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8:45 - 9:10	Opening and welcome Public Finance to Public Policy	Moderator: Professor Robert Breunig (TTPI ANU) Speaker: Blair Comley PSM Secretary, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
9:10 - 9:40	Session 1	Data update on WHAM Moderator: Mish Tan: (ABS) Presenter: Tristram Sainsbury (Industry)
9:40 -10:30	Session 2 #1 Keynote address	Moderator: Miguel Olivo-Villabrille (TTPI) Professor David Byrne, Deputy Head of Department, Ritchie Chair of Economic Research, University of Melbourne Behaviour, Automation and the Energy Transition
10:30 - 11:00	Morning tea	
11:00 - 12:40	Session 3 Education	(30 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 10 min open discussion) Moderator: Kathryn MacMahon (Education) A model to understand university student debts and payments Presenter: Lachie Fox (Treasury) Discussant: Michael Coelli (Melbourne) Policy Discussant: Tim Higgins (ANU) Parental relationship stability and school readiness Presenter: Hayley Fisher (Sydney) Discussant: Kristen Sobeck (ANU) Policy discussant: Claudio Mazzola (Education)

12:40 - 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 - 15:20	Session 4 Health and Fertility	<p>(25 min presentation, 10 min each x 2 discussants, 10 min open discussion)</p> <p>Moderator: Nick Latimer (Treasury)</p> <p>Abortion access and long-run household outcomes: Evidence from population-wide administration data</p> <p>Presenter: Rebecca McKibbin (Sydney) Discussant: Ha Nguyen (The Kids Research Institute) Policy Discussant: Natasha Bradshaw (Treasury)</p> <p>Financial incentives and fertility: Evidence from linked administrative data on Australia's baby bonus</p> <p>Presenter: Ali Vergili (e61Institute) Discussant: Jessica Arnup (ANU) Policy Discussant: Natasha Bradshaw (Treasury)</p>
15:20 - 15:50	Afternoon tea	
15:50 - 17:40	Session 5 Tax Reform and Innovation	<p>(25 min presentation, 10 min each x 2 discussants, 10 min open discussion)</p> <p>Moderator: Kim Cvetanovska (ATO)</p> <p>Tax reform and the Laffer Curve</p> <p>Presenter: Ana Gamarra Rondinel (Melbourne) Discussant: Matt Smith (ANU) Policy Discussant: Louise Rawlings (Treasury)</p> <p>Trust and Innovation within the Firm: Evidence from Matched CEO-Firm Data</p> <p>Presenter: Kieu-Trang Nguyen (Melbourne) Discussant: Jonathan Hambur (RBA) Policy Discussant: Oscar Lane (Industry)</p>
18:30 - 19:00	By-invite only Conference dinner and drinks Drinks at Ovolo Nishi Hotel, Monster Kitchen and Bar	
19:00-21:30	Ovolo Nishi Hotel Monster Kitchen and Bar <p><u>Ground floor, 25 Edinburgh Avenue Canberra</u></p> <p><i>No designated speaker, an opportunity to mingle.</i></p> <p>ACT CABS PH: 02 62800077</p>	

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<u>DAY 2 - Friday 1 August 2025</u>				
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8:50 - 10:30	Session 6 Housing	<i>(30 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 10 min open discussion)</i> Moderator: Robert Ohms (ATO) Tax rates and housing portfolio choice Presenter: Christian Gillitzer (Sydney) Discussant: Andrew Ainsworth (UOW) Policy Discussant: Lachlan Vass (ANU) Peer effects in social housing: Evidence from Australia Presenter: Anna Zhu (RMIT) Discussant: Nathan Deutscher (Treasury)		
10:30 - 11:00 Morning tea				
11:00 - 12:40	Session 7 Working & Retiring	<i>(30 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 10 min open discussion)</i> Moderator: Arianna Gatta (UQ) Wage and employment effects of wage subsidies Presenter: Maxime Gravouille (Monash) Discussant: Matt Nolan (e61 Inst) Policy Discussant: Mark Cully (Fair Work Commission) How valuable is liquidity in private retirement plans? Impacts from raising the access age. Presenter: Cain Polidano (Melbourne) Discussant: Chung Tran (ANU) Policy Discussant: Andrew Podger (ANU)		
12:40 - 13:30 Lunch				
13:30 - 14:20	Session 8 #2 Keynote address	Dr Christopher Adams US Congressional Budget Office Rebates that Reference Rivals in Medicare Part D		
14:20 - 15:10	Session 9 Electric Vehicles	<i>(25 min presentation, 10 min each x 2 discussants, 10 min open discussion)</i> Moderator: Lachlan Vass (TTPI) What do EV kilometres displace: Evidence from Sweden Presenter: Sebastian Tebbe (Melbourne)		

		Discussant: Andrea La Nauze (Deakin) Policy Discussant: David Cosgrove (Infrastructure)
15:10 - 15:30	Afternoon Tea	
15:30 - 17:10	Session 10	<p>Moderator: Nu Nu Win (TTPI)</p> <p>Does disability funding impact employment prospects? A study of Australian disability funding recipients and their carers</p> <p>Presenter: Maathu Ranjan (ANU) Discussant: Jonas Fooken (Macquarie) Policy discussant: Sam Pelly (Treasury)</p> <p>School disruption, parental input and early childhood development</p> <p>Presenter: Jinh Li (ANU) Discussant: Anu Rammohan (UWA) Policy Discussant: Miguel Olivo-Villabril (ANU)</p>
17:10 - 17:30	Wrap Up and Thank You	Professor Robert Breunig (TTPI)