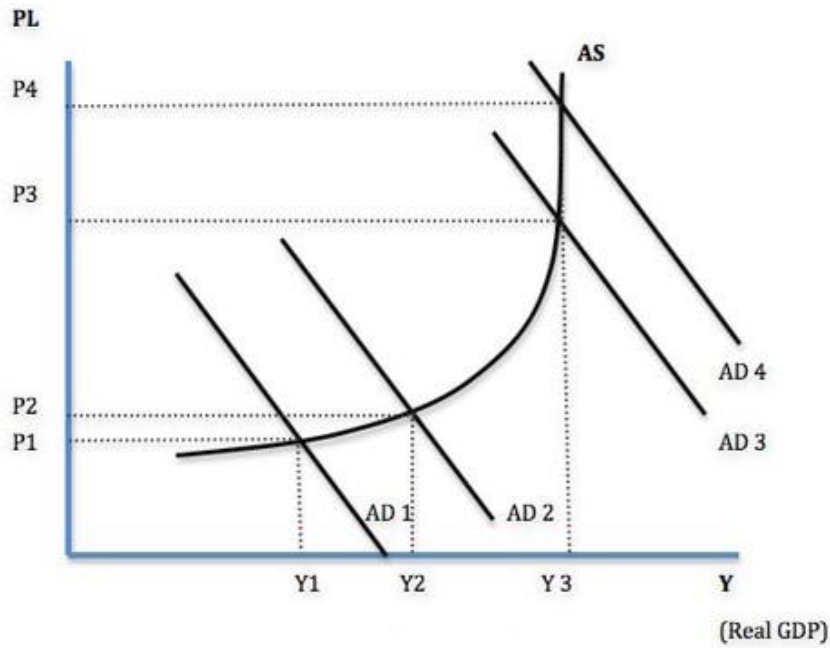


Australia has the strongest economy in the developed world and it is expected to outperform all comers for at least the next two years, according to the International Monetary Fund.



The two-speed economy refers to the resource-rich states of Western Australia and Queensland experiencing significantly stronger growth than other states, particularly the non commodity-exporting south eastern states. This has been borne through the increase in demand for Australian resources from the emerging economies of China and India, who are transitioning into construction-intensive stages of development.