# Our Economy. Where are we? Where are we going?

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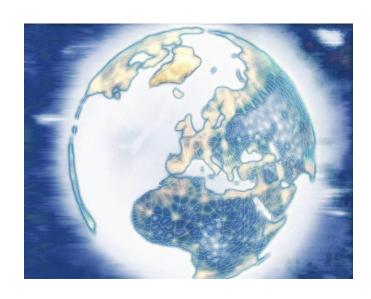


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# The Bigger Picture



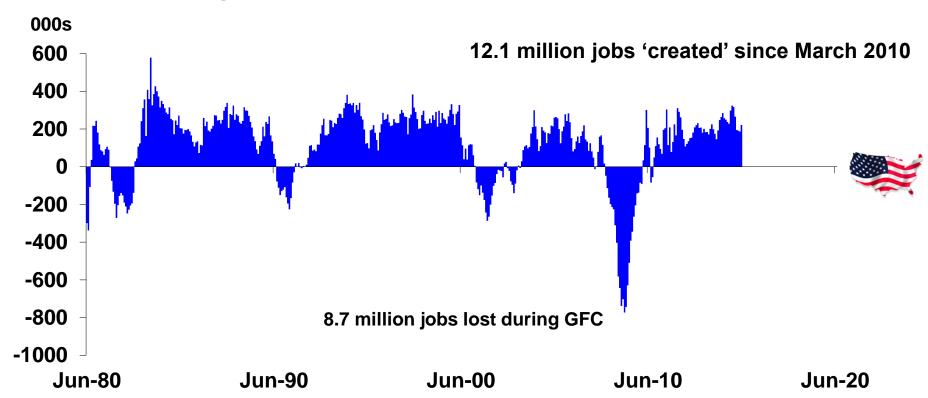
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Asia

Europe



## **US Monthly Job Growth 000s**





Source: US Bureau of Labor Market Statistics, smoothed.

## China's Growth Rate is Slowing – And??

### China GDP 2005 USD 2,300bn



10% of 2,300bn is <u>230</u>bn

## China GDP 2014 USD 10,300bn



7% of 10,300bn is <u>721</u>bn



Keep all numbers and statistics in context









## **Europe – still not happy!**



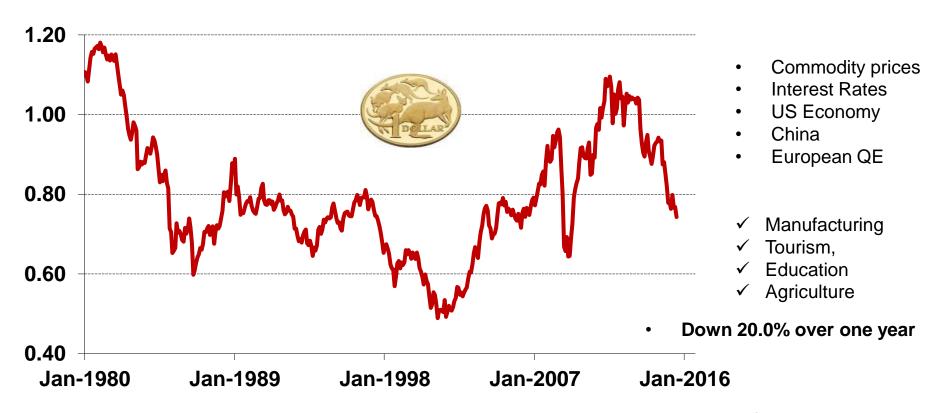


Life gets ugly when economies and governments get it wrong!





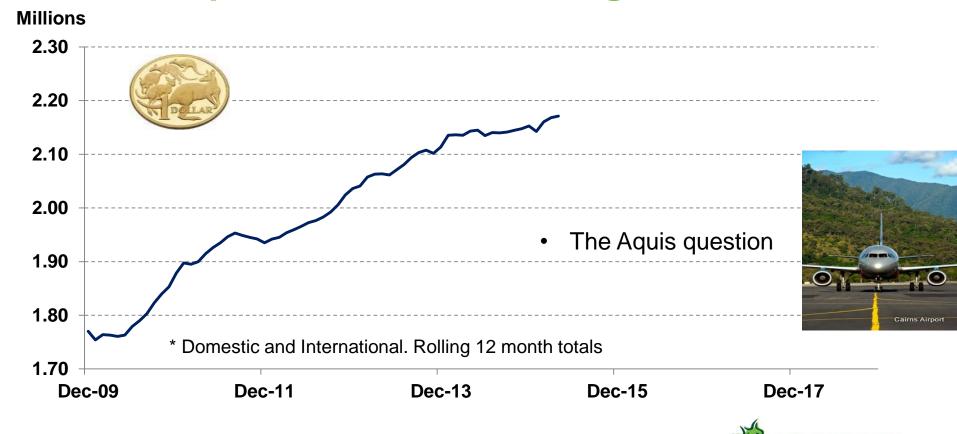
#### Australian dollar v US dollar



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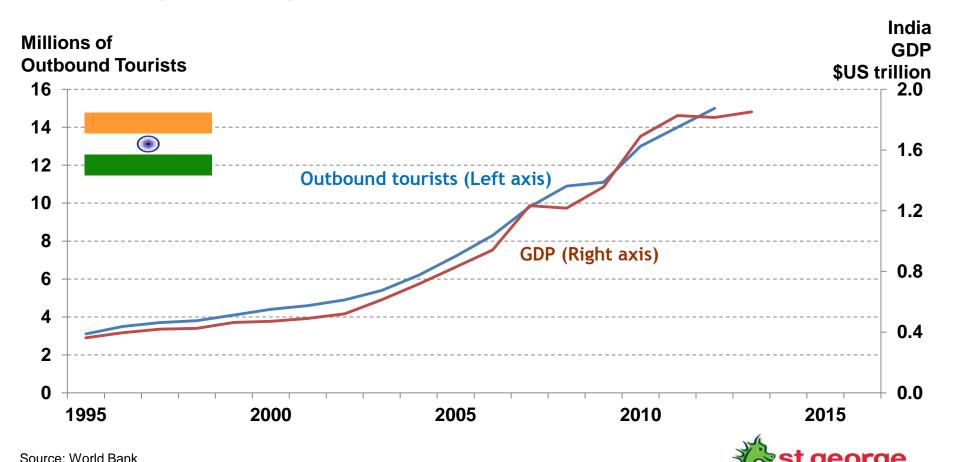
Source: RBA

## **Cairns Airport - Inbound Passenger Movements\***



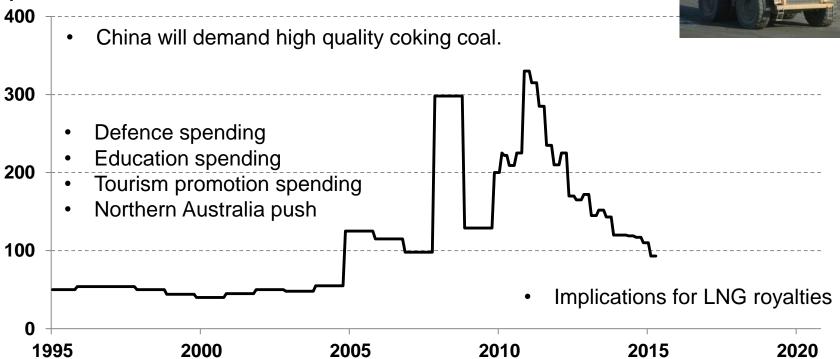
Source: The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE)

#### **Indian GDP & Outbound Tourism**



## **Coking Coal Price (LNG exports!)**

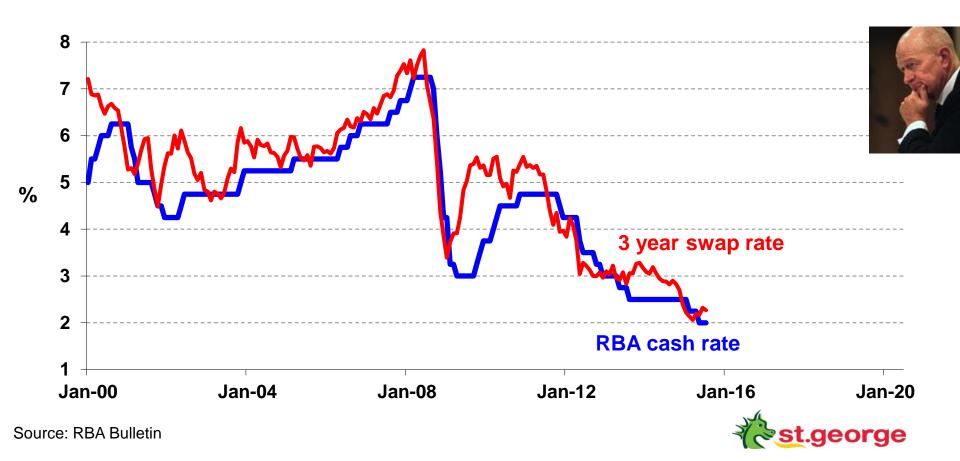




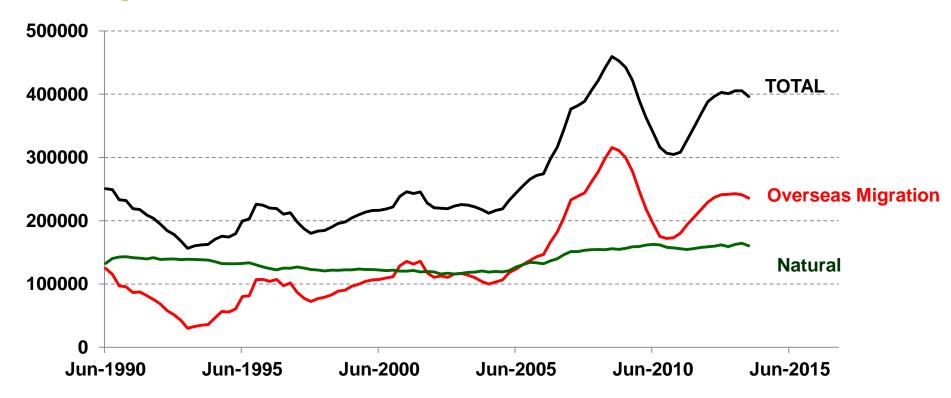


Source: Bloomberg

# Interest Rates..... where are they going?



## **Population Growth - Australia**





## Outlook Positive

- Lower AUD
- Low interest rates
- Diversified base
- Rising global incomes
- Rising population
- Aquis Development (?)

## Less positive

- Government cut backs
- Softer resources construction
- Transport costs
- Reef degradation (?)

