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Join Australia's Prime Minister, The Hon Julia Gillard, Victorian Treasurer, The Hon Kim Wells and a team of leading commentators to discuss the following key questions about Victoria's future:

- Is the current Victorian economic situation the result of intractable structural change or a brief growth pause?
- Is Victoria laying the foundations for future growth?
- How should the various levels of government respond?
- What factors will drive a new vision for the state?

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Program

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THURSDAY 23 rd AUGUST	
5pm	Registration
MC: George Pappas, Chair of Committee for Melbourne and Chancellor, Victoria University	
6pm for a 6.30pm start	Dinner Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.30pm – Welcome and Introduction (MC) 7.00pm – Bill Evans, Chief Economist, Westpac, on The State of the National Economy and Prospects for Victoria 8.30pm – Panel Session <i>Professor Peter Dawkins, Vice-Chancellor, Victoria University (Chair)</i> Panel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Evans, Chief Economist, Westpac Tim Colebatch, Journalist, The Age Elizabeth Proust, Company Director Ian Harper, Partner, Deloitte Access Economics
10.00pm	Close
FRIDAY 24 th AUGUST	
8am	Registration
MC: Andrew Holden, Editor-in-Chief, The Age	
9am	The Hon Kim Wells, Victorian Treasurer
Opening Address: <i>The Role of State Economic Policy in the Current Environment</i>	
9.30am	<i>The Hon Lindsay Tanner, Vice-Chancellor's Fellow, Victoria University and Lazard (Chair)</i> Panel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Saul Eslake, Economist and Commentator Howard Ronaldson, Secretary, Department of Business and Innovation Adele Ferguson, Senior Business Columnist, Commentator and Writer, The Age
10.45am Morning Tea	

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FRIDAY 24 th AUGUST	
11.15am	<i>Professor Peter Sheehan, Centre for Strategic Economic Studies, Victoria University (Chair)</i>
Session 2 <i>Demography, Infrastructure and Urban Planning</i>	Panel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brad Vann, Partner, Clayton Utz Professor Bruce Rasmussen, Director, Centre for Strategic Economic Studies, Victoria University Kate Brennan, CEO, Federation Square Jennifer Cunich, Executive Director, Property Council of Australia
12.30pm	<i>Andrew Holden, Editor-in-Chief, The Age (Chair)</i>
Lunch with Speaker	The Hon Julia Gillard, Prime Minister
2.15pm	<i>Andrew Holden, Editor-in-Chief, The Age (Chair)</i>
Session 3 <i>Vision for Victoria – A Way Forward</i>	Panel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholas Gruen, Economist and Commentator Justin Bokor, Executive Director, Performance Improvement, Ernst and Young Pru Sanderson, Global Business Leader, City Development, GHD Juergen Schneider, Regional General Manager, Siemens
3.30pm	Four facilitated groups with each panellist to discuss ideas for a 'Vision for Victoria'.
Session 4 <i>Facilitated Discussion Groups</i>	Facilitators provided by Ernst and Young
4.30pm Afternoon Tea	
4.50pm	<i>Professor Peter Dawkins, Vice-Chancellor, Victoria University (Chair)</i>
Session 5 <i>Conference Conclusions</i>	Final Comments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Rod Maddock, Vice-Chancellor's Fellow, Victoria University Peter Rohan, Partner, Performance Improvement, Ernst and Young Mr George Pappas, Chair, Committee for Melbourne and Chancellor, Victoria University Andrew Holden, Editor-in-Chief, The Age
5.40pm	Post-conference reception
6.30pm	CLOSE