence , Treasury <i>Housing supply and the Commonwealth</i> |
| 10:20 am | Break [morning tea] |
| 10:35 am | Jonathon Khoo , Australian Bureau of Statistics <i>From address to dwellings: Building a register of dwellings for Australia</i> |
| 11:05 am | Andrew Barker , Committee for Economic Development of Australia <i>Size matters: Why construction productivity is so weak</i> |
| 11:35 am | Discussant: Peter Tulip , Centre for Independent Studies Chair: Gemma Van Halderen , Department of Social Services |
| 12:30 pm | Close session 1 and lunch |
| 1:15 pm | Session 2 – Demand Ryan Banerjee , Bank of International Settlements <i>Monetary policy and housing markets: insights using a novel measure of housing supply elasticity</i> |
| 1:45pm | Dr Gianni La Cava , e61 <i>The Australian Rental Market: New Insights from Micro Data</i> |
| 2:15 pm | Martin McCarthy , Reserve Bank of Australia Natasha Bradshaw , Treasury <i>Overview and early analysis of the new Wealth, Housing and Asset Module (WHAM!)</i> |
| 2:45 pm | Break [afternoon tea] |
| 3:00 pm | Jonathan Hambur , Reserve Bank of Australia Declan Twohig , Reserve Bank of Australia <i>Do Housing Investors Pass-through Changes in Their Interest Costs to Rents?</i> |
| 3:30 pm | Discussant: Claude Lopez , Reserve Bank of Australia Chair: Dr Maria Yanotti , University of Tasmania |

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| 4:30 pm | Close session 2 |
| 5:30 pm | The Hon Clare O’Neil MP , Minister for Housing |
| 6:00 pm | Introduction: Dr David Gruen , Australian Bureau of Statistics Michael Stutchbury, Editor-at-large , The Australian Financial Review <i>A Great Australian Dream</i> |
| 7:00 pm | Conference dinner |

Day 2 – Tuesday 24 June 2025

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| 7:30 am | Coffee, tea and breakfast |
| 8:30 am | Session 3 – Distribution Professor Robert Breunig , Australian National University <i>Measuring the changing size of intergenerational transfers in the Australian tax and transfer system</i> Elayne Grace , Actuaries Institute <i>Housing in Australia: Financial Journeys Through Affordability, Retirement and Climate Challenges</i> |
| 8:55 am | |
| 9:20 am | Matthew Bowes , Grattan Institute <i>Renting in retirement: Why Rent Assistance needs to rise</i> |
| 9:45 am | Break [morning tea] |
| 10:00 am | Peter Tulip , Centre for Independent Studies <i>Super for Housing</i> |
| 10:25 am | Matt Flavel , Department of Social Services <i>A tale of two pensioners – a closer look at the wealth of Age Pensioners</i> |
| 10:50 am | Discussant: Aruna Sathanapally , Grattan Institute Chair: Brenton Goldsworthy , Australian Bureau of Statistics |
| 11:45 am | Sarah Hunter , Reserve Bank of Australia Closing remarks/wrap up/summary/key takeaways |
| 12:00 pm | Close conference and lunch |