



9 – 10 March 2022

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

Conference agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday 9 March 2022

Time	Agenda item
7:30am	Coffee, tea and breakfast
9:30am	Welcome to Country
9:40am	Dr David Gruen , Australian Bureau of Statistics Opening remarks
10:00am	<p>Session 1 – Digital implications for business operations and production: tax policy, international trade, production functions, capital investment, fintech</p> <p>Professor Elizabeth (Beth) Webster, Swinburne University of Technology <i>Impact of digital innovation on new products, processes, and competition</i></p> <p>Professor Robert Breunig, The Australian National University <i>Digital services taxes</i></p> <p>Michael Smedes, Australian Bureau of Statistics <i>Valuing data as an asset, implications for economic measurement</i></p> <p>Dr Catherine de Fontenay, Productivity Commission Dr Ralph Lattimore, Productivity Commission <i>Head in the Cloud: Firm performance and cloud computing</i></p> <p>Discussant: <i>Mark Cully, Treasury</i> Chair: <i>Dr John Simon, Reserve Bank of Australia</i></p>
1:00pm	Lunch
2:30pm	<p>Session 2 – Digital implications for the labour market: skills, education, wages, displaced workers, intermediaries</p> <p>Professor Jeff Borland, University of Melbourne Associate Professor Michael Coelli, University of Melbourne <i>The Australian labour market and the digital economy</i></p> <p>Professor Marian Baird, University of Sydney Dr Tom Barratt, Edith Cowan University Dr Caleb Goods, University of Western Australia</p>



Dr Alex Veen, University of Sydney
Navigating new forms of work and Australia's social security system: the experiences of Australian ride-share drivers

Angela Hope, National Skills Commission
Digital skills in the Australian and International economies

Discussant: *Dr James Bishop, Reserve Bank of Australia*
Chair: *Michael Smedes, Australian Bureau of Statistics*

4:30pm Close session 2

6:00pm Conference dinner

7:00pm *Panel discussion*
Dr David Gruen, Australian Bureau of Statistics
Dr Guy Debelle, Reserve Bank of Australia
Danielle Wood, Grattan Institute

Panel moderator
Dr Andrew Charlton, Accenture

8:30pm Close day 1

Day 2 – Thursday 10 March 2022

Time	Agenda item
7:30am	Coffee, tea and breakfast
9:00am	<p>Session 3 – Digital implications for consumers: competition, utility, pricing power & inflation, households as producers, data sovereignty</p> <p>Elayne Grace, Actuaries Institute <i>Big data and the digital economy: Benefits and pitfalls in the insurance industry</i></p> <p>Professor Kevin Fox, University of New South Wales <i>The digital economy, welfare and productivity growth</i></p> <p>Mark Cully, Treasury Elise Whalan, Treasury <i>Looking under the lamppost or shining a new light: new data for unseen challenges</i></p> <p>Discussant: <i>Danielle Wood, Grattan Institute</i> Chair: <i>Jacqui Vitas, Australian Bureau of Statistics</i></p>
12:30pm	<p>Dr John Simon, Reserve Bank of Australia Closing remarks/wrap up/summary/key takeaways</p>
12:45pm	Lunch and depart