

Saul Eslake

Economic Commentator & Keynote Speaker

Saul Eslake is a high-profile economist who has worked with some of the world's biggest financial institutions.

An in demand keynote speaker, he presents a well-researched and clear economic picture on a range of highly charged and relevant topics to audiences and corporations across the globe. With a knack for explaining economics in terms mere mortals can understand, his views are also regularly sought out by the media.

Saul's career has included appointments as Chief Economist for Bank of America Merrill Lynch Australia; Chief Economist at McIntosh Securities, Chief Economist (International) at National Mutual Funds Management, and Chief Economist at the Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ). Saul began his career as an economist at the Australian Treasury in Canberra.

An impressive list of qualifications, achievements and presentation testimonials show the real depth and richness of Saul's experience. He has a first class honours degree in Economics from the University of Tasmania, and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment from the Securities Institute of Australia. In 2003 he completed the Senior Executive Program at the Columbia Graduate School of Business in New York. Saul is a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia, a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Australian representative on the International Conference of Commercial Bank Economists.

Saul Eslake has served a number of governments over the past 15 years. In 1992-93 he was Chief Executive of the Victorian Commission of Audit, which conducted a wide-ranging inquiry into the State of Victoria's public finances for a then newly-elected State administration. He also served as a director of the Victorian Government-owned natural gas utility, Gascor, and a network of public hospitals in Melbourne's north-eastern suburbs, in the mid-1990s. From 1995 until 2009 he was a member of the Tourism Forecasting Council, and from 1998 until the end of 2005 he was a non-executive director of the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.



He was a member of the previous Australian Government's Foreign Affairs Council and Trade Policy Advisory Council. He has been appointed by the current Australian Government to its National Housing Supply Council and was a member of its Long-Term Tourism Strategy Steering Committee. He was also one of 1000 Australians participated in Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's '2020 Summit' in April 2008.

In his home State of Tasmania Saul was appointed as a director of the University of Tasmania Foundation, a director of Hydro Tasmania (Tasmania's electricity generating company) and Chairman of the Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board (which advises the State government on the distribution of financial assistance to artists, arts organizations and institutions). He has also served as a member of the Advisory Panels for the Economics Schools of the University of Tasmania, Monash University and RMIT University.

Saul Eslake talks about:

Australia's Economic Horizon: A glimpse at our long-term future - Saul has been described as the most 'pre-eminent macro-economist in Australia'. His extensive knowledge comes from monitoring, analysing and predicting trends in the Australian economy as a core part of his numerous roles as Chief Economist for well over 25 years. In this presentation, Saul ties together macroeconomic data and complex fiscal policy to provide valuable insights into how current economic trends can impact your business.

Global Markets: Trends, Growth & Opportunity - We live in an increasingly globalised world, one that is rapidly changing and expanding to incorporate new international trade deals, problems in European markets and big shifts in economic powers. In this rapidly changing economic climate, Saul provides comprehensive insights into how your businesses can reduce risk, maximise opportunity, keep up and grow!

The Rise of China, India and Asia: What it means for Australia - By the end of the decade Asia will account for 39% of the world's GDP. Considering that around 75% of Australian exports are going to Asia, you simply can't understand the nation's long-term economic prospects without a good understanding of what's happening in the major Asian economies. Saul's profound knowledge of these emerging economic powers can help corporations worldwide understand what the global distribution of economic production will look like for their business, assess their 'readiness' to adapt to these new markets, and much more

Client Testimonials



It is rare that an economist turns the house alight – you certainly did so at lunch last week ... the reaction by all present was that of a satisfied gathering. The breadth of the subject matter and the clarity with which you covered issues of significant complexity was exciting to behold.

Australia-British Chamber of Commerce



Of all the economic commentators I listen to he is the best ... the most comprehensive detailing, Saul joins the dots in the best ways, coupled with his choice of language (punctuated with dry humour) he enables one to stay focussed on the core message.

Darwin Central



I have never known an economist to have such a knowledge of world economic facts and to be able to bring to bear so much information in answering a question without notice.

ANZ



Your presentation effectively demonstrated both the clarity of your thinking and your skill in getting a complex message across to business leaders ... I was particularly struck by your mastery of presentation software and how it can be an effective tool in the hands of a professional ... you were by far the most impressive speaker on this day.

Tourism Task Force



The presentation and your outstanding commentary were seen as rich in excellent material on current and forecast economic outlook with a lot of data relevant for Coates.

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The audience feedback was outstanding and from my perspective it was the best presentation that I have seen in my 20 years with the ASX. Your knowledge of the subject matter was tremendous and the way you conveyed it was so fluent and professional.

Australian Stock Exchange

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Your presentation at our annual dealer conference is recognized as a high point of each event and eagerly anticipated from year to year.

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