Robots, Remuneration and Restructuring: How do technology and inequality shape one another, and what we should do about it?

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A key driver of productivity growth in Australia over coming decades will flow from the invention and adoption of new technologies. Yet we know that such technologies are likely to threaten a significant share of current jobs. What can policymakers do to anticipate these changes? Is it possible for us to be more entrepreneurial and more equal, or do we have to choose between innovation and egalitarianism?

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