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Grattan Institute appoints leading economist to key post

Grattan Institute is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Jim Minifie as the new director of Grattan Institute's Productivity Growth Program.

CEO John Daley said that Dr Minifie, who has been Chief Economist of the Boston Consulting Group in Australia and New Zealand, would make an outstanding contribution to public debate on economics and productivity at a time when the Australian economic was undergoing seismic change.

"Jim is a highly gifted economist, thinker and writer, with a strong grasp of the Australian economic and policy landscape, and attuned to the challenges facing both public and private sectors," Professor Daley said.

Dr Minifie, whose appointment follows Saul Eslake's move to the Bank of America Merrill Lynch, will develop a program on policy settings for the evolving Australian economy. His initial focus will include responding to structural change.

Dr Minifie completed a PhD in applied economics at Stanford University before joining BCG in 1999. He has worked closely with Australian corporate leaders, helping them to understand the domestic and international environments in which their businesses operate.

"Grattan Institute has engaged Australia's best strategic and public policy thinkers to conduct independent and rigorous analysis and propose practical solutions to the issues that will make a difference to Australian society" Professor Daley said.