

Professor Ian Harper AO

Leading Economist and Keynote Speaker

Ian Harper was Dean of Melbourne Business School and Co-Dean of the Faculty of Business & Economics at The University of Melbourne.



An Australian economist best known for his work in public policy having worked with governments, banks, corporates and leading professional services firms at the highest level.

From March 2011 to March 2018 Ian was a partner at Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu and then a Senior Advisor to Deloitte Access Economics. He chaired the Australian Government's Competition Policy Review, a "root and branch" review of Australia's competition policy, laws and regulators, from March 2014 to March 2015.

From December 2005 to July 2009, Ian served as inaugural Chairman of the Australian Fair Pay Commission, and from January 2011 to February 2012, he was one of three panellists chosen to review Victoria's state finances.

Ian was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in 2000 and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors in 2009. In 2016 he was elected a Distinguished Public Policy Fellow of the Economic Society of Australia and received a Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award from the University of Queensland.

Ian was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours List with the citation "For distinguished service to education in the field of economics, and to public and monetary policy development and reform".

Client testimonials

“ 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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