

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **BOARD OF TREASURERS MEET IN THE MIDDLE**

The fourth Board of Treasurers meeting will be held in the geographic heart of Australia today to discuss ways to improve the economic outcomes for all states and territories.

On the agenda at the meeting, to be held at Uluru in the Northern Territory, are a range of initiatives to lift national productivity, including best practice in infrastructure delivery, the planning approval processes, data sharing, payroll tax administration harmonization, and the mutual recognition of occupational licences.

The Treasurers will also discuss the Commonwealth Government's GST reform package and how to ensure the guarantee that "no state would be worse-off" is monitored.

Chair of the BOT, NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet, said the group had provided an important forum in 2018 for state and territory treasurers to work together.

"It has provided a way for treasurers to talk openly and look at mutually beneficial solutions to problems," Mr Perrottet.

"The power of the BOT was clearly illustrated by how we worked with the Commonwealth to get an agreed outcome on GST sharing and on Gonski."

Mr Perrottet thanked his state and federal colleagues for the commitment to the forum during its inaugural year.

"It has been an honour to chair the Board of Treasurers in 2018 and learn and share from treasurers around Australia," Mr Perrottet said.

South Australian Treasurer Rob Lucas will Chair BOT in 2019 with a date and time of the next meeting to be determined.

For more information on BOT visit: www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/board-treasurers

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