

# KangaNews-Westpac Corporate Debt Summit 2025

16 October Sheraton Grand, Sydney Hyde Park

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8.30am **REGISTRATION OPENS**

9.05am **WELCOME**

9.10am **OPENING ADDRESS**

**Nell Hutton**  
Chief Executive  
Westpac Institutional Bank

9.20am **PANEL DISCUSSION  
CEOs' roundtable**

- Business outlook, challenges and opportunities.
- Is Australia immune to global trade tensions?
- Shaping a business-positive reform agenda.

**Panellists**

**Paul Anderson**  
Chief Executive  
Healius

**Thomas Beregi**  
Chief Executive  
Credit Corp Group

**John McBain**  
Joint Chief Executive  
Centuria

**David Tudehope**  
Chief Executive  
Macquarie Technology Group

**Moderator**

**Nell Hutton**  
Chief Executive  
Westpac Institutional Bank

10.05am **FIRESIDE CHAT**

**"Dedollarisation" and how the global market is thinking about sovereign debt sustainability**

- Fiscal sustainability and issuer credibility in the US.
- How would a reallocation trend play out?
- Consequences for the Australian capital market.

**Interviewee**

**Matt Gertken**  
Chief Geopolitical and US Political Strategist  
BCA Research

**Interviewer**

**Martin Whetton**  
Executive Director and  
Head of Financial Markets Strategy  
Westpac Institutional Bank

10.35am **Q&A**

**Bank balance sheet, funding and capital update**

**Interviewee**

**Joanne Dawson**  
Group Treasurer  
Westpac Banking Corporation

**Interviewer**

**Michael Lucas**  
Managing Director and Global Head of Credit Sales  
Westpac Institutional Bank

11.00am **BREAK**

11.25am **PRESENTATION**

**Economic update**

**Luci Ellis**  
Chief Economist  
Westpac Banking Corporation

12:00pm **PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Corporate strategy and governance in a changing world**

- Are Australian businesses' animal spirits alive and well?
- The ESG backlash and appropriate ambitions.
- Overseeing a growth agenda in challenging times.

**Panellists**

**Anne Anderson**  
Board Director

**Marianne Perkovic**  
Board Director

**Arlene Tansey**  
Board Director

**Moderator**

**Meredith Paynter**  
Partner  
King & Wood Mallesons

12.30pm **LUNCH**

1.30pm **KEYNOTE**

**Understanding the Trump administration**

**Bruce Wolpe**  
Senior Fellow  
United States Study Centre

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## 2.00pm **PANEL DISCUSSION**

### **AI: from theory to practice**

- AI deployment across business and in treasury.
- Promise delivered and current limitations.
- Guard rails and future outcomes.

#### **Panellists**

##### **Mark Bower**

Group Treasurer  
NEXTtDC

##### **Simon Warner**

Head of Portfolio Management  
Aware Super

##### **David Watts**

General Manager, Data, Digital and AI  
Westpac Institutional Bank

#### **Moderator**

##### **Michelle Mahoney**

Chief Innovation Officer  
King & Wood Mallesons

## 2.40pm **Q&A**

### **Behind AI: data centre financing and ESG**

#### **Interviewees**

##### **Saranga Ranasinghe**

Vice President  
and Senior Credit Officer, Corporate Finance  
Moody's Ratings

##### **Billy Sangha**

Director, Capital Markets  
AirTrunk

#### **Interviewer**

##### **Joel Morton**

Director, DCM and Syndicate  
Westpac Institutional Bank

## 2.55pm **BREAK**

## 3.20pm **PANEL DISCUSSION**

### **Funding capex and building future supply**

- Transition finance: the capex rubber hits the road.
- The role of public and private debt capital – including hybrid instruments.
- Pan-market impact and opportunities.

#### **Panellists**

##### **Darren Beatty**

Head of Treasury  
Charter Hall Group

##### **Lilly Cheung**

Group Treasurer  
Transgrid

##### **Tara McHugh**

Group Treasurer  
Melbourne Airport

##### **Ilan Sadeh**

Senior Adviser  
Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board

#### **Moderator**

##### **Elliot Wolgamot**

Director, Sustainable Capital Markets,  
Syndicate and Solutions  
Westpac Institutional Bank

## 4.00pm **PANEL DISCUSSION**

### **Buy-side diversity update and market outlook**

- Checking in on Australian dollar investor depth and diversity.
- Is market function keeping pace with market growth?
- Execution, allocation and issuance volume outlook.

#### **Panellists**

##### **Raymond Chia**

Managing Director and Portfolio Manager,  
Global Fixed Income  
Blackrock

##### **Jing Jia**

Portfolio Manager  
Betashares

##### **Kim Pham**

Head of Markets  
JBWere

##### **Joyce Yu**

Portfolio Manager  
Hesta

#### **Moderator**

##### **Andrew Waddell**

Director, Institutional Sales  
Westpac Institutional Bank

## 4.40pm **SESSIONS CLOSE**

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