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# **Debt, Risk and the Role of Government: The Bond Market in a Wider Context**

**Symposium organised by the  
Centre for Economic Policy Research, Research School of Social Sciences  
Economics Program, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies**

**27 February 2003**

## **▪ SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM**

**Venue: Innovations Lecture Theatre  
Innovations Building  
Australian National University**

**Symposium organised with the support of ICAP**

## The Speakers

### Session 1: The Government as a Risk Manager

- **Chair: Mr Martin Parkinson**
- **Professor Ian Harper**  
Sydney Myer Professor of Commerce and Business Administration, Melbourne Business School
- **Dr Ric Simes**  
Chief Economist, ICAP
- **Dr Nicholas Gruen**  
Chief Executive Officer, Lateral Economics Consulting
- **Mr Henry Ergas**  
Managing Director, Network Economics Consulting Group
- **Mr David Borthwick**  
Executive Coordinator, Economic, Industry and Resources Group, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

### Session II: The Australian Capital Market without Commonwealth Government Securities

- **Chair: Dr Phil Lowe**  
Head of Domestic Markets, Reserve Bank of Australia
- **Professor Paul Kofman**  
Professor of Finance, Faculty of Economics and Commerce, University of Melbourne
- **Professor Gordon de Brouwer**  
Executive Director Australia Japan Research Centre, Australian National University
- **Mr Paul Bide**  
Executive Director, Debt Markets, Macquarie Bank
- **Mr Robert Elstone**  
Managing Director and CEO, SFE (Sydney Futures Exchange) Corporation

### Session III: Risk Management without Commonwealth Government Securities

- **Chair: Mr John Lockhart**  
Director, E-trading ICAP
- **Mr Warren Bird**  
Head, Fixed Interest and Foreign Exchange, Colonial First State
- **Mr David Robinson**  
Director, Risk Analytics and Research Group, Ernst and Young
- **Mr Wayne Jarman**  
CEO, NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp)
- **Professor Rob Brooks**  
Head, Research Development Unit, Faculty of Business, RMIT University

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## **Session IV: The Government as an Owner of Assets**

**Chair: Dr Ian Watt**

Secretary, Commonwealth Department of Finance and Administration

**Dr Vince FitzGerald**

Chairman, The Allen Consulting Group

**Mr Ross Gittins**

Economics Editor, Sydney Morning Herald

**Dr David Chessell**

Director, Access Economics

## **Session IV: Discussion and Summing Up**

- **Professor Bob Gregory**  
Head, Economics Program, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University
- **Ms Laura Tingle**  
Australian Financial Review

**SYMPOSIUM:****Debt, Risk and the Role of Government: The bond market in a wider context****PROGRAM**

<b>27 Feb MORNING</b>	<i>Innovations Lecture Theatre, ANU</i>
<b>8.15-9.00</b>	Registration / coffee
<b>9.00-9.15</b>	Opening address: Mr Martin Parkinson, Treasury
<b>SESSION I 9.15-10.30</b>	<p><b><i>The Government as a Risk Manager</i></b></p> <p>Chair: Mr Martin Parkinson, Treasury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Government debt in modern economies</li> <li>▪ Risk in the private/public interface</li> <li>▪ Managing risk over time and cycles</li> <li>▪ International perspective</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Professor Ian Harper, Melbourne Business School Dr Ric Simes, ICAP Dr Nick Gruen, Lateral Economics</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Mr John Fallon, Network Economics Consulting Group Mr David Borthwick, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet</p>
<b>10.30am-11.00am</b>	Refreshments
<b>SESSION II 11.00-12.15</b>	<p><b><i>The Australian Capital Market without Commonwealth Government Securities</i></b></p> <p>Chair: Dr Phil Lowe, Reserve Bank of Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What are the possible alternative instruments?</li> <li>▪ Empirical estimates of the costs of those instruments</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Professor Paul Kofman, University of Melbourne Professor Gordon de Brouwer, ANU</p> <p>Discussants: Mr Paul Bide, Macquarie Bank Mr Robert Elstone, SFE Corporation</p>
	Lunch Innovations Bldg
	/Afternoon Program...

**SYMPOSIUM: The Commonwealth Government Debt Market**  
**27 February 2003, ANU**

<b>AFTERNOON</b>	<i>Venue: Innovations Lecture Theatre ANU</i>
<b>SESSION III</b> 1.30-2.45	<b><i>Risk Management without Commonwealth Government Securities</i></b> Chair: Mr John Lockhart, ICAP Speakers: Mr Warren Bird, Colonial First State Mr David Robinson, Ernst and Young Mr Wayne Jarman, NSW Treasury Corporation Discussant: Professor Rob Brooks, RMIT University
2.45-3.15	Refreshments
<b>SESSION 1V</b> 3.15-4.30	<b><i>The Government as an Owner of Assets</i></b> Chair: Dr Ian Watt, Department of Finance and Administration Governance issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fiscal policy effects—how does one conduct fiscal policy in this environment?</li> <li>▪ Benchmarks</li> <li>▪ Net costs/benefits</li> </ul> Speakers: Dr Vince FitzGerald, Allen Consulting Group Mr Ross Gittins, Sydney Morning Herald Discussant: Dr David Chessell, Access Economics
<b>SESSION V</b> 4.30-5.30	<b><i>Discussion and Summing Up</i></b> Professor Bob Gregory, ANU Ms Laura Tingle, Australian Financial Review
5.45-7.15	<b><i>Drinks</i></b> Drawing Room University House