

Director's Report 2007

This is the eighteenth year which the Institute has successfully delivered a dynamic and stimulating workshop. We have been fortunate to have had a very distinguished keynote speaker, Professor Frederic Jenny, Chairman of the OECD Competition Law and Policy Committee and Director of International Relations at the ESSEC Business School in Paris.

Other overseas contributors enhancing the Workshop this year were Hon Justice Alan Goldberg (from the Federal Court of Australia), Professor David Round (from the University of South Australia), Dr Rhonda Smith (from the University of Melbourne) and Dr Philip Williams (from Frontier Economics, Melbourne). Our local speakers and commentators, Professor Ian Eagles (from Auckland University of Technology), Andrew Peterson (from Russell McVeagh), Vanessa Oakley (from the Commerce Commission), Peter Taylor (from the Commerce Commission), Andrew Matthews (from Minter Ellison), John Land (from Kensington Swan), and Martin Wylie (CEO of CallPlus), also presented insightful papers and commentaries on a range of topical subjects.

I would like to thank all the speakers and those who commented on their papers. I would also like to thank the Chairs of the sessions and those who participated in the ensuing discussions. Thanks also to our after-dinner speaker, Douglas Webb, for his witty diversions at the Workshop dinner.

This year has also seen the retirement of our Founding Director, Lindsay Hampton, from his position at the University of Canterbury. I would like to acknowledge the substantial debt which we owe him for setting up this Institute to provide a continuing forum for high-level debate in the area of competition law and policy, and for his ongoing guidance and support through membership of the Board and through periods as Director. We hope Lindsay will continue to be involved with the Institute and attend its Workshops.

As Director for 2007 I have been most fortunate to have had the assistance of a very supportive Advisory Board and a very efficient Secretary-Treasury, Val Browning. As I hand the mantle over to another to start the whole process of planning for next year's Workshop, I do hope that you have all enjoyed the 2007 Workshop, and have found it both stimulating and helpful.

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Director