

Professor Ian Harper

Leading Economist and Keynote Speaker

Ian Harper is a highly esteemed Australian economist who has significantly influenced the country's financial system, competition policy, laws and institutions. Over many years he has worked alongside senior members of government, banks, corporates and leading professional services firms.

A sought after commentator and public speaker on economic and financial issues, Ian Harper has been described as "one of those relatively rare academics who can communicate extremely well with both the business community and the academic community".

Ian Harper is a Partner at Access Economics, and Emeritus Professor at University of Melbourne, an honorarium title conferred on him following his departure from the University after an academic career that spanned 25 years and included 16 years in various roles at the Melbourne Business School.

Under Tony Abbott, Ian Harper chaired the Australian Government's Competition Policy Review, a "root and branch" review of the country's competition policy, laws and institutions. From January 2011 to February 2012, he served as one of three panellists on the Independent Review of State Finances in Victoria, appointed by the Baillieu government.

As a member of the celebrated Wallis Inquiry, he was at the forefront of financial market reform in Australia. From December 2005 to July 2009, Ian served as inaugural Chairman of the Australian Fair Pay Commission, an independent statutory body charged with setting and adjusting minimum wages in Australia.

Ian Harper is a member of the Australian Advisory Board of Bank of America Merrill Lynch, which is chaired by Don Argus. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Institute for Business and Economics.



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Excellent presentation. A wealth of relevant information presented in a style that could not be ignored. Information was well linked to current issues and history to put the issues in context.

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