

# A Vision for Australia 2018

## Global Access Partners 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Summit

### Digital Trade and Opportunities for Our Region

Legislative Assembly Chamber  
NSW Parliament House, Sydney  
6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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### 2018 SUMMIT PROGRAMME

**Thursday, 6 September 2018**  
Strangers Function Room  
NSW Parliament House

- 6:15pm Registration & Networking
- 7:00pm **OPENING DINNER**  
**“The Pacific and Australia: Our Region”**
- 9:30pm Close

**Friday, 7 September 2018**  
Legislative Assembly Chamber  
NSW Parliament House

- 8:15am Registration
- 9:00am **PLENARY SESSION ONE**  
**“Playing Fair in Digital Trade”**
- 11:00am Morning tea
- 11:30am **PLENARY SESSION TWO**  
**“Digital Trade Opportunities for Our Region”**
- 1:00pm Working Lunch
- 2:15pm **SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES**
- 2:30pm Close

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*“Digital trade is not just about buying and selling goods and services online, it is also the transmission of information and data across borders. It relies on the use of digital technologies to facilitate trade and improve productivity, for example through simplified customs procedures.”*

– Australia’s International Cyber Engagement Strategy

Global Access Partners' annual *Vision for Australia* Summit Series is held each September in a State Parliament House for a select audience of 120 senior executives from government, business and academia. GAP Summits foster outcome-based engagement on key issues of value to Australia, such as productivity, infrastructure, education, innovation, job creation and prospects for future economic growth. Outcomes and recommendations are then progressed through multidisciplinary taskforces, pilots, projects and business ventures.

The 2018 Summit will focus on digital trade as a key driver of growth and innovation. The Australian Government has called for industry leadership in the formation of digital trade policy, and the Summit will offer an opportunity for high-level consultation between government and business.

The discussions will align with the Government’s strategic priorities for Australia as part of the Pacific region. GAP will invite experts and thought leaders from both the private and public sector to address opportunities, risks and barriers to digital trade. The Summit's parliamentary format encourages open and constructive dialogue and unique networking opportunities for its attendees, speakers and international guests.

More than half the world’s internet users now reside in the Indo-Pacific, opening new markets to regional businesses. Delegates will explore supply and value chains in digital trade and strategies to reduce friction in business flows. The Summit will help define what an efficient and fair digital trade ecosystem should look like and consider the roles of regulators, intermediaries and other stakeholders. Communiqués will be issued after the Summit to both APEC 2018 and the OECD to inform global dialogue.



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