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The Australian Economy

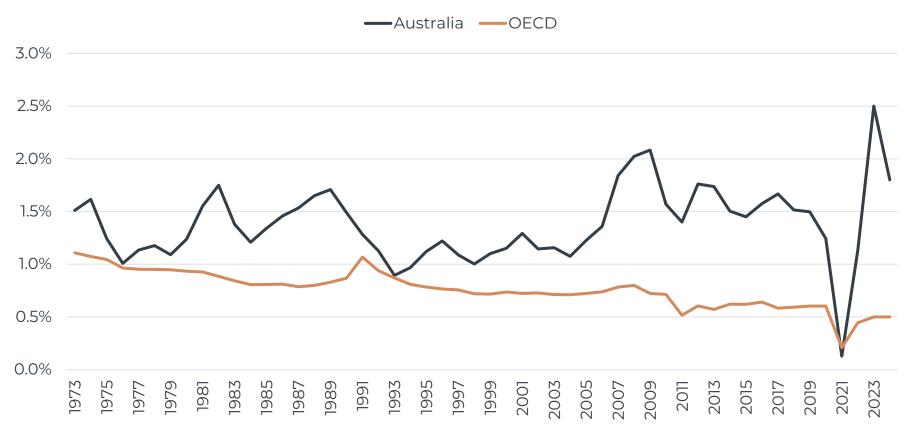
Opportunities and Challenges Dr Philip Lowe

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Population growth

Australia has consistently stronger population growth than its peers

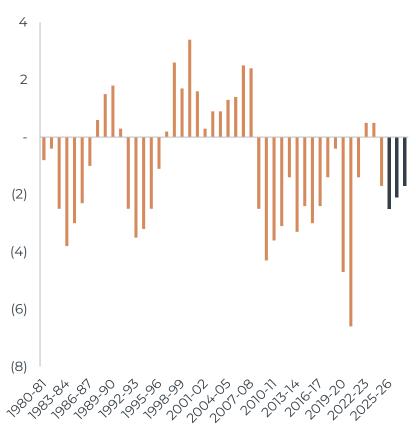
Annual population change (%)



Source: Barrenjoey Fixed Income, OECD

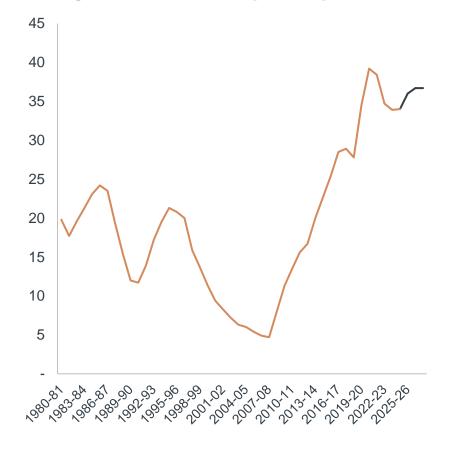
Government debt

Government debt is low, but with persistent modest deficits



Headline cash balance (% GDP)

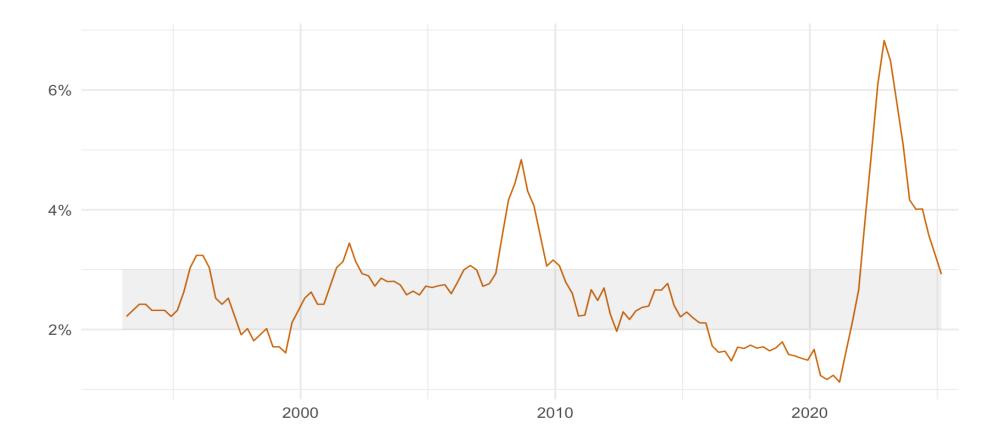
Gross government debt (% GDP)



Source: Barrenjoey Fixed Income, Commonwealth Treasury

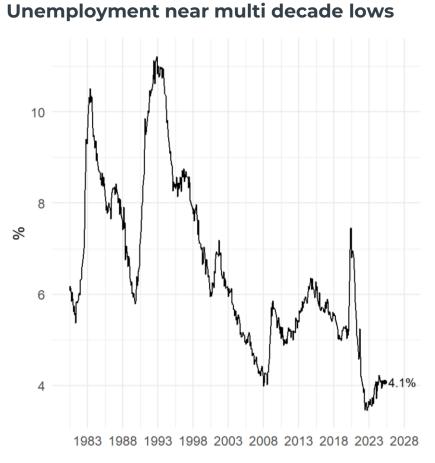
Inflation

Trimmed mean inflation is back within the 2-3% band

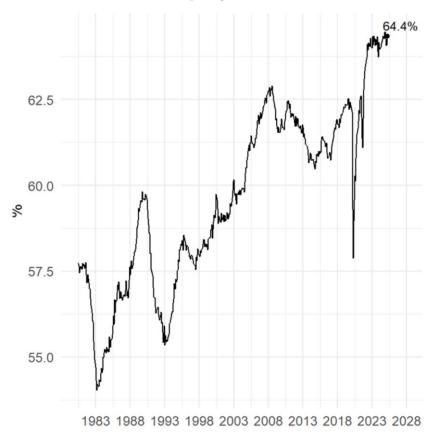


Employment

Unemployment low, employment to population at a record



A record share employed

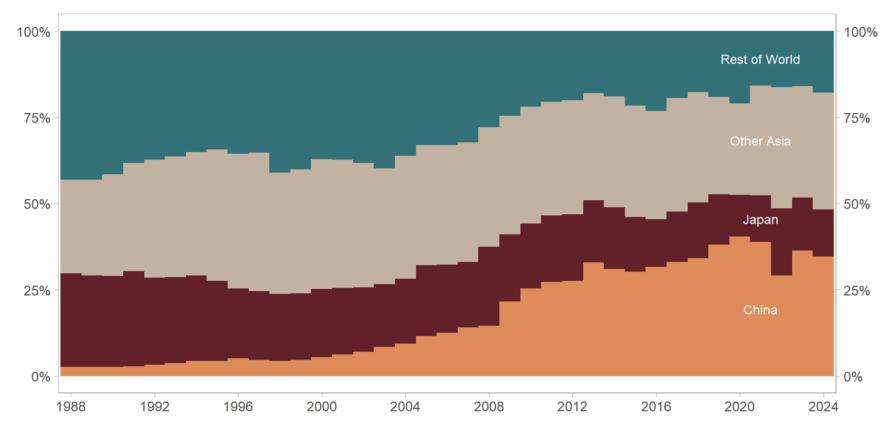


Source: Barrenjoey Fixed Income, ABS

Exports

Our exports continue to rotate towards Asia

Australia exports country of destination, by share

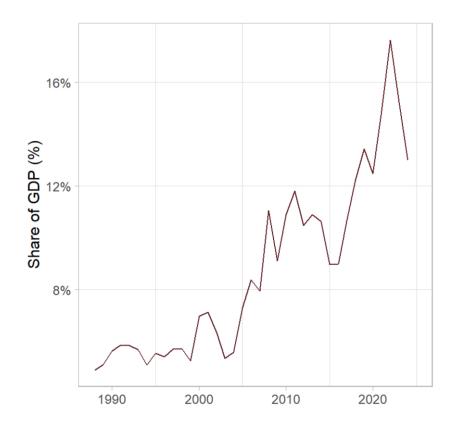


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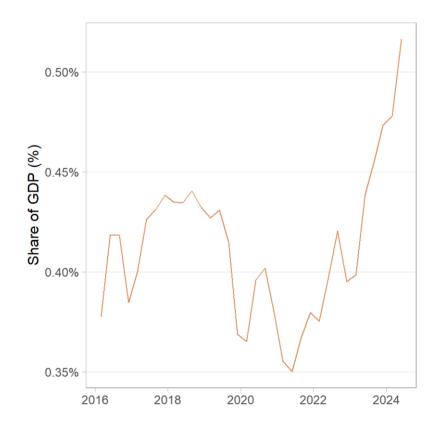
Resources

Resources strong, renewable energy growing

Aus resources exports, as a share of GDP



Aus renewable energy domestic investment

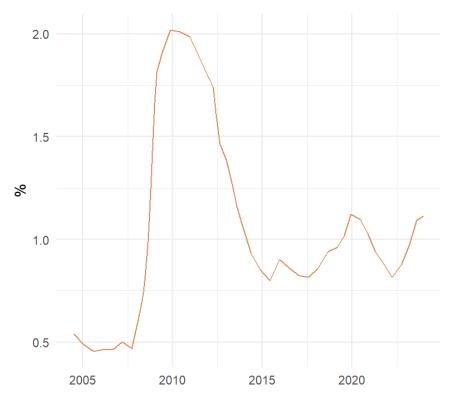


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Banking

The banking system remains resilient

Non-performing loans as a share of credit (%) Loan losses as a share of credit (%)





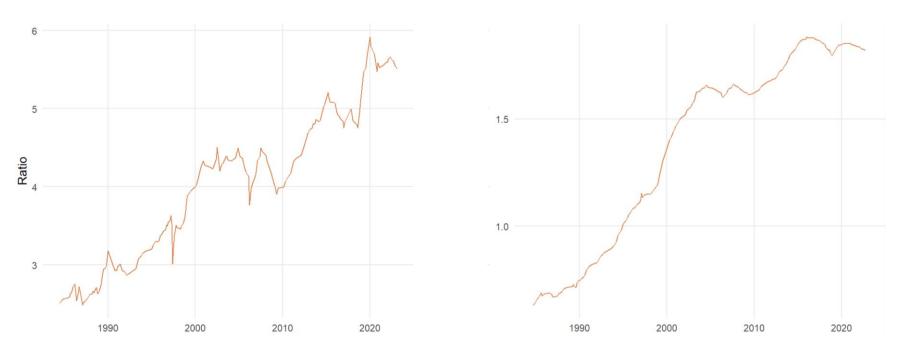
Source: Barrenjoey Fixed Income, APRA, RBA

Housing prices and household debt are high

Housing and household debt:

Ratio to household disposable income

Housing prices

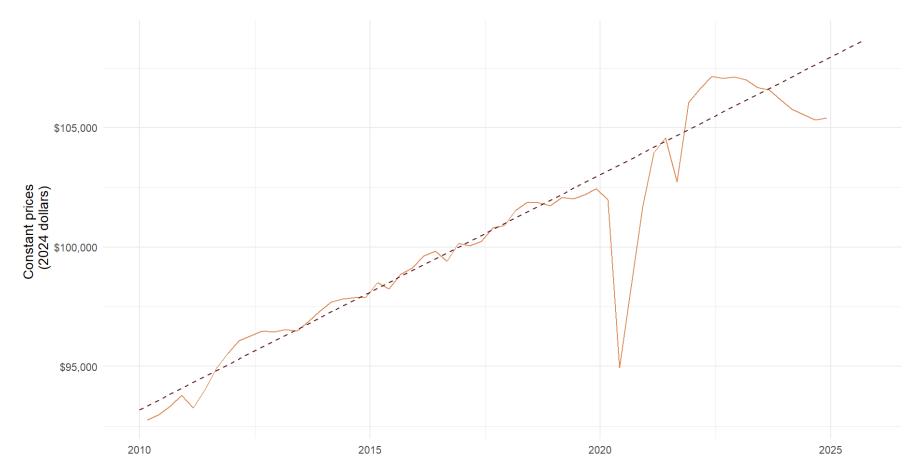


Household disposable income is after tax, before the deduction of interest payments, and includes income of unincorporated enterprises

Household debt

GDP

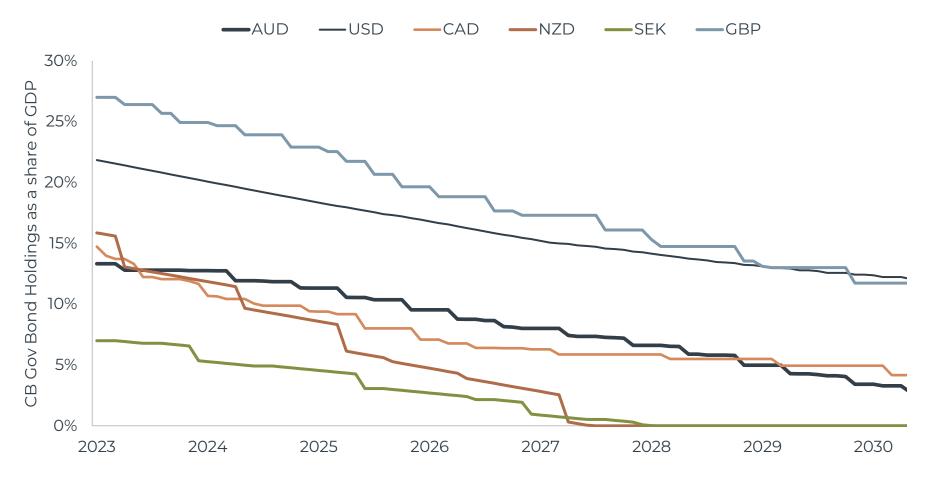
GDP per capita has bottomed but below trend



Source: Barrenjoey Fixed Income, ABS

Central bank balance sheet

Central bank balance sheet unwind continues at a moderate pace



Source: Barrenjoey Fixed Income, Central Banks