Australia Forum

Wednesday 29 October, Sofitel Hotel, Melbourne (Times in AEST)

0830 Registration & networking

0900 PEI & Chair Opening remarks

0910 Keynote LP Interview

0940 Keynote Panel: Investing in infrastructure in uncertain times – still a resilient asset class?

- Geopolitics, Fragmentation & Energy Security, how are global GPs thinking about macro-economic risks for their portfolios?
- Is infra still infra? As lines with real estate and private equity continue to blur, what does this mean for the evolution of the asset class?
- Increasing GP bifurcation - what does it mean for the industry? How should LPs look at more specialist funds vs generalists?

1030 Break

1100 Panel: The big debate: Australia vs ROW – is Australia still a premier market for investors?

- Is Australia Still Attractive? Relative value, capacity constraints, competitiveness
- Election & Regulatory Outlook: Impact on energy, digital, and infra investment pipelines
- Global perspectives on Australia, how do LPs and GPs view local market compared to abroad?

1150 Presentation

1210 Panel: The rise and rise of Digital infrastructure

- Digital Infra in 2025: Towers, data centres, fibre, subsea cables—what's next?
- Datacentres & Power Constraints: Supply-demand mismatch, energy security, valuations
- Infrastructure vs PE vs Real Estate – where does it go in the portfolio?
- Risks & Returns: Open source, cost inflation, regulation—how to mitigate?

1300 Panel: Australian LPs investing strategies: capital flight or home bias?

- Are Australian LPs looking offshore for better risk-adjusted returns?
- Marrying Real Estate & Infrastructure: Why LPs are blending allocations
- Super Funds in Transformation: are more Supers moving direct?

Speakers:

- **Mark Hector**, Head of Infrastructure, **Aware Super**
- **Chloe Brayne**, Head of Private Equity and Unlisted Assets, **Colonial First State**
- **Owen Lewis**, Portfolio Manager – Infrastructure, **TelstraSuper**

1400 PEI R&A Presentation

Speaker:

- **Hilary Teo**, Manager, Global Research & Analytics, **PEI**

1420 Panel: Advancing the energy transition amongst geopolitical turbulence • Energy Transition at a Crossroads: Trump, nuclear, IRA, and the new geopolitical energy order • Australia's Energy Grid & Reform: Challenges in stabilization, decentralization, and financing • Renewables vs Legacy Power: Batteries, solar, virtual power plants. • Infra-Real Estate Hybrids: Can real estate support energy transition (e.g., datacenter collocation)
1540 Panel: The flight to core plus: Navigating, risk, return and resilience • What's driving the shift? Return compression, competition or risk appetite amongst LPs? • Energy transition and digital infra as new "core-plus" plays • Are definitions clear—or is "core-plus" becoming a catch-all?
1620 Panel: The role of private wealth in infrastructure – a new frontier of capital • How can fund managers better serve and scale private wealth investors in infrastructure? • What's the right structure (open-ended, feeder, co-invest) for HNW investors? • Can infrastructure truly become a mainstream private wealth allocation? **Speakers:** **Nick Kelly**, Portfolio Manager, **Wilson Asset Management**
1705 Cocktail Reception & End of Forum