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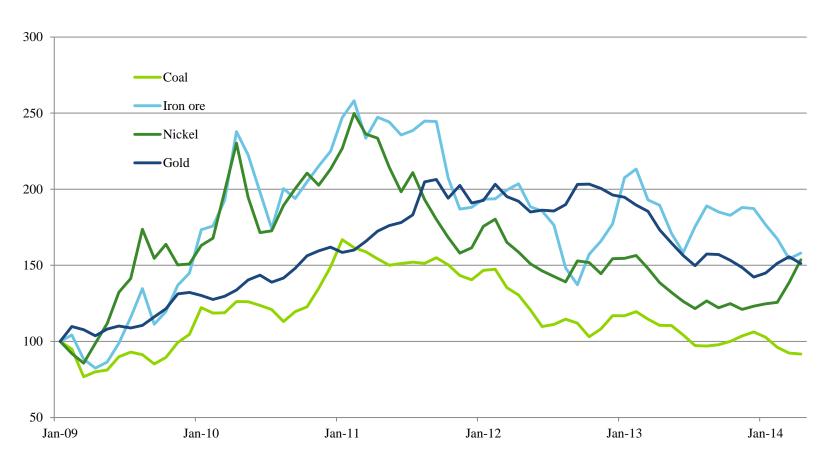
## The resources sector has created three booms for Australia

# **Production Boom** • Demand moderates **Construction Boom** • Prices return to normal • Respond to price signals **Price Boom** Huge capital investment Construction boom Investment in over-• Increasing demand for capacity? commodities • Lack of supply • Prices reflect shortfall

## Prices across commodity classes are waning

#### **Commodity price movement**

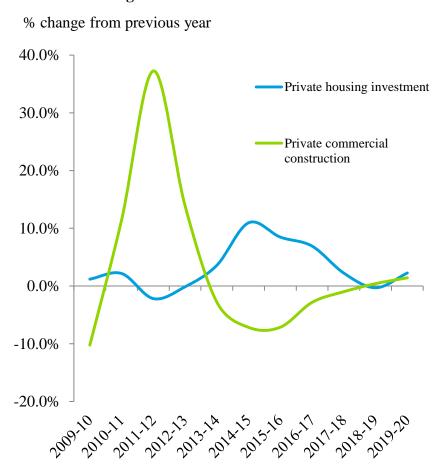
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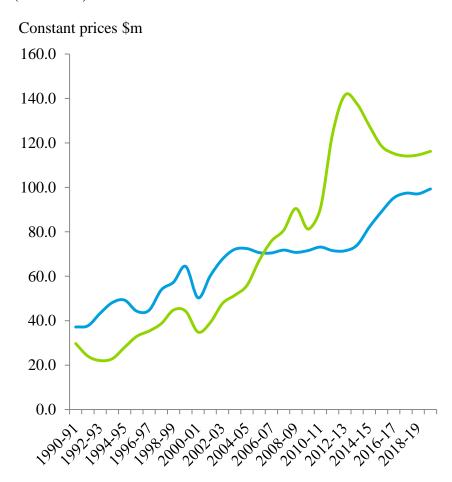
Source: The World Bank, Monthly World Prices of Commodities and Indices, April 2014

## With residential construction replacing engineering construction as the key driver

#### **Private Housing Investment vs Private Construction Investment (Australia)**



Source: Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook March 2014



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## However the impact is skewed across the resource states

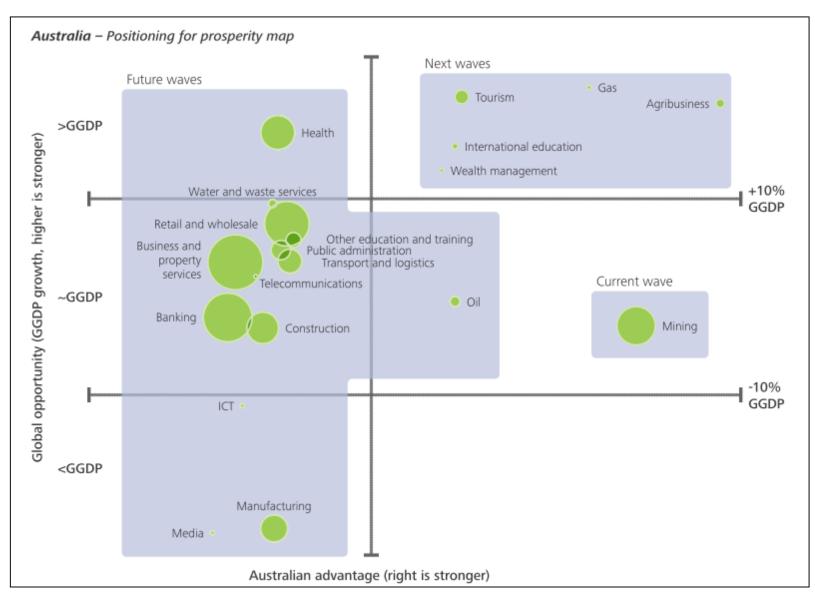
#### **Resource State growth verses Australian output**

Percent change on year earlier



Source: Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook March 2014

## The resource sector continues to be an important part of the economy



Source: Deloitte Access Economics, Building the Lucky Country No 3.

## And in Western Australia even more so

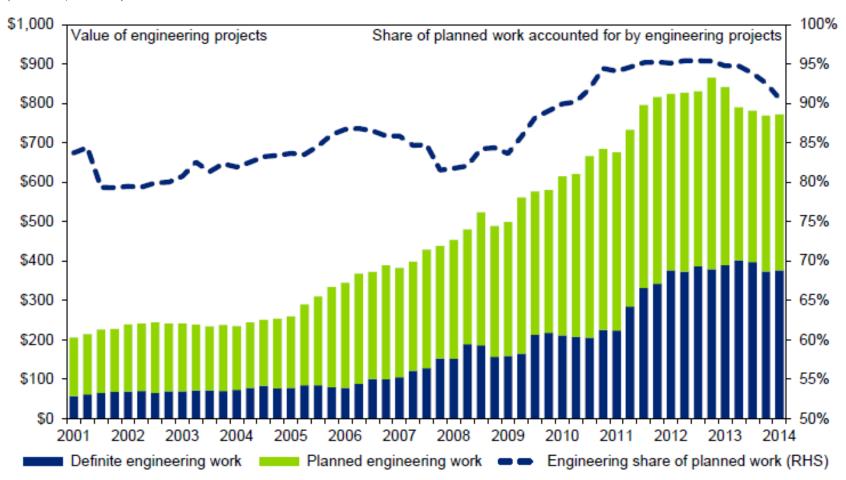


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## However we need to extend the runway in the resources sector

#### Value of engineering projects and engineering share of all planned projects

(\$million, Percent)



Source: Deloitte Access Economics, Investment Monitor March 2014

## Productivity has been an issue recently...

#### Australian labour productivity

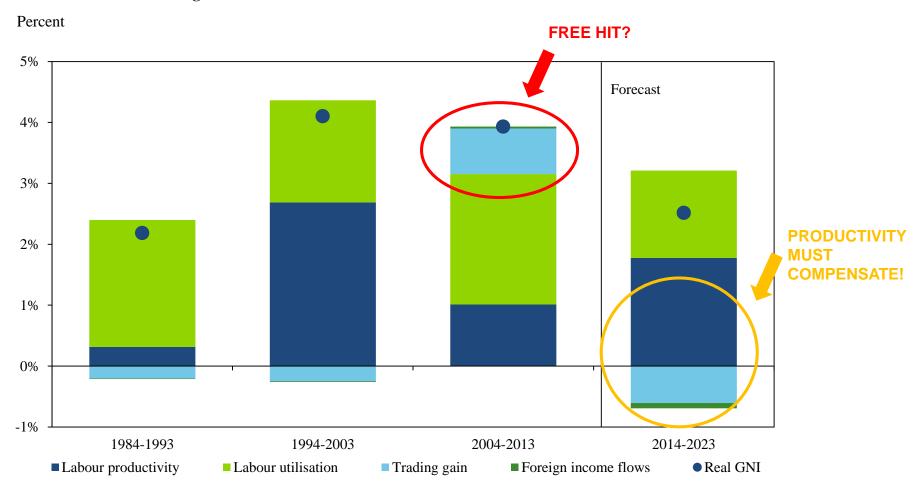
Base Index June 1995, Gross Value Add



Source: ABS 5204, Table 15: GVA per hour worked by Industry

## Requiring a renewed focus to compensate for the resources 'free hit'

#### Contribution to real GNI growth

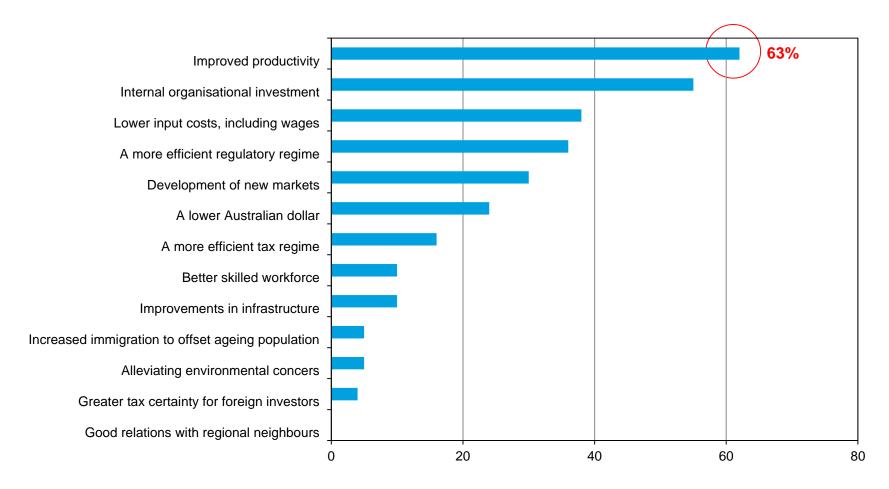


Source: ABS, Deloitte Access Economics

## The good news is businesses are focused on improved productivity

#### Key fundamentals of growth

% of respondents choosing this option



Source: Deloitte Access Economics CFO survey, March 2014

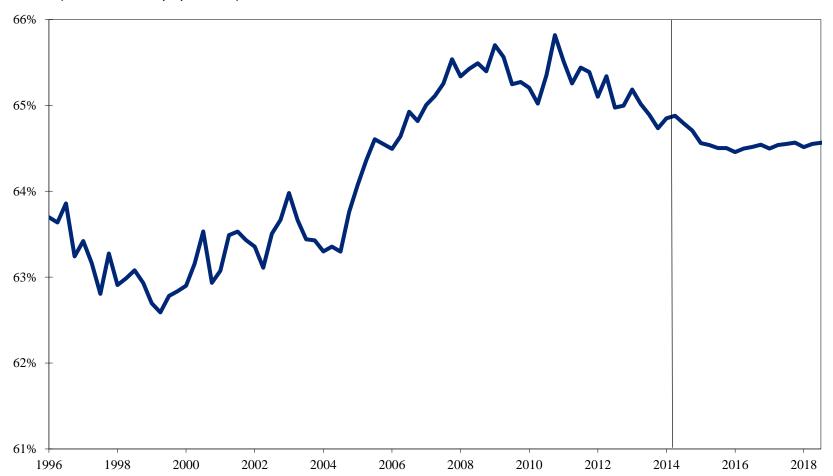
"For the nation as a whole, just one percentage point gain in efficiency, adds \$14 billion to the productive power of the nation"

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## At the same time labour demographics are changing

## Labour participation rate

Percent (Labour force/ population)



Source: Deloitte Access Economics

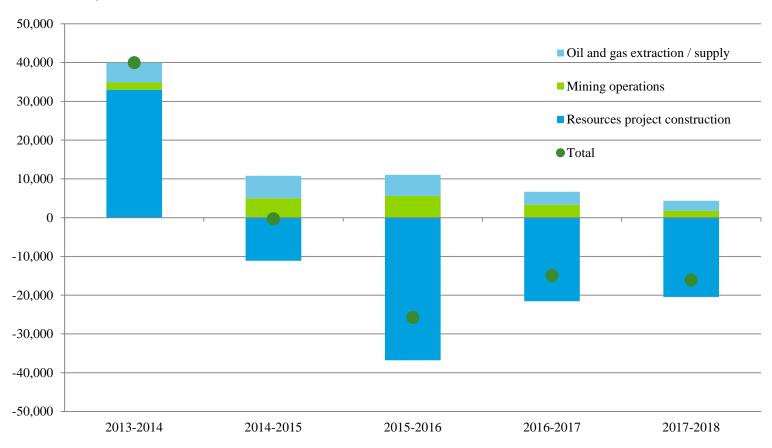
"Estimates show that Australia could increase its GDP by 13% or \$180 billion, if it relaxed the gap between male and female participation rates"

Goldman Sachs Economic Research

# In aggregate the move from construction to production will have a significant impact on resource sector employment

#### Residual change in projected employment by sector

#### Full time equivalent



Source: ABS labour force data. Deloitte Access Economics

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