

## A Vision for Australia 2017

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### Global Access Partners 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Summit

#### 'Hidden Giants': The Future of Australia's Midsize Business

Legislative Assembly Chamber  
NSW Parliament House, Sydney  
7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Global Access Partners' annual *Vision for Australia* Summit leads the national debate on productivity, innovation, employment and growth. It is held every September in the NSW Legislative Assembly Chamber for a select audience of 120 senior executives from government, business and academia. Delegates examine key issues which are then developed by multidisciplinary taskforces to produce pilots, projects and business ventures.

This year's event brings midsize business into the spotlight. GAP has championed the interests of the Australian mid-market for two decades and now calls for leadership and support for a sector which, until now, has been largely disconnected and disengaged from the policy process.

The 2017 Summit will highlight midsize business as one of Australia's top-performing and most innovative sectors, as well as a significant employer and major exporter. Australia can learn much from Germany where the value of the *Mittelstand* is widely recognised and encouraged. The GAP Summit will explore regulatory, educational, environmental, technological and policy settings that facilitate or hinder meaningful growth in the mid-market and suggest policies and strategies to help Australia's midsize companies flourish.

The Summit will build on the contributions of GAP's taskforces and consultative committees towards *A Vision for Australia*, an ongoing project to mobilise civil society, enrich debate, inspire action and achieve results. The Summit's parliamentary format encourages open and constructive dialogue and offers unique networking opportunities for its attendees, speakers and international guests.



#### 2017 SUMMIT PROGRAMME

**Thursday, 7 September 2017**

**Strangers Function Room  
NSW Parliament House**

- 6:15pm Registration & Networking
- 7:00pm **OPENING DINNER**  
**'Hidden Giants of a Resilient Economy'**
- 9:00pm Close

**Friday, 8 September 2017**

**Legislative Assembly Chamber  
NSW Parliament House**

- 8:15am Registration
- 9:00am **'STUCK IN THE MIDDLE'**  
**Midsize businesses and barriers to growth**
- 11:00am Morning tea
- 11:30am **'CHANGING GEAR'**  
**Export opportunities for midsize business**
- 1:00pm Working Lunch
- 2:20pm Summary of Outcomes & Conclusions
- 2:30pm Close

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