

AUSTRALIAN PAYMENTS FORUM

Monday, 22 November 2010 at 9.00am

Venue:

Fort Macquarie Room, Intercontinental Hotel

117 Macquarie St

Sydney, NSW 2000

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AGENDA

1.	From 8.30	Registration	
2.	9.00	Welcome and Opening Introduction by Chair	Professor Ian Harper
3.	9.05	Updates and introduction to theme of innovation	Mr Chris Hamilton
4.	9.10	The Strategic Review of Innovation	Dr Chris Kent
5.	9:40	Questions	
6.	10.10	Conditions for Innovation in Network Industries	Professor Jonathan West
7.	10:30	Questions and Discussion	All
8.	11.10	Morning Tea (Departure of RBA, Treasury and presenters)	All
9.	11.30	An Industry Response – building a platform for innovation	All
10.	13.00	Close (lunch to be provided)	All

Speakers

Professor Jonathan West

Professor Jonathan West is founding Director of the Australian Innovation Research Centre. Prior to assuming his current appointment, Professor West spent 18 years at Harvard University, where he was Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Business Administration.

Professor West's teaching and research are in the fields of innovation and business strategy. His work focuses on understanding the roots of superior performance in national innovation systems, particularly in the fields of agribusiness, the life sciences, and biotechnology. West was faculty director for the Harvard Life Sciences Project, a cross-university initiative to understand the economic implications of the ongoing revolution in biotechnology. He is also the author of a detailed study of advanced technology development in US and Japanese semiconductor companies, and has studied the technology development strategies of leading electronics firms in the US, Japan, Europe, Korea, and Taiwan.

Professor West has served as a consultant to and board member of major corporations around the world and as an advisory to several governments-including those of Singapore, Hong Kong, France, Japan, New Zealand, and several Australian states-particularly in fields of agribusiness, innovation policy, and economic development. His doctoral and masters degrees are from Harvard University, and he holds a Bachelor of Arts majoring in the history and philosophy of science from the University of Sydney. His research has appeared in many scholarly journals and several books.

Dr Christopher Kent

Dr Christopher Kent is the Head of Payments Policy Department at the Reserve Bank of Australia, a position he has held since September 2010. Prior to this he was Head of the Bank's Economic Research Department for six years. He has also spent time in the European Department of the International Monetary Fund for a few years. His earlier career was spent at the Bank, where he worked in Economic Group and Financial Stability Department. His research interests include asset prices and monetary policy, inflation targeting, and financial stability, and he has published a number of journal articles on these and other topics. He holds a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.