



Director's Report 2009

This is the twentieth year in which the Competition Law and Policy Institute of New Zealand has successfully delivered a dynamic and thought provoking workshop, its venue this time, the splendidly lofty premises of **Simpson Grierson** in central Auckland. The Board is most grateful to Simpson Grierson for making this space available enabling both lower costs and registration fee for this year.

We were most fortunate for our landmark Workshop this year to have been able to entice to New Zealand as our keynote speaker, **Professor Damien Geradin**, Professor of Law & Economics at the University of Tilburg in The Netherlands and the Director of the Global Competition Law Centre in Bruges. Other overseas contributors invigorating the Workshop this year were the **Hon. Justice John Middleton** (Federal Court of Australia); **Dr Phillip Williams** (Frontier Economics, Melbourne); **David Shavin QC** (Victorian Bar) and **Professor David Round**, University of South Australia. Our local speakers, commentators and panellists in the six sessions were (in order of appearance) **Kieran Murray** (LECG); **Justice Forrest Miller** (High Court); **Catherine Marks** (Russell McVeagh); **Associate-Professor Yvonne van Roy** (Victoria University of Wellington); **Jack Hodder** (Chapman Tripp, Wellington); **Anne Callinan** (Simpson Grierson, Auckland); **Peter Taylor** (Commerce Commission); **Andrew Peterson** (Russell McVeagh, Auckland) and **James Mellsop** (NERA). All also presented insightful papers and commentaries on a wide range of topical subjects.

I would like to thank all the speakers and those who commented on their papers. I would also like express my gratitude to the other session chairs (**Professor Ian Eagles**, **Elisabeth Welson**, **Mark Williamson**, **Miriam Dean**

QC, and Sarah Keene) for their considerable efforts behind the scenes as well as on the day itself and to all those who participated in the ensuing discussions. Last, but certainly not least, those of us who went to the Workshop dinner at Mantells in Mt Eden very much enjoyed the way in which our guest speaker **Paula Rebstock CNZM** both informed and entertained us in her own inimitable style.

As CLPINZ Director, I have been blessed with a very supportive Advisory Board and the efficient services of our ever helpful Secretary-Treasury, **Val Browning**. If you have enjoyed and benefited from the 2009 Workshop I sincerely hope that you will consider participating again, this time next year, as the Institute moves into its third decade.



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