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Equities (close & % change)			Sydney Futures Exchange (close & change)					Interest rates (close & change)		
S&P/ASX 200	7,066	0.0%	Last		Overnight Chg			Australia		
US Dow Jones	34,078	-0.4%	10 yr bond	98.29	-0.04			90 day BBSW	0.04	0.00
Japan Nikkei	29,685	0.0%	3 yr bond	99.74	-0.01			2 year bond	0.08	0.00
China Shanghai	3,645	1.5%	3 mth bill rate	99.94	-0.01			3 year bond	0.28	-0.01
German DAX	15,368	-0.6%	SPI 200	7,018.0	-32			3 year swap	0.32	-0.01
UK FTSE100	7,000	-0.3%	FX Last 24 hrs	Open	High	Low	Current	10 year bond	1.72	-0.02
Commodities (close & change)*			TWI	64.6	-	-	64.5	United States		
CRB Index	194.0	0.8	AUD/USD	0.7727	0.7785	0.7706	0.7758	3-month T Bill	0.02	0.00
Gold	1,771.43	0.0	AUD/JPY	84.06	84.33	83.75	83.90	2 year bond	0.16	0.00
Copper	9,384.25	158.8	AUD/GBP	0.5587	0.5609	0.5541	0.5546	10 year bond	1.60	0.02
Oil (WTI)	63.43	0.3	AUD/NZD	1.0832	1.0851	1.0796	1.0800	Other (10 year yields)		
Coal (thermal)	90.35	-0.5	AUD/EUR	0.6448	0.6473	0.6440	0.6443	Germany	-0.24	0.03
Coal (coking)	118.75	0.6	AUD/CNH	5.0423	5.0647	5.0348	5.0490	Japan	0.09	-0.01
Iron Ore	176.32	4.1	USD Index	91.6	91.8	91.0	91.1	UK	0.76	-0.01

Data as at 7:00am. Change from previous trading day (excluding the SFE which is the change during the night session). Source: Bloomberg.

Main Themes: There was little economic data to drive investor sentiment overnight. Major global share markets ended in the red, as investors prepared for the release of more earnings reports.

Share Markets: US share markets closed lower overnight, slipping from last week's record levels, as investors awaited guidance from first-quarter earnings. Technology shares were also weaker. Tesla Inc. contributed the most to the decline in tech shares after one of its electric cars that "no one" appeared to be driving crashed and killed two passengers. The Dow fell 123 points (or -0.4%), the S&P index lost 22 points (or -0.5%) and the Nasdaq declined 138 points (or -1.0%).

Interest Rates: The US 2-year yield ended the trading session unchanged while the US 10-year yield gained 2 basis points to close at 1.60%.

Foreign Exchange: The US dollar index fell to a six-week low overnight of 91.03. The AUD/USD exchange rate broke above a key resistance level overnight of 0.7770 to rise to a four-week high of 0.7785, before succumbing to selling. The nearer-term outlook for the Australian dollar has improved since the middle of last week when the AUD/USD broke out of a trading range it had been in for several weeks.

Commodities: Oil edged higher overnight, underpinned by a weaker US dollar but gains were capped by concerns about the impact on demand

from rising COVID-19 infections in India.

COVID-19: India reported a record daily rise in infections of over 270,000. India has now recorded more than 15 million infections and more than 178,000 deaths, making it the second-worst affected country in the world. The capital region of Delhi ordered a six-day lockdown, joining other states across India that have tightened restrictions.

Australia: There was no major economic data released yesterday domestically.

Eurozone: Construction output fell 2.1% in February and the annual rate of contraction deepened further to 5.8%.

United States: There was no major economic data released overnight.

Today's key data and events:

AU RBA Board Meeting Minutes (11:30am)

UK ILO Unemployment Rate Feb prev 5.0% (4:00pm)

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