## **Assignment 1**

Words: no more than 2500 words (appendix not included)

Due date: 30 August 2019 16:00pm (Wattle Submission)

Students are free to choose both the group size (up to three) and composition. The assignments can also be completed individually if preferred. All group members will share the same grade.

All sources accompanying your work must be properly cited. Harvard referencing is most preferable (https://academicskills.anu.edu.au/resources/handouts/referencing-style-guides). Accepted academic practice can be found via the links on the Wattle sites, under the file named "ANU and College Policies, Program Information, Student Support Services and Assessment". For a more interactive guide on what this is all about, please see <a href="http://library.acadiau.ca/tutorials/plagiarism/">http://library.acadiau.ca/tutorials/plagiarism/</a>.

Prepare an essay to discuss the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) 2007-2009. Your essay should include the following items.

- 1. Discuss the performance of various asset classes (at least three) before, during and after the GFC (until most recent time).
- 2. Discuss the modern financial theories (at least three) and the GFC.

You can use all open access data sources to complete this assignment. You are recommended to focus on the Australian market and/or the broader economy if you want. Both qualitative and quantitative components are suggested to be included in your essay. Only your essays will be graded, however, you are also allowed to submit Excel spreadsheets, R scripts, etc. as supplementary materials.